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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I'M UPSET!

As I flew home last week, while passing over the Rockies, I observed that there IS ALREADY a considerable amount of snow on the ground — indicating a GOOD season coming up. And, I've heard that they are already SKIING at Killington, Vermont. New low airfares have just been introduced to Denver, California and Europe which makes getting to our favorite ski area less expensive. Overall, it looks like a GREAT year coming up for our favorite of all sports.

With such good news, why should a skier be upset? IT'S ALL YOUR FAULT! We had to cancel our October Halloween party because not enough of you signed up to make it succeed. And, to make it worse, several of you tried to sign up AFTER THE SCHEDULED DEADLINE. By then, IT WAS TOO LATE. A considerable amount of planning and set-up time by the host Deightons had been wasted. And, the people who had signed up in time had to re-adjust their plans.

While many of our activities — like the regular November meeting (a movie meeting) — do not require advance sign-up, MANY DO, because of the planning involved. If we ask for advance reservations, PLEASE CALL PROMPTLY! The activities that require advance sign-up are generally those which take the most WORK, and it is a shame to have to cancel them.

A prime example of an activity which requires you to sign up in advance is our Pot-luck Dinner-Dance coming up on December 3rd. Our coordinators — Bill and Donna Hager — need to arrange food schedules and drinks; so, it is IMPERATIVE that you call them to sign-up for this annual fun activity N O W. It will be a great evening, so call Bill or Donna now on H: 281-2911.

And, let's not forget the Ski Trips. These trips have long deadlines to assure lodging and etc. Indeed, due to their deadline of November 30th, this is your last chance to sign-up to join Bob and Margaret Wyckoff (H: 301/589-5532) on their "Ski The Riviera" trip. So, check the list now and telephone the trip leader of your choice TO SIGN-UP T O D A Y!

November brings two new activities. A chance to "Strike It Rich" as we explore a gold mine on November 12th. Call Jim Slack (H: 860-0011) now to sign-up. On November 15th at our regular monthly meeting, we have lots of good ski movies. We will meet at Shakey's Pizza parlor on Rockville Pike. I hope to see you there at both of these events.

Ray McKinley

Ray McKinley, President

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NOVEMBER
meeting.

Where: Shakey's Pizza Parlor, 1471 Rockville Pike (one block north of the Congressional Shopping Plaza — take Route 270 north to the Montrose Road exit, exit north to Rockville Pike (Route 355), right on the Pike about a mile to Shakey's on your left. Park and EAT. From 6:00 to 8:00 P.M.; "All you can eat — chicken and Pizza night. \$2.68 per adult, tax included. \$2.65 per pitcher of beer. At 8:30, we get a private room and show ski movies! COME EARLY, and STAY LATE!"

When: Tuesday, November 15th. NO SIGN-UP REQUIRED!

EXCOM REPORT

The Executive Committee held its monthly meeting in Virginia this month meeting at Art Topping home in Arlington. Attending were President Ray McKinley, Vice President Marilyn Clark, EXCOM members Bill Hager and Julie King; Membership Chairlady Gail Gell, TOOT Editor Dick King, Trip Leader and BRSC delegate Bob Wychoff and PSF delegate and host Art Topping. Missing due to a conflict in scheduling were EXCOMers Pat Cope, Bob Marx and Penny Richards. Following appropriate greetings and hors D'oeuvres, the business meeting took place.

1. The Membership Chairlady gave an updated report which reflected a total membership of over one hundred members with nine new applicant members and three junior members.

2. A financial report on the October meeting (the Wine and Cheese party) reflected a net loss in revenue due to the high expense for the meeting site. It was generally concluded that we would not again use that site.

3. There was no report available on the turnout or participation in the Antique Car show. This interesting activity certainly has its advocates and EXCOM would appreciate receiving a report on how the event went.

4. Future meetings and sites were discussed. The EXCOM concluded that all was going well (see Coming Events and Ski Trips columns) and is looking forward to the double barreled events in November. One change was noted. Due to no accommodations available at Blue Knob in the desired time frame, the planned trip there is now cancelled. Trip Leader Bill Hager will now coordinate and lead the P V S contingent to the BRSC Ski-O-Ree on February 11-12.

5. BRSC delegate Bob Wychoff reported on the BRSC fall meeting which took place October 16th at Bryce Mountain, Virginia. A Ski-O-Ree report was given, a Safety Avelanche movie shown and the need for a Ski-Talk delegate was discussed. Also, P V S was asked to be the sponsoring Club for the 1978 BRSC Tennis Tournament. EXCOM voted on this matter and agreed to take on this task. This will be a unified Club effort and all assistance will be most welcome. The Spring meeting of the BRSC will be held April 16th and will be sponsored by the Ski Club of Maryland, Ltd.

6. The Montgomery County Recreation Dept. contacted the Club and requested participation in a fall Ski Fair. EXCOM accepted and P V S will have a table set up at the Cabin John Junior HS. See separate notice on this.

IMPORTANT NOTICES

IMPORTANT NOTICE # 1

President Ray McKinley says he has pamphlets from EVERYWHERE! If anyone wants to know about anywhere, see Ray.

IMPORTANT NOTICE # 2

Many P V S members will remember that we nearly lost one of our Club members this past summer as a victim of choking. Only quick action by an associate applying the "Heimlich Maneuver" saved the member's life. This is an outstanding lesson in Safety and First Aid. As a result, TOOT obtained pamphlets on the application of the Heimlich Maneuver and has enclosed one with this issue of TOOT. Familiarize yourself carefully with this technique; you, too, may sometime SAVE a friend's life.

IMPORTANT NOTICE # 3

MEMBERSHIP This is the November TOOT and it is being sent to the 1977-1978 membership listing. Former members who have not renewed will not be receiving this issue of TOOT. Included with this issue IS that current listing of P V S members. Your 1978 Membership card is also enclosed.

IMPORTANT NOTICE # 4

Ginny Larson reports to TOOT that she has a new telephone number at work. It is: 1436-8992.

IMPORTANT NOTICE # 5

TOOT is in receipt of a card from Carole Parmenter reflecting a new address for herself. The address is: Carole Parmenter
6925-G Donachie Road
Baltimore, Maryland 21239
Carole says: "It's been busy up here. This job is a challenge! See you skiing!"

IMPORTANT NOTICE # 6

P V S member Dick Clark reports the following item for sale:
A Sailboat. A Gramplan - 26, fully equipped. Call Dick at: H: 978-9435
O: 664-5655

IMPORTANT NOTICE # 7

Although this is a December P V S Event, you will NOT get another notice since the December TOOT will not be out in time. SO SIGN UP NOW! Don't miss the Third Annual P V S Dinner-Dance on Saturday, December 3rd, 1977 at 6:30 P.M. Come and enjoy a delicious P V S pot luck dinner and wine at the New Mark Commons Clubhouse in Rockville, Maryland. Enjoy dancing and learning new dance steps with "The Dance Factory". This is an experienced teaching couple who will teach you all the latest steps. Come and join the FUN. Make your reservations by Nov 29th with Bill or Donna Hager; at phone 281-2911.

IMPORTANT NOTICE # 8

There will be another ski SALE AND SWAP. This time it is sponsored by the Ski Center at 4300 Fordham Road NW (just north of American University next to Garfinchel's). Each sale will benefit the National Ski Patrol. Bring your trade items on November 6th (a Sunday - call the Ski Center for time and details) and help yourselves as well as the Ski Patrol!

IMPORTANT NOTICE # 9

IN LUST OF GOLD, or DESIRE - UNDER THE LEAVES!

Purpose: A tour of the workings and buildings at the Maryland gold mine at Great Falls, Maryland.
Date: November 12, 1977 (a Saturday).

Time: 10:00 A. M. (rain or shine).
Equipment: Wear sturdy clothes and footwear. Bring your camera.

Directions: Take Beltway Exit 15 west along the Maryland side of the Potomac to MacArthur Blvd and then proceed to the Great Falls Tavern in the park.

Reservations: Please call Mary Ward or Jim Slack at (703) 860-0011 evenings if you plan to attend so that arrangements may be made for a lunch (about 1:00 P.M.) for the group at the Old Angler's Inn right near the Gold Mine.

IMPORTANT NOTICE # 10

P V S will participate in, and have a table at, a Montgomery County Ski Fair sponsored by the Montgomery County Department of Recreation. It will be held at the Cabin John Jr. High School, 10701 Gainsboro Road, Potomac, Maryland on Wednesday, November 16th, 1977 from 7:00-10:00 P.M. The Ski Fair will have a fashion show, a ski swap, movies and booths set up by various ski shops and Clubs in the Washington area. Booths will have equipment displays, and servicing of skis including hot waxing, P-texing and edge sharpening. The National Ski Patrol will provide a binding release check. There will be minimal fees for supplies if you wish to have your skis worked on. Come and support P V S and the Fair.

IMPORTANT NOTICE # 11

The Annual Christmas Party will again be hosted by Penny Wiederhold. Due to the popularity of this event, Penny will welcome volunteers to cook cookies to go along with the Gleuwine. Please contact Penny now to facilitate her planning to insure the success of this event.

IMPORTANT NOTICE # 12

While seeking ski movies, our President contacted the assistant manager of the Ski and Dive Shop, 1545 North Quaker Lane in Alexandria. That person has offered all card displaying P V S members a 10% discount on "all ski stuff" bought there.

OCTOBER MEETING REPORT

The Annual Wine and Cheese Event took place with its usual flair and savoir-faire. Some twenty or so members and four guests arrived at the Art Club of Washington, D.C. (the home of former President James Monroe - who could have such an elegant meeting site other than a Washington, D. C. area Club?) and partook of six selected wines and an excellent variety of cheeses to flavor the bread and crackers. Vice President Marilyn Clark, acting in place of the out-of-town President, made a few business announcements and introduced the several interesting guests. All in all, it was a successful social evening for those who chose to attend.

The BRSC Ski-O-Ree

P V S definitely plans to participate in the 1978 SKI-O-REE at Canaan Valley, West Virginia. For those of you unfamiliar with this event, it is the annual gathering of the Clubs in the Blue Ridge Ski Council for a weekend of skiing and off-slope conviviality, highlighted by a wine and cheese party, ski racing, a banquet, and dancing to the music of a live band. It is one of the really fun weekends in this area; and P V S, which has not participated for the past couple of years, intends to make a big splash (or sitzmark!) at this next one.

The dates are 10-12 February 1978; and we will carpool to the ski resort which is located in West Virginia. We, along with the other BRSC Clubs, will be staying in the new Lodge located in the Canaan Valley State Park, about five minutes drive from the ski area. The Lodge is fully operational this season for the first season, with ample banquet and Apres-Ski facilities, and pleasant rooms for two, three or four persons. A package arrangement is being set up, with an all inclusive price which will cover the following: lodging Friday and Saturday nights, a weekend lift ticket, two breakfasts, the wine and cheese party Friday night, buffet dinner and dance with a live band Saturday night, and a box lunch on Sunday. Price per person is: \$85.00 one to a room, \$68.00 two to a room, \$61.00 three to a room, and \$57.00 four to a room.

The number of participants will be limited to the accomodations available. For this reason the BRSC has set a deadline for reservations of December 15th. To allow P V S time to get everything in shape, our deadline is December 13th. Your reservation will require a \$10.00 deposit, with final payment due ten days prior to the trip. The P V S coordinator is Bill Hager (H:281-2911). Make plans to attend; call Bill to reserve a place. Let's make this SKI-O-REE the BEST ONE YET!

COMING EVENTS

- Nov 4 - Friday, 7:00 P.M. the OCTOBERFEST in support of the U.S. Ski Team. At the Sheraton Park Hotel. Come early and join the fun. All area skiers support this event. *A Ski Swap*
- Nov 6 - Sunday, noon to 4:00 P.M. At The Ski Center, off Mass. Avenue behind Garfinkel's across from the old Apex theater.
- Nov 12 - Gold Mine Hunt. See IMPORTANT NOTICE # 9.
- Nov 15 - November meeting. See page 1.
- Nov 16 - Montgomery County Ski Fair. See IMPORTANT NOTICE # 10.
- Nov 22 - EXCOM meeting. At the Deighton's. You all know how to get there!
- Dec 3 - P V S Annual Dinner-Dance. This IS YOUR FINAL NOTICE. See President's Message AND separate flyer.
- Dec 20 - December meeting, the Annual Gluewine party. At the Wiederhold's. Penny needs help with cookies. Call and help.
- Dec 27 - EXCOM Meeting. At Gail Gell's, 12715 Hathaway Drive, Wheaton, Md. Call Gail for directions.
- Jan 1 - HAPPY NEW YEAR! (How 'bout that??)

SKI TRIPS

- Jan 13-15 - A carpool trip to WISP. Trip leader is Gail Gell (H:949-9036). At our old standby, Timberlake Lodge. About \$25.00 per person (food and lodging).
- Jan 19 - Feb 5 - "Ski The Riviera" with Bob and Margaret Wyckoff. (H:589-5532). This trip is filling rapidly - thirty out of forty seats now are filled. The cut-off date is November 30th. All participants are invited to a pre-trip wine and cheese party at the Wyckoff's; December 9th at 7:30 P.M. to renew old friendships and make new ones. We will have slides and literature of the areas that we will visit. See you there!
- Feb 10-12 - SKI-O-REE. See page 3 notice.
- Feb 23-25 - See separate flyer.
- March 2-17 - Ski in Spain. Space is still available on this one; so contact trip leader Bob Crasley (H:460-3167) to sign up on this interesting three area trip.
- March 5-11 - Ski Mt. Sutton, Canada. Trip Leaders: the Deightons. We've been

there before, and we're going again! The trip is full, but check with Gerry anyway (H:424-5707) because he may reach into his reserves and come up with even additional lodging. This is a good trip, at a good time of the year. JOIN THE GROUP!

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CLUB OFFICERS

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| President | Ray McKinley |
| Vice President | Marilyn Clark |
| Secretary | Geoff' Wadey |
| Treasurer | Margaret Wyckoff |
| Membership Programs | Gail Gell |
| | Sandie Deighton and Penny Wiederhold |
| | Dick and Julie King |
| | Brook and Mary Armat |

EXCOM

- Second term: Pat Cope
Gerry Deighton
Penny Richards
- First term: Bill Hager
Julie King
Bob Marx
- Ex-Officio: Geoff' Wadey

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PVS PINS AVAILABLE FOR SALE TO ANY CLUB MEMBER FOR \$1.00



SEE JULIE KING AT ANY PVS MEETING FOR PIN.

Potomac Valley Skiers Vermont Bus Trip
February 23-26, 1977

3 DAYS SKIING IN KILLINGTON, VT.

Leave by charter bus late Thursday afternoon February 23. Will have wine, snacks and sandwiches to help shorten the trip. At the lodge in Rutland, Vt., we will be greeted with coffee and donuts.

Friday morning (and Saturday and Sunday too) there will be an all-you-can-eat breakfast featuring all sorts of goodies to get you going.

Three days of skiing and scrumptious dinners are planned for Friday and Saturday.

Sunday, after skiing get back on the bus and return to Washington.

Killington features:

- . 3000 foot vertical
- . 59 miles of trails (longest -- 5 miles)
- . 12 miles of trails with snowmaking (novice to expert)
- . World's longest skilift (3 1/2 mile gondola)
- . 11 other lifts

Trip includes:

- . charter bus
- . Meals
- . Three nights lodging at Holiday Inn, Rutland (best in area)
- . Three day's lift passes at Killington.

All inclusive cost----- \$140- two to room; \$135- 3 to room; \$130-4 to room

Ten openings have been reserved for BRSC member clubs.

Phone trip leader ---- Ray McKinley (703-790-8812 eves.) for more info or to sign up

Dinner Dance

Potomac Valley Skiers

— Third Annual Dinner Dance

New Mark Commons Clubhouse

— Rockville, Md.

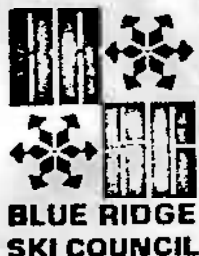
Saturday, December 3, 1977

6:30 P. M.

Delicious PVS Pot Luck Dinner
with Wine

Dancing and Dance Instruction
with "The Dance Factory"

Reservations by: Nov. 29 Members: \$6.50
Call: Bill Hager
or Donna
281-2911
Guests: \$7.50



November 12, 1977

Dear Club Official:

The Blue Ridge Ski Council is sponsoring a series of three racing clinics during the month of December. They are at Jack Frost Mt. Dec. 10-11, Dec. 17-18, and Elk Mt. Dec. 26-29. The details (or at least most of them) are:

Jack Frost
Price: \$12 per day This includes lifts and 3 hours of on-snow instruction.

Registration: 9am at the ski school desk
On-snow instruction periods are from 10-11:30 am and 2-3:30 pm daily. The first on-snow session will be for orientation, dividing into smaller groups of similar skiing levels, and free skiing instruction. The second and third on-snow sessions will be running gates and/or additional free skiing instruction depending on the needs of the group. A timed race will be held during the fourth session. Jack Frost now has video taping to aide in its instruction. The period 11:30 am to 2 pm is reserved for lunch and free skiing. We will also have sessions on equipment maintenance and physical conditioning. These will be held after the Saturday afternoon on-snow session. This will be the format for both Jack Frost clinics. This clinic will be suitable for beginning through advanced racers.

Elk Mt.

Price: \$60 for four days plus lift tickets
Registration: 8:30 am at a special desk in the rear of the main lodge Discount lift tickets can be purchased at the registration desk. Slalom Trail will be reserved for racing instruction. Participants in the clinic will be permitted to use the racers' lift line at the new double chair. There will be heavy emphasis on running gates both SL and GS. There will be instruction in course setting and topics such as equipment maintenance and racing strategy will be covered in off-snow classes. There will be a get acquainted beer, pretzel, etc. party on Monday, the 26th. Instruction sessions will be from 9:30-12 and 1-4 each day. Enrollment will be limited to about 45. For reservations send a deposit of \$5 to: Betty Maticic, Apt. 417, 925 25th Street, NW, Washington, DC, 20037. Make checks payable to Elk Mt. This clinic will be most suitable for intermediate and advanced racers.

The above information is being supplied for use within your club for promoting these clinics.

For further information: call Blue Ridge Coordinator

John Alishouse
Home 301/568-3809
Off 301/763-2597