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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

To all things there is a season. For skiing, at least locally, that season is now at an end. And for this president the season of my second term in office is drawing to a close. Both have truly been fun. It is more than just a saying that time really does fly when you are having fun.

In this, my last President's Message, I want to extend a special thanks to all of those friends who have worked with me during the past two years to make PVS the truly great organization it is. I could not have had the fun I had without you and PVS could not have done all the things it has done without your untiring efforts. There is no doubt in my mind that the officers elected at our annual meeting will find willing hands to help them - I only hope they are as fortunate as I have been.

Enough of the sentimental stuff. If you have not already done so, look over the impressive "Calendar of Events" that awaits you in the coming weeks, get all of those dates marked on your calendars, and call for reservations where that is necessary. In keeping with the best PVS traditions, there is something for just about every interest - flower-gazing, jogging, rafting, hiking, and eating. Come out and enjoy the spring with PVS friends. See you soon.

Bob

Bob Marx, President

APRIL ANNUAL MEETING: Business and Elections and Fun

When: Tuesday April 19 at 8 p.m.

Where: Home of Jean and Reg Heitchue in Reston, Va.
(860-9190)

What: Voting for club officers and applicant members who have qualified for full membership. (See list elsewhere in this issue of TOOT.) Also, trip slides and movies accompanied, of course, by plenty of food and grog.



DIRECTIONS: SEE NEXT PAGE.

DIRECTIONS to the HEITCHUES at 2050 Eakins Court in Reston, Va.
 Take Beltway to Tysons Corner. From the south, take Exit 10 West onto Rte 7 towards Reston. From the north, use Exit 11S onto Rte 123 and in about 1/2 mile turn off onto Rte 7 West (Leesburg Pike). Go about 6 miles and, after the large Reston sign on the right, turn left onto Rte 606. (Baron Cameron). At first traffic light turn left onto Wiehle Avenue and go about 2 miles to fourth light where turn right on Sunrise Valley Dr. At first light turn left onto Soapstone Dr. and turn left at second street, PurpleBeech Dr, and then first right onto Eakins Court to 2050-a grey house on right corner..(Tel: 860-9190)

Coming Events

SATURDAY HIKE BILLY GOAT TRAIL

When: Saturday, April 23rd, 10:30 a.m. Rain date: April 24th)

Place: Meet in the parking lot opposite Old Anglers' Inn, 10801 MacArthur Blvd, Potomac, Md. (Near Maryland's Great Falls Park.) Wear sturdy shoes and bring your lunch. It's a 4 1/2 mile hike with 2 1/2 miles of rocky trail above the Potomac.

Suggestion: You might want to drop in Old Anglers' Inn after the hike for a bit of refreshment.

Directions: Take Beltway Exit 41 for Carderock-Great Falls (away from D.C.). Go all the way to the end, turn left on MacArthur Blvd., and proceed a couple of miles to Anglers' Inn. Park on the left.

Leader: Lu Beale(363-3521). No Reservations necessary. Just come prepared to enjoy.

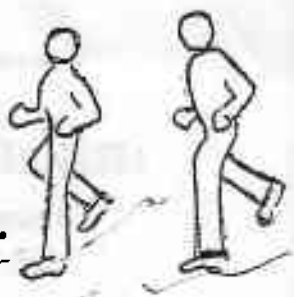


SATURDAY JOG SECOND ANNUAL FUN RUN

When: Saturday May 7th at 9 a.m. (Note change of date from April 30th.)

Come join Marilyn and Dick Clark at easy-to-find Lake Accotink/Wakefield Park for this pleasant event. Dick says, "We'll meet at 9 a.m. rain or shine for an easy run/jog/walk/ hike on a level wooded trail that goes around beautiful Accotink Lake with distances to suit all needs. After we are awake and hungry we'll motor to the Clarks' (2 miles) for brunch (or bring a picnic for the park if you prefer).

DIRECTIONS: Take Beltway exit 5 (Braddock Rd) in Virginia. Go West (outside beltway) one tenth mile to light and well-marked Wakefield Park sign on right. Drive to main parking lot (as far as road goes) and meet by the small bridge immediately on your left as you enter the lot. Reservations not required but give the Clarks a call (978-9435) for a head count.



ACTIVITIES and TRIPS

- MAY 7 - WARRENTON GOLD CUP RACES CUM TAILGATE PARTY. Call Georgia Parrot (379-7773) for details. There's no time to lose as advance carparking reservations must be made.
- MAY 14 - ADVENTURE IN NATIONAL SHENANDOAH PARK. A fine 7-8 mile hike (climb) traversing two of the most scenic ravines in the park. Rated strenuous, it offers an exhilarating adventure with spectacular scenery. Details in May TOOT. Lu Beale leading. (363-3521)
- MAY 21 - INTERNATIONAL DINNER. SOLD OUT. This always popular event will be held as usual at the home of Pat and Don Cope. Space is limited to 34 and at this time 34 have signed up and 11 are waitlisted. If you have signed up but had a change of plans call Marilyn Clark (978-9435) so someone else can have your place. For Directions to Copes, see page 9
- JUNE 11 - RAFT TRIP ON THE YOUGHIOGHENY. Because of more dependable water conditions, the date for this trip has been changed to June 11th. An exciting day on the river including a smorgasbord lunch is promised. Call Dina Taylor immediately for details (301-663-6089).
- JULY ? - FAMOUS STEAK & SWIM AT THE ELRODS. Need we say more? Watch upcoming TOOT for date.
- AUG. 20 - ANTIQUÉ CAR & CRABFEAST AT LA PLATA, MD. John Gable (979-3646) is organizing this new PVS event. Watch for late details in subsequent TOOTS.

EARLY SPRING FLASH FROM THE WYCKOFFS:

Margaret and Bob plan a 2 week ski trip to Austria, Jan. 13-29, 1984. Cost: about \$1550. One week will be spent at Montafon Valley two and a half hours by bus from Zurich. (The valley is near the Swiss border - you can ski down to Klosters.) Another week will be at Zell Am See in the Salzburg area. Although all details are not completed, the Wyckoffs are now accepting \$35 reservation deposits. Call 589-5532.

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SEE (NOT SKI) TRIP:

The indefatigable Wyckoffs also plan a 2-week trip to Greece in early September. The cost: \$1600-1700. One week will be spent sightseeing and sunbathing from a beachhead close to Athens. There will be a 4-5 day cruise visiting famed Greek islands and Turkey. Call the Wyckoffs (589-5532) now if you are interested.

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AFRICAN SAFARI:

Norm Engleman plans a photo safari to Kenya in September. Call Norm for details. (299-2635).

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PAST EVENT MARCH MONTHLY MEETING by Irene Farrell

The regular monthly meeting was held on the ides of March at Aase Burling's lovely apartment at the Grovesner. Aase had concerns about accommodating 50 PVS'ers. Not to worry - PVS'ers are most accommodating. In fact we did not even have to use the bedroom - the balcony was a favored spot on such a balmy evening.

Discussion of what the snow gods dished out to the different areas was a popular topic of conversation. Gail Pease said that despite the dearth of snow, Wisp had done a fantastic job of grooming and managed to stay open until Sunday, the 13th, when everyone else had packed it in.

Norm reported on his trip to Lake Louise and Whistler/Blackcomb, stating that the grooming at Whistler was excellent and went on to extol the virtues of Whistler and Blackcomb and the overall beauty of the Canadian Rockies. After which we had a film of skiing in the Banff area.

Dina Taylor gave such an enthusiastic spiel of white water rafting on the "Yock." that ten people signed up immediately.

Bob Marx had a record long meeting, discussing future events and reminding members that the election of President and three Ex Com Officers would take place at the April Meeting.

OLD SKI CLOTHES DON'T DIE. THEY ---

Most skiers know about the Ski Swaps held at local ski stores each fall. For example, the Ski Liberty Ski Patrol runs the one at Adam Kahane's Ski Center in the District. Swap proceeds go to the Liberty Patrol for first aid materials, tobaggans, snowmobiles, FM radio, etc.

The Jim Wingroves orchestrate that particular swap and, in conversation with Jim, Mary Lee Grasley learned that unsold swap equipment was just thrown away.

From her work with D.C. Special Olympics, Mary Lee knew that the handicapped athletes are often poorly equipped for skiing so she suggested to the Wingroves that excess equipment be donated to the D.C. Special Olympics. This has been arranged. Mary Lee sorts, mends, and boxes the discarded things and organizes a lot of brand new things contributed by Adam Kahane. D.C.S.O. has been most appreciative.

TOOT salutes those responsible for helping the handicapped this way.

Charles Farwell has a condominium in Vail, Colorado, which is available to PVSers and friends for the second week in March 1984. Will sleep 7. Cost: \$100 a night total. Call Charles (946-5020).

APPLICANTS FOR APRIL VOTE:

The following applicants have met all requirements for full membership in PVS and will be voted on at the April annual meeting:

Charles and Sara Huggins, Fred and Barbara Leonhardt, Dorothy Madsen, Jane Restani, Shirley Rettig, Dina Taylor, Wayland Coe, Celinda McKinley, Mary Jane Mc Carthy, Jane Miller.

ATTENTION: NEW MEMBERS and OLD

Don't overlook one of the great treats the club has to offer - the PVS Cookbook. Cost: \$6.95.

Contact Editor Bette Walker (554-4766) or President Marx (451-9158) to get your copy.

Or go all the way and support your club by donning a PVS sweat-shirt (Call Steve Grenleski 384-9013) while perusing your PVS cookbook.



The Knee

by
Ray McKinley

I started last month's column on a serkneeious note and will do the same here.

So as not to be misunderstood, I will quote directly my conversation with TOOT editor Lu Beale.

Knee: "Oh tell me fair TOOT editor, what do they use to clean the whistles on locomotives?"

She: "Please tell me, Knee."

Knee: "A TOOT brush."

Max Bunnell skied Heavenknee and Squaw Vallknees in February. He reports that both were "heavenknee" especially Squaw with its terrific variety in terrain. A trip bonus was an unexpected reunion with old time PVSer Jack Fox who left the Washington area about 10 years ago and eventually ended up in the west where he is now a ski instructor at Heavenknee Vallknee. He would love to see old PVS friends and says if you're in his area look him up. He and Max dined together and toured the gambling joints in the Tahoe area. Not being the lucky type, says Max, he himself was impressed but strictly an observer.

Bill Hager's item on Wintergreen in the March TOOT was excellent but it failed to mention that Wintergreen is the only ski area in the U.S. to test skiers' ability before letting them on the advanced slopes. It's a kneat idea which all (safety-minded) PVSers should support.

My own hip bruise caused by an out-of-control turkey hitting me at Wisp some weeks ago has just faded. What a pleasure for a skier to find a slope where all the people on it are skiers. It's like finding a ski club you have to be a skier to join. A tip of the old Knee-cap to Wintergreen.

Geoff Wadey, in another excellent item last month, was apparently referring to an old James Dean movie when he said you shouldn't ski "Rubble without a Cause."

Kneena Foch is one of my favorite actresses.

We should all send condolences to Jim and Barbara Wingrove because of their bad luck on a ski trip to Utah last month. They skied only one day and then both came down with the flu and spent the rest of their "vacation" in bed. In my terminology, it was a catastrophknee.

Did you know that SCWDC (Some Club in Wilmington Delaware, C) has a business office and a budget in excess of \$2,000,000? And did you know that PVS, with an annual budget in excess of \$800 sent more skiers to Europe this winter than SCWDC? Let me put it poetically and paraphrase the Knee of some months back: If you want to ski

Come join me
In my club PV
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Of 17 people on the Wisp 11 trip, only 5 were PVS members, the remainder were applicants. This shows new people join PVS to go skiing (a laudable idea). It also shows that many of our long time members well in advance prefer skiing on longer trips to Europe and the west - although the Knee doesn't see how anyone could ever go back to Ab's Run at Teos after skiing the Face at Wisp or back to the Bowls at Vail after skiing Wisp's Porcupine.

If you are a policy maker you shoulda been at the last few ExCom meetings. Your ExCom members spent more hours discussing local trip policy than they have on any single subject in memory - and that includes the color of the sweatshirts.

Bob Grasley reports French youth have a new way of getting their kicks. They come along and kick the legs out from under tourists and then pick their pockets. During the French trip someone tried it on Bob on the Champs-Elysées but luckily Bob had on heavy hiking boots and all the kicker-pickpocket got was a sore toe!

Finally, if our TOOT editor took over writing this column, would it be a bit more Lu-knee?

WHISTLER, BLACKCOMB, BANFF, LAKE LOUISE, SUNSHINE, ENGLEMAN, 1983

by Whoshall B. Nameless

N. Engleman (hereinafter referred to merely as "Master") is a trip leader who knows, exercises, but does not abuse, his own powers.

Some items to this account:

1. He presented each participant with a particulars envelope which included - surprise - a rebate check
 - 1A. The rebates (except for senior citizens whose lift rates at Blackcomb were zip, Whistler \$5) were modest
2. He arranged a truce between PVS and the IBAU (International Baggage Absconders Union)
 - 2A. Only one suitcase and one pair of boots were late arrivals
3. He planned a snow storm for each night and, in a grandiose gesture, ordered the snow to stop at the edge of the parking lot
 - 3A. Okay the first night but thereafter the snow falls were dramatized by the ski areas as "one centimeter" or "trace" and by skiers as "brown snow" or "rocky goo"
4. He assembled a group of gung-ho skiers and led them to four fabulous mountains amidst some of the world's most striking scenery
 - 4A He took them back to DC after only 2 weeks.

AWARDS were not presented as follows:

Skied Most Black (most difficult) Runs - First (a tie):

Jane Restani, Pat Cricenti, Sally Philbrook. (They also tied for most Royal Canadian Mounties dated.) Second SMBR (Second only because their speed was less schussy)-Shirley Rettig, Frank Shelbourne.

Skied Most Blue Runs - Tie: Alice Swalm, Svava Vernhardt.

Skied Most Black & Blue Runs - Two. Dean Worcester (one applied by a tree, one by an out of control chair lift chair).

Skied Most Helicopter Runs - Suzanne Boisclair.

Showed Most Improvement - Tie: Mary Burnett, Dorothy Madsen, Sal Mahalati.

Most Laid-Back Skiers - Helen Price, Gorman Young.

Most Cross-countryest - Mary Ward, Jim Slack.

Best Arlberg Technique - Ginnie Larson--but look quick, she's moving on to a newer (if not better) style.

Best Allais Technique - Penny Hanshaw.

Best Stien Erikson (two skis with but a single track) Technique Tie - Thelma Belloli, Lori Barnett.

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WHISTLER, BANFF TRIP (Continued)



Worst Injury - Bruce Hanshaw (wrenched back getting on chair lift).

Wood Whizerdry - First: Jacques Hadler.

Mountain Carressing - First: Master (sometimes more than mountains were carressed).

Greatest Contribution to Potomac Valley Skiers and Eaters Reputation - Rosemary Vidal, abetted by the Awsome Ate, who downed the pre-first lift ride and post-FLR breakfasts, followed by the pre- and post-lunch lunches, plus the usual pre- and post-supper snacks, drinks, liqueurs and messin-arounds.

Most participants felt that Whistler is the best mountain ever, and all were sad to see the trip end; especially the one who christened his (her?) home driveway with a fifth of 151 proof rum, carried all the way from the Vancouver Duty free shop.

P.S.1B Surprise - surprise! The Master presented each participant with a post-trip envelope containing another rebate check. Modest times two equals major.

WISP II by Vivian Barry

PVSers and guests filled the Feb 18-21 Wisp II trip to capacity. Early birds Dean Worcester, Mary Jane McCarthy, Charlie Huggins, Bill Hager and Georgia Parrot took full advantage of the slopes on Friday while Vivian and Bob Barry got the lodge warmed up and the chili pot bubbling. The last to arrive on Friday was Jane Miller with warning ticket in hand after going downhill too fast in her 4 cylinder phoenix.

As noted in the last TOOT, our new applicants passed the rigid downhill ski exam with flying colors. Dean cheered the group on from the side lines and when he saw how difficult the exam was he laughed so hard he fell down and broke his glasses. Georgia did very well on the slopes but almost killed two skiers in the lift lines. (I guess we better add entering a lift line with style to next year's test, Larry.) Speaking of Larry, we heard that Jane tried to en brochette him with her fast kick turn.

A note for future trip leaders: our new applicants thought a ski weekend package included a private room with bath and breakfast in bed. They didn't mind sharing rooms but were disappointed when they found out their roommates were of the same sex. We have to give a gold star for effort to one of our new male applicants for trying to join the gals on the couches.

There was enough food for all and the dinners were filled with lamp light, laughter and the men fighting to wash the dishes. Good job, guys. The gals outdid themselves in the kitchen - the food was prepared and served with style and flair.

(Editor's note: Bill Hager says the trip leaders were excellent and the group's approval should be added to Vivian's story. Done.)



MEET THE NEW SLATE OF EXCOMERS: by Lu Beale

STEVE GRENLESKI, a Chicago native, earned both BS and MS degrees from Northwestern University. He came to the Washington area in 1956 to work at Johns Hopkins University where he is presently a research engineer studying combustion insupersonic flow fields.

Steve's fist ski trip was with the Northwestern University Ski Club to Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, and Aspen in 1950. He joined PVS in 1977 and, since neither his wife nor any of his three children ski, he has been especially grateful for the company of PVSers on many club sponsored trips. His favorite ski area is Heavenly Valley near Lake Tahoe. His most memorable ski adventure was an excursion from Cervina, Italy, to Zermatt with Aina and Hank Thomas as guides. "We skied to Zermatt and over to the legendary Gornergrat cog railway lift. Then up to a chalet for lunch on a balcony overlooking Zermatt with the Matterhorn in the background. Made the long ski back to Cervina at dusk. Marvelous day!"

Steve's hobbies are golf, coin collecting, fishing and tinkering with cars.

REG HEITCHUE was born in Springfield, Mass. but says he really is a Californian at heart. He earned degrees in both engineering and business management at Rensselaer Tech in Troy, N.Y. He couldn't decide which field he preferred and so has half the requirements each for an MS and a MBA.

In 1974 Reg came to the Washington area and now lives with wife Jean and four children in their Reston home where they have often graciously hosted PVS meetings.

The Heitchues are a gung-ho skiing family. Reg and Jean used to be the stars on the slopes but when they took their three teenage boys on a trip to Utah this winter they got a new angle on the meaning of "generation gap." Especially, says Reg, generational differences in strength, balance, agility and DARING.

Reg's first ski experience was in the Adirondacks. He won't give a favorite ski place or adventure because "there are too many to name." His pastimes, besides skiing, are "work, teenagers, houses."

JIM WINGROVE comes from Brownsville, Pa. where he was born and raised. He graduated from California State College in California, Pa. and in 1962 came to the Washington area to teach junior high science in Prince George's County. He now lives in Potomac, Maryland, where he and wife Barbara are jointly involved in running their own business, WIN DATA CONSULTANTS, LTD.

Jim first skied at Braddock Heights in Frederick, Md. where he received his first ski lessons. The SEWDC ran a series of free Wednesday night ski classes at Braddock and Jim's first ski instructor was Mary Lee Grasley! That was 1968.

Jim joined PVS in 1970 and since then he and Barbara have skied in Europe and most of the major ski areas in the U.S. Their two children, David and Robin, often accompany them and are becoming skilled skiers themselves. Jim has been a member of the National Ski Patrol since 1971 and currently patrols at Ski Liberty. In addition to skiing, he plays tennis, swims and, at the moment, is working to restore a classic T Bird.

MEET GAIL PEASE - PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE:

Gail Pease, the club's unopposed candidate for president has a long history of service to PVS which she joined in 1970. For the past five years she has been membership chairperson and served on ExCom for two of those years.

Born in Havre de Grace, Gail first skied in a field near her father's home in northeastern Maryland. She enjoyed the experience so much she enrolled in ski school at Braddock Heights Skiway and except for two seasons taken off to bear children she has skied since 1967.

Gail is a registered nurse (trained at Sibley Hospital) with a BA from American University. She is currently employed at Melwood Farms, an Olney, Md. alcoholic rehabilitation center, where she will be happy to join you over a soda any time.

La Plagne, France is Gail's favorite ski place. Her most exciting ski memories are of Chamonix - especially rappeling on skis down one of the glaciers.

In 1981 Gail married charter PVSer and noted ski patroler Larry Pease. With Gail's two children, skilled skiers Gregory and Angela, the Peases reside in Reston, Va. when not off on the slopes.

NEW APPLICANTS - Please add to your roster:

- Barry & Sandra Bittner, 15793 Butler Pl. Dumfries, Va. 22026
- Jane W. Dixon, 6020 Queenston St. Springfield, Va. 22152. H: 451-6539
O: 451-8777
- George & Toni Simonis, 13609 Russell Terr. Rockville, Md. 20853 H: 460-6637
O(hers): 576-1699. O(his): 394-2042
- Janet Wachter, 6907 Barnack Dr. Springfield, Va. 22152. H: 451-8030
O: 737-8200
- June L. Kelsay, 10401 Grosvenor Pl. #1315. Rockville, Md. 20852.
H: 493-5839. O: 344-2417.

DIRECTIONS TO THE COPEs' FOR THE INTERNATIONAL DINNER:

Take the George Washington Parkway past the sailing marina to the first right turn which is marked Slaters Lane, to the parallel service road. At the first signal, make a right turn onto Slaters Lane. Follow Slaters Lane through a angled left past the warehouses and make the first right turn. Go over the railroad bridge and turn left onto Monroe Ave. (The Monroe Ave bridge is Rt. 1). Go through 2 signals and the Cope home is the big, white house on the right before the 3rd signal.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- ✓ April 19 ... Annual Meeting at the Heitchues. 8:00 p.m.
- ✓ April 23 ... Billy Goat Trail Hike. 10:30 a.m. Lu Beale leading.
- ✓ April 26 ... ExCom at Dot Mills. 7:30 p.m.
- May 7 ... Fun/Run/Walk/Jog. Dick Clark leading. 9 a.m. (Note change of date from April 30th.)
- May 7 ... Warrenton Gold Cup Tailgate Party. Call Georgia Parrot (379-7773)
- May 14 ... Cedar Run/White Oak Canyon Hike. Lu Beale leading.
- ✓ May 17 ... Monthly Meeting at the Barrys. Come at 7:30 to see the azalias!
- ✓ May 21 ... International Dinner at the Copes. Marilyn Clark coordinator.
- May 24 ... Ex Com at the Grasleys. 7:30 p.m.
- June 11 ... Raft Trip on the Yock. Dina Taylor leading. (Note change of date from July 9th.)

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