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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

The leaders for 1986-87 ski trips provided the following plans at the trip coordination meeting in March:

<u>DATES</u>	<u>SKI AREA(S)</u>	<u>LEADER(S)</u>
Dec. 13-Dec.20,1986	Wengen (Swiss Ski School)	Bob Grasley
Jan. 10-Jan.18,1987	Mt Sutton	Jack Peoples
Jan. 30-Feb.16 "	Les Deux Alps & Val d'Isere	The Wyckoffs
Feb. 21-Feb.28 "	Aspen, Jackson Hole or Tahoe	Nancy Garrett
Feb. 28-Mar.14 "	Whistler/Blackcomb and Lake Louise	Dina Taylor

Although we can expect some changes as arrangements are firmed up, here's an early guide for planning your next year's skiing.

Sheldon Drews, President

APRIL ANNUAL MEETING - Business and Pleasure . Drinking and Eating. Talking and Looking. And, Oh, Yes, Voting.

When: Tuesday, April 15 th. 8:00 P.M.

Where: Home of Mary and Norm Engelman in Potomac, Md.

What: Voting for club officers and those applicant members who have qualified for full membership. Trip slides and movies will be shown between courses of grog and nosh.

Directions:

Take Beltway Exit # 16 for Potomac via River Road (Rte. 190). In the heart of beautiful downtown Potomac turn right (North) on Falls Rd. (Rte. 189). Take the fourth right turn (diagonally across from a cemetery) onto Kentsdale Drive. In about half a mile, on a corner, you will find 10450 (Cnez Engleman). If lost, call 299-2633.



Coming Events

SATURDAY HIKE BILLY GOAT TRAIL

When: Saturday, April 19th at 10:30 A.M. (Rain date: April 20th)

What: The umpteenth annual PVS Hello-to-Spring Hike along the infamous Billy Goat Trail at Great Falls, MD., where strong men have been known to weep as they slip, slide and stagger over the trail while little children scamper ahead. Steady on, men, and remember that optional restorative spirits await the finishers at Old Anglers' Inn at trail's end.

Place: Meet in the parking lot opposite Old Anglers', at 10801 MacArthur Blvd., Potomac, MD. (near Great Falls Park). It's a 4½ mile hike with 2½ miles of rocky trail above the Potomac.

Reminder: Wear sturdy shoes and bring your lunch.

Leader: Lu Beale (363-3521). No reservations necessary. Just come and enjoy.

Directions: Take the Beltway Exit 41 for Carderock-Great Falls. Go all the way to the end of parkway, turn left on MacArthur Blvd. and proceed a couple of miles to Anglers' Inn. Parking lot on the left of road.

SATURDAY JOG

FIFTH ANNUAL FUN RUN AND BRUNCH WITH THE CLARKS

When: Saturday, May 3rd. 9:00 a.m. Rain or shine.

Come join Marilyn and Dick Clark at Lake Accotink/Wakefield Park for this run/jog/crawl on a mostly level wooded trail around Accotink Lake with distances to suit all tastes. Following the work out, we will drive the two miles to the Clarks' home for brunch.

The brunch is limited to 24. If you want to just hike, come along. But, if you want to eat you must reserve a place. Call Marilyn (978-9435). There will be a \$3 brunch fee.

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.

INTERNATIONAL DINNER - MAY 31st. This popular affair held at the Alexandra home of Pat and Don Cope is already oversubscribed. Please let Marilyn Clark (978-9435) know if you must drop out so those wait-listed may take your place. OR CALL to be wait listed yourself.

Other

Special Events

Saturday, May 17th - OLD RAG CLIMB

Put this one on your calendar now and start getting in shape by warming up on the Billy Goat Trail April 19th. Rated strenuous, the 8 mile circuit hike up and over Old Rag is for the stout-hearted and agile and always worth the effort. It's everybody's favorite. Look for details in May TOOT. For advance information call Lu Beale (363-3521)

Saturday, June 14 - Swim & Picnic at Jacques Hadler's beach house on the bay. The Peases coordinating. (620-4573)

Saturday, June 28/Sunday June 29 - Rafting on the Youghiogheny

Coordinator: Dina Taylor. H:301-663-6089. O:301-363-0300 Ex2650
Or, locally, call Mary Jane McCarthy
H: 949-3703. O: 443-6520

Time again for what has become another annual PVS event - an adventure filled weekend hiking in Swallow Falls Park, visiting Falling Water, dining at Penn Alps and topping it off with a full day of rafting 7 miles down the famous "Yough" through the scenic beauty of the Laurel Mountains.

The rafting will begin at 8:30 A.M. on Sunday June 29th.

\$37 will cover the use of raft, life preservers and paddles, lunch, gratuities and shuttle back to parking lot.

Flier and application in May TOOT.

TENNIS, ANYONE? OR, HOW ABOUT FISHING?

Indefatigable Charlie Gordon is investigating possibilities for a PVS tennis party this summer. If you are interested, call Charlie (530-3762) so he will have an idea how many courts will be needed.

Also, if you're interested in fishing - week days or weekend - call Charlie. He knows when and where the fish are biting and is ready to go when you are.

BLUE RIDGE SKI COUNCIL SPRING MEETING Sunday, April 27th

This meeting will be held at the Goddard Space Flight Center. Anyone who is interested in attending call PVS representative Bob Wyckoff (589-5532).

PAST EVENT

MARCH MONTHLY MEETING by Bob Wyckoff

The March meeting at the Garretts got off to an early start with yours truly and three other carloads arriving almost simultaneously ahead of time. Either the directions were extra good or "Burke" isn't really that far out. There to greet us was Ray in his spiffy cowboy hat, fresh from Steamboat Springs, and Nancy with all sorts of goodies, both hot and cold, already spread out. The tempting odor of barbecued sausages beckoned.

A good portion of the evening's social activities centered around the Steamboat Springs group sharing some excellent photos with stories to match. With many club members still off skiing, including the Cortina group, only about 30 members made the meeting. They thoroughly enjoyed it.

Sheldon conducted a short business meeting to bring us up to date on current club plans. This included a report on the March 4th coordination meeting for next year's potential trip leaders. The leaders felt the meeting to be well worthwhile, exchanging ideas and preventing possible conflicts in dates. It was also announced that the Spring BRSC meeting will be held April 27 at the Goddard Space Flight Center.

The meeting concluded with an excellent double feature movie, one depicting the 1985 Alpine and Nordic World Championships, the second, a fresh viewing of the Sarajevo Olympics.

Our thanks to Nancy and Ray for sharing their lovely home with a gourmet spread fully up to PVS standards.

The following applicant members are now eligible for full membership in the club and will be voted on at the April 15th Annual Meeting:

Liane Atlas, Karen and George Devorshak, Myra and Ken Evans, Sally Finan, Ek and Sui Lu, Julio Perez-Colon, Susannah and Don Swaby, Katherine Reynolds, Fumika and Myron Marquardt, Phil Ufholz, Paul Yessler, Stan Lichtmann.

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In accordance with the club's practice of publishing events sponsored by other clubs which PVS considers worthwhile TOOT passes on the following announcement:

Wine & Cheese Party to benefit CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL Friday, May 9, 1986. 8 p.m. - 11 p.m. To be held on the Pentagon Concourse.

Tickets \$8 per person (donation) in advance or \$10 per person (donation) at door. Live entertainment. Sponsored by various local Singles Clubs.

For further information, please call Johnnie Morgan-Lowe (378-5418). (She is the Johnnie of Johnnie's Gang, of course.)



The Knee

by
Ray McKinley

The ol' Easter Bunknee has already done his thing, all major PVS ski trips are over, the flowers are in bloom and spring is clearly in the air - or is it?

An old song noted that "those April showers, they bring May flowers." Aside from being grammatically incorrect, the song neglects ski areas where April showers are snow showers and often blizzards that bring May skiers.

Since we are THE club for skiers let me tell you some of the late season plans some of us have. Glade and Joan Flake hope to get up to Sugarloaf, Maine, to ski Easter weekend (and perhaps beyond) with their kids.

Ted Cardwell plans to participate in a ski racing clinic at Alta, Utah, and will return in mid-May.

Peggy and Kirk Burns are skiing at Mt Sutton while staying at their chalet for 3 weeks ending the second week in April. Kirk expects Mt Sutton to remain open until at least May first. Veep Jan Marx will visit them for a week while Bob is off on a business trip (not to Australia this time, I assume).

And last (but, from a personal stand point, certainly not least) the Knee will be off in early April to ski three days at Crested Butte and close it down before proceeding to Aspen for a week to close it down. That late in the season with all those sunknee days, I don't expect to come back looking akneemic! A special personal tip of the ol' knee cap to Pres Sheldon Drews for helping me arrange my trip.

Anykneeway, please let me know who is skiing the latest this season so we can all be envious.

Speaking of skiing, the March meeting was somewhat more sparsely

attended than normal since it was in the middle of the Dina Taylor-led trip to Cortina, Italy. This made hostpersons, the Garretts, happy since they managed to make it through the entire meeting without having one of their tables broken. (See, I made it through the entire write up without mentioning Norm Engelman's name since I promised not to embarrass him by telling how he sat on and broke their coffee table last year ...whoops!)

Jan Marx recently lunched with expVser Susie Lyon. She reports that Susie is doing fine as are all the little Lyons (called cubs).

Charlotte Eddy reports that Cortina is the ski area to go to watch the beautiful people and both male and female ski bunnies. The "in" thing this year, she observed, is colored (red, blue, etc.) fur coats. I wonder if on St Patrick's day they wore green mink.

Kirk Burns and Joe Lewis skied together for 2 weeks prior to the Wyckoff Austrian trip. Mostly in Val d'Isere. They got stuck in a huge line up of cars waiting for the road to Zurs to be cleared before they could meet up with the Wyckoffs.

Charlie Gordon, at Steamboat Springs, was looking for a single to share a chair ride with him. Noticing a lovely long haired blond in front of him, he tapped her shoulder and said, "Young lady, are you alone?" The blonde turned and, in a very deep bass voice, replied, "I am alone, but I am not a lady." (They shared the chair anyway.)

Kneedle of the Month goes to Alice Swalm. About 11 A.M. one Tuesday she realized she was hosting the ExCom meeting that evening! Most such meetings draw up to 20 people. Panic. Alice spent the rest of the day shopping, cleaning and cooking for 20 people. She was prepared just in time with wonderful food and drink. Alas. Because of ski trips, only 6 people showed up. Alice ended with a very clean house and lots of left overs.

STEAMING AND SPRINGING AT STEAMBOAT SPRINGS by Myra Evans

On February 22, twenty-six PVS's headed for Steamboat Springs for a week of skiing. After leaving the dreary weather of Washington, Denver was a delight though getting the ski boots, bags, and luggage packed into two vans was a tough job. Jim Wingrove and Jules Tepper drove the 150+miles while the rest of the group ate, drank, and slept (what else is a PVSer to do?) The group stayed at the Best Western right on the slopes and after a good night's sleep, everyone was ready to get in the gondola and head for mid-mountain for breakfast and a beautiful view. Snow fell most of that day and conditions were grand. Monday and Tuesday were really warm (high 50's), but the snow base didn't show any signs of wearing down.

Everyday most of the group would head for the pool at 4 PM to drink beer and soothe muscles. Norb and Catherine particularly liked the pool since it was much warmer than the water in their bathroom shower. However, Lu and Adele were not always happy with the pool parties since it was located right outside their window. Several nights different members of the group tried out various restaurants and I believe we left our mark. It seems that no matter where Reg Heitchue, Ray Garrett or Ken Evans went, the bill and/or food were messed up.

After a few days of skiing, several members decided they were ready to shop. As Marilyn Clark said, "When the going gets tough, the tough go shopping." (Another one of her more memorable quotes was, "I only like to ski where there are bars.") Of course, cowboy hats, western shirts, boots, silk handkerchiefs and ski clothing were available in great quantities. (I think Steamboat entered a recession when Jim Young, Pat Tepper and Charlotte Reith left.)

A number of things began happening about mid-week, some of which the author and others might choose to forget. First, Ken Evans' birthday was on Monday, but he waited until 10:30 that night to remind Myra--talk about low! On one of the most beautiful days, the group had a picnic of hamburgers and wine on the slopes. Then we had a picture taken that really turned out great. Many of the trip participants skied with Billy Kidd and learned more from him during one afternoon than they had in days of lessons. The entire Wingrove family won medals at Nastar races: Jim, Robin and David won silver and Barbara a bronze. PVS did discover why the Elrods usually ski alone; Roy is the high sheriff of the slopes and if anyone cuts off Malda, he chases them down. On Thursday we went on a sleigh ride and ate a huge steak dinner in tents. The Cowgirl entertainment and restrooms left much to be desired, but the food was good and on the return trip Nancy Garrett sang "Mountain Dew" and Dick Clark picked out star constellations. Another night some of the group went down to a local country and western saloon to hear Jed Clampit, who was a dead ringer for Willie Nelson, sing, while Helen Price and others worked on the two-step.

Odds and ends: "Pray for sex, you can ski anytime," Jim Young; "and the older you get, the more you pray," Gorman Young. Dick Clark and Reg Heitchue, "Let's get our skis waxed tonight; some of the other members are beginning to catch up with us." Charlie Gordon thought someone had stolen his clothes from the washing machine until he discovered his dirty clothes and the washer he had used were not the same.

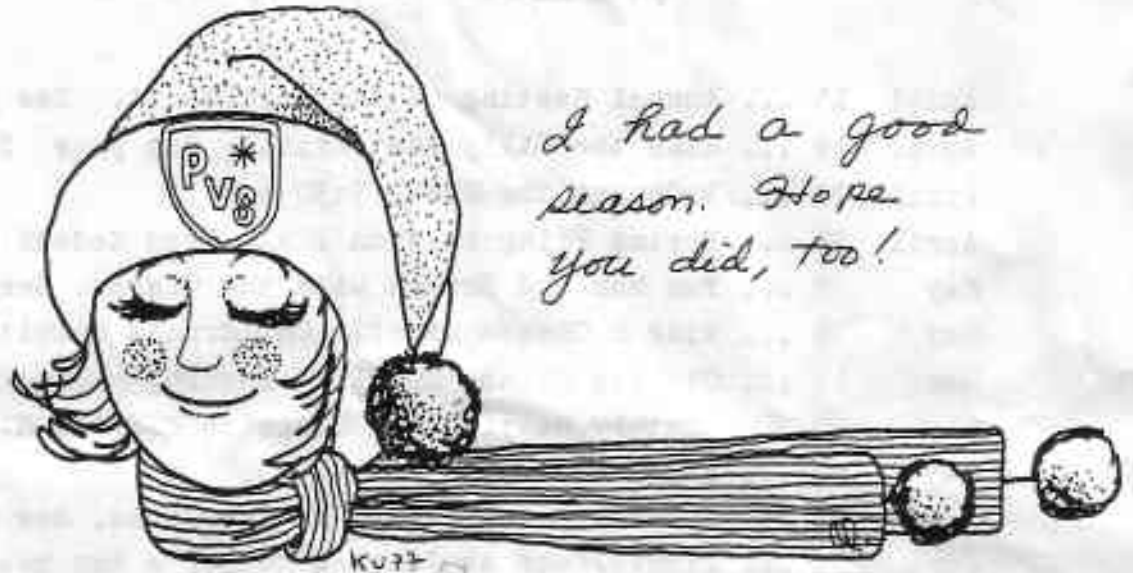
The week ended too quickly, but everyone had a marvelous time. A very special thanks to the Wingroves who put this trip together!

what & when

- April 15 ... Annual Meeting at the Engelmans'. See page 1.
- April 19 ... Hike the Billy Goat Trail. See page 2.
- April 22 ... ExCom at the Marx. 7:30 p.m.
- April 26 ... Spring Fling Auction .Call Fred Zedeck (892-1985)
- May 3 ... Fun Run and Brunch with the Clarks. See page 2.
- May 9 ... Wine & Cheese Benefit Children's Hospital. See page 4.
- May 17 ... Old Rag Climb. Lu Beale leading
- May 20 ... Monthly Meeting at Charlotte Eddy's. 8:00 p.m.
- May 27 ... ExCom Meeting.
- May 31 ... International Dinner at the Copes. See page 2.
- June 14 ... Picnic/Swim at Jacques Hadler's bay beach house.
- June 17 ... Monthly Meeting. Desserts!! Sheldon Drew's abode.
- June 24 ... ExCom Meeting at the Huggins. 7:30 p.m.
- June 28/29 .. "Yough" river weekend. See page 3.
- July 19 ... Steak & Swim at the Elrods.
- * April 27 ... BRSC Spring Meeting. Goddard Space Flight Center. See page 5

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I had a good season. Hope you did, too!

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