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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This issue has several 1990 ski trips. Please talk to your friends and sign up early - helps Trip Leaders with their plans to bring you GOOD trips.

IMPORTANT CHANGE: The picnic/boat event at Dean Worcester's place on the Severn has been rescheduled for Saturday, Sept. 9 (rain date - Sept. 10), so if you can attend, give Jean a call (860-9190).

Dick Comerford
President

STEAK-OUT AT THE ELRODS' by Knox Felker

In Prince William did Roy and Malda
A stately pleasure-dome decree:
Where Potomac, the secular river, ran
Through caverns measurable to man
Down to a sunny sea.

What a day, what a place, what a feast! We fortunate fifty-odd were reminded what 'custom-built' means as we toured the new house, including the PVS-suite, swam in the splendid pool, quaffed draft beer, and dined delightedly on Roy's great customized steaks and much else, including several irresistible desserts.

Jim Arnold is tough. He is recovering from a personal encounter with a concrete truck in Washington, and hopes to ski next season.

The Barry's were back from Geneva. Delightful Christie Comerford swims as she skis: splendidly and joyously.

Jack Peoples' diving makes one think of a large meteor impact.

Nice to see Jim Slack and Mary Ward visiting from California and Cam Clark from Montana.

Thank you Roy and Malda! May these joys continue forever.

AN EVENING WITH DVORAK AND TCHAIKOVSKY

by Ken Evans

The evening of Friday, July 7th, initiated another truly special PVS event--an evening at Wolftrap to hear the National Symphony Orchestra and their presentation of Dvorak and Tchaikovsky; twenty-six PVS's and/or guests were in attendance. A very special thanks to Barbara and Fred Leonhardt for planning one of the most scrumptious evenings in recent times. Barbara planned everything--fantastic food and drink--down to and including a beautiful summer's night (minus a breeze). Tchaikovsky was never better; in fact, it's been rumored no other event has ever kept Ray Garrett and Ken Evans awake as did this evening of fine music (though they were both seen checking their eyelids for the possibility of holes before the cannon volleys). The following are comments that the guests in attendance made while this reporter walked in their midst. A very reliable source said Ray McKinley never ever does the Knee; it's actually done by a ghost writer who tries to figure out his small scraps of paper and henschatches he calls a column. Jan Marx was heard to say the event would have been better if it had been cooler or if everyone could have come with no clothes on (hairy legs prevented that option). Someone else said the evening would have been perfect with a breeze, but Jan replied there was already enough breeze (i.e., hot air) in PVS. Dot Mills commented that it was extraordinarily intelligent of Barbara to get the rain to stop on this particular day. Reg Heitchue said it was a perfect setting, perfect evening and perfect comraderie. Jean Strickland was overheard saying the company overcame the hot weather. Ray McKinley and his guest compared it to a Roman feast or orgy (we couldn't figure out which). Nancy Garrett was heard to ask the ex-pres why she kept looking down her blouse. Jan said, "Something bit me and I have these small bumps." Bob Wyckoff, commenting on Margaret's ability to pour wine from a container, said "You just can't teach a German anything." Hank and Aina Thomas said they hadn't gone on vacation yet because they were afraid they might miss the concert. Aina and Margaret were later seen gathering up the chicken and bell peppers; it was hinted that Hank and Bob were going to get them for breakfast on Saturday. Nancy Garrett said, "The food and organization were superb; when Barbara gets the breeze under control, it will be fabulous." Lu Beale was seen checking out the group next to us because they had fancier box lunches. Bette Walker said it was the best thing she'd seen because she didn't have to do any work. Nancy Garrett said if Ray had to write an article for the Toot, he'd just put down the names of the people of who attended. When Barbara and Fred were asked whether this was going to become an ongoing event, Barbara commented, "Absolutely no comment!" The meal, comraderie and the concert were all exceptional including the intermission with leftover goodies and drink for all. Thanks to Barbara and Fred for their expert planning, coordination and execution of an evening that should become an annual event.

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OCTOBERFEST - October 1



New location for Octoberfest - the Leonhardt's in Potomac. Call the Evans at 620 0545 to sign up. You can leave message on tape.

Directions, etc. in September TOOT

PVS ALPS 90

SKI HIGH MOUNTAINS IN HIGH SEASON

February 24 - March 11, 1990

Val d'Isere-Tignes, France
Courmayeur, Italy

and stay with the British, ski with their guides, have meals cooked by experienced chefs and served by charming "chalet girls"--- simply have a good time at the Mark Warner Club Hotels.

Val d'Isere is preparing for the men's downhill during Albertville 92, the next Olympics. The new funival and snowmaking on the homerun at La Daille, not to mention the two glaciers, high altitude, and vast ski area, should guarantee us plenty of good skiing for everybody. Our hotel, Club Cygnaski, is located at the Isere river about 200 m after you enter Val d'Isere from La Daille. The hotel accomodates around 70 guests and is situated near the shuttle that takes skiers to the major lifts. The hotel was built about 15 years ago and is modern in design and has very good facilities with private bathrooms in all rooms. The dining room is spacious with views of the surrounding mountains, the sitting room is comfortable and there is a separate bar area which will be open evenings for cocktails and 'well-priced' drinks.

In Courmayeur we will stay at Club Telecabine in the village of Dolonne. ~~This is a good location; you step from the door of your hotel straight into the lift. There is virtually no liftline, and you can be on the slopes within ten minutes.~~ Courmayeur skiing is ideal for intermediate-to-good skiers who enjoy varied and sometimes testing skiing on a wide selection of beautiful runs. Beginners' slopes are wide and gentle. Expert skiers will enjoy the fast, steep and testing slopes below the top station at Cresta Youla, which lies at 2624 m. Off-piste skiing is plentiful, and in March it should be possible to hire a local guide and ski the famous Vallee Blanche down to Chamonix, a full day trip for good skiers.

Dolonne is part of Courmayeur, but there is a fifteen-minute walk to the center of town. Several discos and the best nightclub in town are located in Dolonne. Our hotel was built about six years ago; the interior is beautifully designed with a high standard of Italian furnishings. There is a big reception which leads onto a bar and comfortable lounge and off this there is a reading/card playing room. From this level you look down through a central atrium to the dining room, and on the same floor there is a sauna complex which is free to the guests. All the ninety rooms have their own shower, washbasin and toilet. They have direct-dial telephones and color TV's connected to the in-house video system.

We have made reservations for 30 PVS'ers at both hotels.

Price: At the time of writing we are awaiting details from London and therefore must continue to estimate. The latest telephone quotation was about \$1760. However, we are not certain the price includes the transfer from Val d'Isere to Courmayeur, and we need more information on the winter sport insurance, before we can pass information on to you. On our way back from Denmark we will stop at the Mark Warner office.

Included: Airfare: TWA Dulles-Geneva and return with short stops in Paris.

Ground transfers: Bus from Geneva to Val d'Isere (4 hrs.), bus from Val d'Isere to Courmayeur (2 hrs.), and bus from Courmayeur to Geneva (2 hrs. through the Mont Blanc tunnel).

Lodging at Club Cygnaski, Val d'Isere:
7 nights, double-occupancy
7 English breakfasts
Afternoon tea with home-baked cakes
6 three- or four-course dinners with wine
Lodging at Club Telecabine, Courmayeur:
7 nights double occupancy
Meals as in Val d'Isere

Ski guide services
Local taxes and gratuities.

Not included

Lift tickets
Lunches
A local guide if you wish to ski Vallee Blanche
Perhaps winter sport insurance.

There seems to be a real interest in this trip, and we regret that we got started late and have not been able to get all the details yet. Therefore, we do not want you to pay a deposit now.

If you wish to go with us, please fill out the form below and mail it to Knox and Karen Felker, 3709 S. George Mason Dr., 1506-E, Falls Church, VA 22041. As soon as we are back from Europe after Labor Day, we will contact you in order that we can move on with the booking.

I/We would like to go on PVS ALPS 90, and if I/we accept the price and conditions, we will pay for the trip in instalments as required.

Name and address _____ Telephone No. _____
_____ (h) _____
_____ (w) _____

Signed _____ Date _____

(First Received - First Reserved)

POTOMAC VALLEY SKI CLUB-MONT SUTTON, QUEBEC TRIP

JANUARY 14-21, 1990
SUNDAY TO SUNDAY

Reservations are firm at the slopeside LaPaimpolaise for the now fifth annual spectacularly successful Mont Sutton ski trip.

TRIP INCLUDES ALL THE FOLLOWING:

- ROUND TRIP AIRFARE, WASHINGTON, D. C. - BURLINGTON, VERMONT
- ROUND TRIP BUS, BURLINGTON - MONT SUTTON
- SEVEN NIGHTS LODGING AT LAPAIMPOLAISE
- SEVEN FULL BREAKFASTS
- SEVEN GOURMET DINNERS WITH WINE
- SIX DAY INTERCHANGEABLE LIFT TICKET
- WELCOME PARTY ON SUNDAY
- CONSTANT OPEN HOSPITALITY IN TRIP LEADERS SUITE
- 15 PASSENGER VAN FOR TRANSPORTATION DURING THE WEEK

ALL THE ABOVE FOR ONLY \$660.00 PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY. Seniors 65 years and older will receive a discount on the lift ticket of \$40.00.

Please send a deposit of \$100.00 per person by August 25, to Jack Peoples. A second payment of \$200.00 will be due by October 1, with the final payment of \$360.00 due by November 25, (\$20.00 less if you made the goodwill payment).

For those of you who are new to the trip or are not familiar with Mont Sutton, here are some of the statistics on the mountain. Sutton has nine chairlifts (no lines during the week), 3000 feet elevation, 1550 vertical, 53 trails, long runs and glade skiing (trails through the trees) and four restaurants on the mountain for coffee breaks and lunch. The computerized snowmaking will be in full operation - all the bugs are worked out. By the way chairlift #1 is at the side door of the LaPaimpolaise so you can put your ski boots on in your room. The lift ticket is good at all four mountains in SKI EAST--Sutton, Bromont, Orford and Owl's Head, and we plan to have the rental van available for trips to the other mountains if it is desired.

Please complete the form below and mail, along with your \$100.00 per person deposit, to JACK PEOPLES, 8907 EDGEWOOD DRIVE, GAITHERSBURG, MD. 20877. I must have it by August 25. If you have any questions, you can call me at 840-2213.

PVS SUTTON - JANUARY 14-21, 1990

Name _____ Male _____ Female _____
Address _____ Non Smoker _____ Smoker _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone: Home _____ Office _____ Roommate Pref. _____
If driving, please indicate when and how many _____



THE KNEE

by
Ray McKinley

The Elrods new home, PVS wing and pool are wonderful. And their entry is absolutely marbleous. Steaks and Swim filled rapidly and acting Toot editor and knee typist Irene Farrell and Huey Roberts were among those who couldn't get in. Und unted (that means without daunt) instead they previewed Dick's Labor Day bike trip, and had a great time--but none of Roy's great rib eye steaks.

Condolences to Katherine Reynolds It seems that Katherine fell off her bike and walked into the hospital for treatment only to be admitted for a fractured femur.

I received an envelope from Lu Beale--at camp in Vermont. Inside was a flattened piece of birchbark about the size of a 3x5 card. On the bark was written "this is worse than your byte". Lu is a better editor than humorist.

I'll close with some in-sider information about my favorite Editor. She exercises absolute control over this column..... specifically, she excises virtually everything with her name in it, so now she will not remove the Knee's best wishes for a wonderful three-quarters century birthday.



IT'S THE AUGUST DOLDRUMS! At least his hot year we have a TOOT to remind us of wonderful, cool things to come. This is a short TOOT, as I mentioned last month, a TOO, or even TO.....Therefore, this will be a linknee.

I have little to report in the way of skiing (except that conditions are better than normal in southern Australknee). However, I have lots to report about skiers.

PVS's favorite dentist, Aine Thomas is retiring. Could it be that after so many years she found dentistry (brace yourself) boring. (I hope you didn't bite on that toothy comment)

A very special welcome back to Marianne Cook -- back in Harpers Ferry after several years in the San Francisco area. At the Leonhardt's Golf Trap Extravaganza, Marianne came up to me and stuck out her hand and helped memorknee by saying I'm Marianne Cook. "That's correct", responded.

Dick and Marilyn Clark - just back from driving to Indianapolis in Dick's restored MGA convertible - highlight of the trip to an MG convention was 2 laps around the Indy 500 track.

Former concert pianist Marianne didn't join the rest of us inside for the National Symphoknee Orchestra 1812. Instead she opted for the lawn. I can't hear well close up she noted.

My favorite musician was the Sympaknee player.

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PREZ SAYS: Don't forget to send in your dues. We don't want to lose you.

B.R.S.C.
Winter Carnival
Feb. 3 - Mar. 4

To: All Blue Ridge Ski Council Members
From: Judy Miller
Re: Information on BRSC Winter Carnival 1990
Cost Per person: \$765 - Each club having their choice of hotel rooms or condominiums

ACCOMMODATIONS:

All council trip participants will be lodging in Breckenridge at their clubs choice of hotel rooms or condominiums, all in walking distance to the lifts. All hotel rooms will have two double beds. The lodging is based on double occupancy, ie: two persons per hotel room, four persons per two bedroom condominiums. The bedrooms in the condominiums will have a mix of bed types. All participants will have access to outdoor heated swimming pools and hot tubs. Those clubs choosing hotel rooms will stay at the Breckenridge Mountain Lodge. Those clubs choosing condominiums will stay at Tyra Condominiums or similar.

In order to meet the lodging needs of each individual club, alternate lodging requests would be considered on a club by club basis. For example, if a club wants to stay in the most luxurious ski-in, ski-out hotel in the area, they could upgrade to that for \$75. Similarly, if a club would like to downgrade to standard category condos, they could do that also.

Features to be included:

- a. Round trip airfare from Washington, BWI or Dulles. Airfare from Richmond will be approximately \$30 more. There will be a premium of about \$45 for the non stop flights from the Washington area.
- b. Round trip airport transfers via charter bus.
- c. Seven nights lodging double occupancy in either hotel or condominiums.
- d. Three day of skiing at Breckenridge -- any three days.
- e. One day of skiing at Copper with round trip charter bus Copper Mountain. Lift ticket is good any day. Buses will be arranged for a specific day.
- f. One day of skiing on an interchangeable ticket at Keystone/Arapahoe Basin with round trip charter bus included. Lift ticket is good any day. Buses will be arranged for a specific day.
- g. Welcome party with live band, beer, wine, and soft drinks and heavy hors d'oeuvres on Sunday night. The party will be held in the ballroom at the Village at Breckenridge or the Beaver Run Resort from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. The hors d'oeuvres would include carved Steamship round and carved baked Virginia Ham, cheese, fruit, vegetable trays, etc.

- h. Nastar Race - On Tuesday or Wednesday, a videotapped Official Nastar Race would be held at Breckenridge giving each participant two runs. Medals would be distributed to each club leader at the Apres Ski Party. Due to the large number of racers, the Council may consider racing two separate days.
- i. Apres Ski Party - An Apres Ski Party will be held from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. in the slopeside Maggie Restaurant. At this party beer, soft drinks and dry snacks would be served. At this time the participants will have a chance to view themselves racing on the large screen. The race will be videotapped by a professional photographer and we will arrange additional photographers to take stills of the racers.
- j. Gala Dinner Dance at the Beaver Run Resort or the Village at Breckenridge. Wine, Beer, and soft drinks would be included from 7:00 to midnight. The suggested dinner menu would be barbequed chicken and ribs, potato salad, cole slaw, corn on the cob, barbequed beans, garlic bread, fresh fruit, apple, blueberry and cherry pie. Coffee, tea and brewed decaf would be served with dessert. "Lite" music will be played until approximately 8:30 -- when the dancing music will begin.
- k. Transportation to both welcome party and the gala dinner dance would be included for all participants.
- l. The Blue Ridge I.D. Buttons are included.
- m. An Agenda of the weekly activities would be prepared by G.T.U., printed and distributed to all the participants.
- n. Optional day of skiing: If the Council so desires, we could offer participants three possible tickets to purchase on an individual basis for the sixth (6th) day of skiing.
 - 1) Vail - approximate cost \$35 that would include a round trip charter bus to Vail.
 - 2) Keystone/Arapahoe Basin - \$20
 - 3) Copper Mountain - Approximate cost \$22

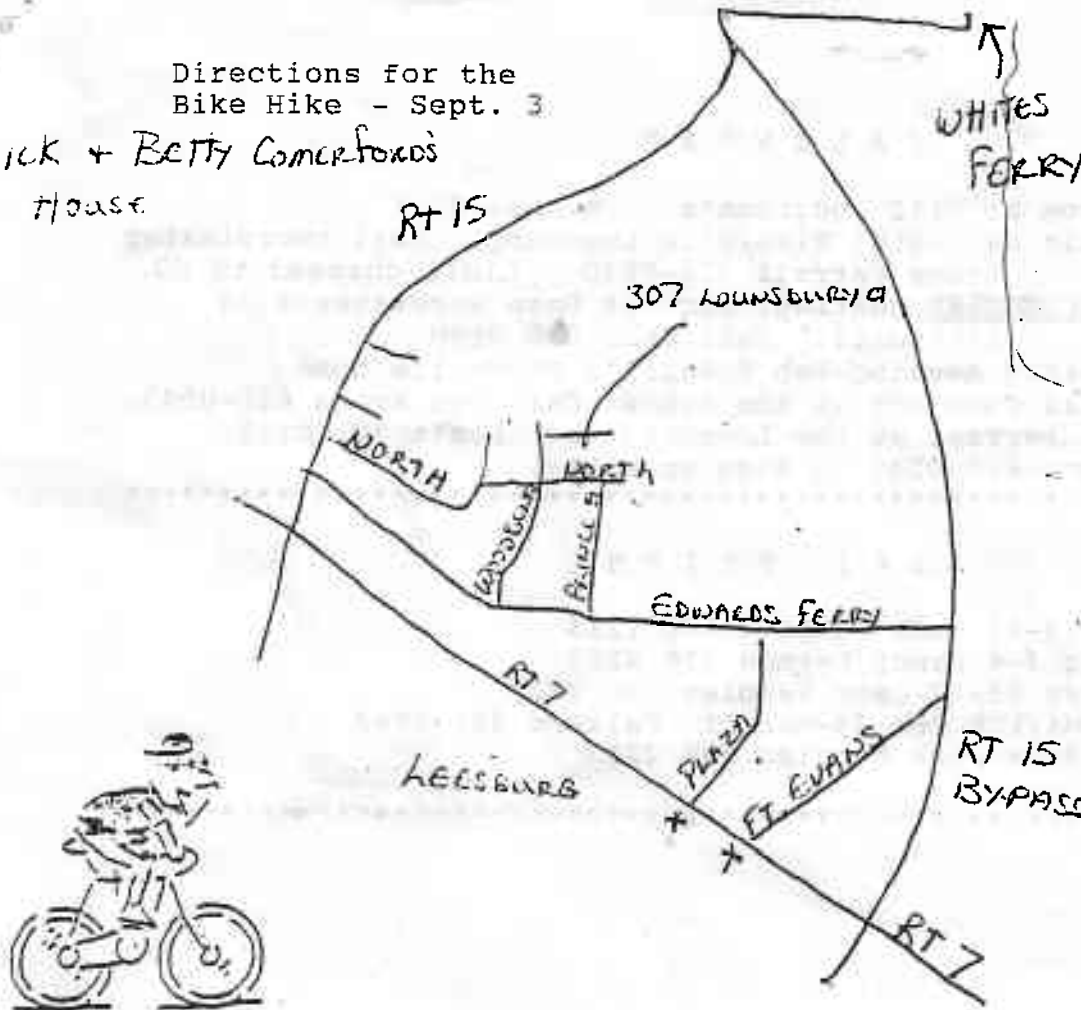
If a club chooses, we can change the lift ticket package to suit their specific club needs.

If interested in this trip, call Irene Farrell 921 0590

Directions for the
Bike Hike - Sept. 3

Raid date Sept. 4

DICK + BETTY Comerford's
House



From Maryland

From Whites Ferry Road turn left onto Rt. 15. Take the right fork to Leesburg when Rt. 15 splits. Turn left onto North Street. NOTE: North Street makes a left turn then a 90 right turn. Turn left on Woodberry then a right on Lounsbury Ct. to 307.

P.S. Whites Ferry offers a 2-way ticket at a discount.

From Virginia

West on Rt. 7 to Leesburg. Turn right at the second light into Plaza St. Turn left at the stop sign onto Edwards Ferry Road. Proceed one-half mile then turn right onto Woodberry (turn after the blue U.S. mail box). Turn right on Lounsbury Ct., 4th house on the right, 307 Lounsbury Ct.

This bike/hike from Leesburg to Purcellville will meet at Dick's house a 1:00 p.m. Those renting bikes may wish to come 15-20 minutes earlier. Irene Farrell coordinating - Phone 921-0590

C A L E N D A R

Aug. 22Excom at Bill Anderson's - Ph. 654-4711
 Sept. 3(Rain date-4th) Bike/Hike Leesburg. Call coordinator
 Irene Farrell 921-0590. Limit changed to 40.
 Sept. 9RESCHEDULED Boating, etc. at Dean Worcester's in
 Annapolis. Call Jean 830 9190
 Sept 19Monthly Meeting-Bob McNeill's Rockville home.
 Sept. 24.....Chili Cook-Off at the Evans. Call the Evans 620-0545.
 Oct. 1Octoberfest at the Leonhardt's. Limit 50, Call
 Evans 620-0545 to sign up early.

S K I T R I P S

MONT SUTTON Jan 14-21 Jack Peoples 840 2213
 CANAAN VALLEY Feb 3-4 Nancy Laymon 476 4262
 MONT TREMBLANT Feb 11-17 Jack Peoples 840 2213
 Val d'ISERE/COURMAYEUR Feb 24-Mar 11 Felkers 931 6843
 KILLINGTON Mar 18-24 Jack Peoples 840 2213

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