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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

The Christmas-New Year holiday was not full of snow for our PVS skiers in the local area. However, as our January meeting is going on, Wisp is having such a blizzard that the roads are closed. Let's get out and ski!

Speaking of skiing, at the Wisp 1 weekend there were two important events. Debbie, daughter of PVSer Dick Comerford, had her first ever skiing experience. She did so well that she passed PVS's "basic ski test" given by Larry Pease. Congratulations to Debbie for doing so well. In addition, Greg, son of Gail and Larry Pease, was accepted as a Junior Ski Patroler by the Oregon Ridge Metropolitan Ski Patrol on Saturday. This is good for PVS and skiing to see our younger members doing so well.

Ski safely - see you on the slopes!

Gail

Gail Pease, President

FEBRUARY MEETING - Refreshments...Friendship
Pictures

When: Tuesday, February 19. 8:00 P.M.

Where: NOT Shakeys as originally reported.

Instead, Adele Waggaman has kindly invited us to her new home at 5209 Cammack Drive Bethesda, Md.

DIRECTIONS: From Beltway, take River Road exit #39 for Washington. Go 4.1 miles to Western Avenue. Turn right on Western and go .7 miles to Westmoreland Circle. Turn right (west) on Massachusetts Avenue and go .4 mile to left on Newport Ave. Proceed 1 block to deadend and right on Cammack Drive. 5209 is third house on right.



PAST EVENTS

WINTER STEAK & SWIM by Club Gadabout

January 5th was cold, cold, cold everywhere-except in the super heated jacuzzi in Malda and Roy Elrods' swimming pool where 42 PVSers gathered for the first (annual, we hope) Winter S & S. Well, we didn't all gather in the jacuzzi at the same time though it seemed so. When not in the hot spot, a few tried the chilly pool water or snacked (what was that delicious Chinese hors d'oeuvre?) and wined from pool end tables. Next time, says Betty Comerford, she's taking shoes to wear at poolside after swimming - "those stones are cold in the winter!"

Steam from the jacuzzi - or was it from the hot bodies? - filled the bubble, adding an eerie, other worldly dimension to the scene. The Wyckoffs (Bob looking great) were there and having a good time, too, until Patty sat on Margaret's wine.

Snacking and pooling over, the guests made a run-for-your-life out of the bubble to the warmth of the indoors where not one but two roaring fires staved off hypothermia.

The steaks, cooked perfectly by Chef Roy, were super - "the best ever" everyone agreed. However, be it known that sleuth Knee McKinley will not rest until he finds out how 42 people ate 43 steaks. He requests that the guilty gourmand belch, please.

Thanks, Elrods, for another great S & S. It's nice to know we no longer have to wait a whole year between steaks. See you 'round the pool in July, we hope!

JANUARY MEETING by Lu Beale

PVSers had no trouble finding the Leonhardts' Potomac, Md. home for the January 15 meeting. It was the one with all the evergreens out front still festooned with Christmas lights. No, Barbara and Fred weren't early with their 1985 decorations, just a little late celebration of the '84 holidays.

They were making up for all those December days they missed while travelling (and skiing) in Europe and we were more than happy to prolong the season to be jolly. The house was aglow with Christmas spirit - and spirits. A 10' douglas fir on the enclosed porch, a 2' tree in the dining room, enormous fresh wreaths in the kitchen, all imaginatively trimmed, and delightful Christmas knick-knacks - often with ski motifs - were everywhere.

Delighted guests - about 50 of them - milled about admiring the ornaments while munching from Barbara's lavish buffet and sipping the usual sips. Not to be missed were the 85 stuffed animals in the bedroom - valuable, huggable collectibles gathered over the past 5 years of travel. Some were on skis, naturally.

Gail Pease conducted a brief business meeting after which we all took comfortable seats and prepared to view a film on the glories of skiing in Vermont. The lights dimmed but the screen remained bare. The projector had gone kaput. This left more time for socializing and eating, neither of which a true PVSer ever tires of. Thanks, Barbara and Fred, for your warm hospitality. Merry Christmas forever!



The Knee

by .

Ray McKinley

Well, finally the weather has turned more seasokneel and we are all off doing our favorite thing - skiing. As a matter of fact, as you are reading this the Knee, and many more of us, are skiing in France with the Wyckoffs.

This is a far cry from a month ago when Maggie Jarrett was a last minute attendee at Elrods' Winter Steak & Swim because her trip to Caanan Valley was canceled. And Dick Comerford after driving Gail and Larry Pease to Wisp drove right back without skiing. And the Heitchues complaining about the lack of enough snow in New England for good holiday skiing. (They should have gone further north - Ek and Sui Lou reported New Years at Canada's Gray Rocks was splendid.)

Speaking of the Heitchues, a few items from their second PVS Christmas party: Bing Poon brought a guest, Ann Williams from Ski Liberty. Ann is the first one I know to ski and come to a PVS meeting on the same day. It was also nice to chat with Mike Rysavy after too long an absence.

But that was last year and poor weather. This is ski season. Aase Berling has left organizing Grosvenor Park tennis to others and is in France. Bob Grasley, after leaving a friend in Florida, took off for Vail.

One final item from last year (he's said that before!): Fred and Barbara Leonhardt became PVS's first European skiers, skiing the Kaprun Glacier (near Zell am Zee) in mid December. They report it had

virtually the only skiing in Europe then. Speaking of the Leonhardts, they didn't get their basement completed for the January meeting - (maybe next year) - but they did get their Christmas tree up. They are into the wrong sport living on Jogrunner Court (or whatever).

I had a call from Aina Thomas who told me Jarlsberg cheese is made in Norway, not Switzerland as I reported. So, I made my first missteak. Actually, Aina originally told me it was made in Albania, but I told her I was - er - Balkan at that.

Some of us saw the new year in at the Barrys' toasty warm house. Don and Susannah Swaby had just completed their outdoor hot tub which, they reported, was also toasty.

For unknown reasons there was extensive conversation about earlobes. Apparently, those with attached earlobes (and those who are bald, claims Don) are further along the evolutionary chain. I know that also applies to those of us with attached Knees.

Great news for those of us going west on business. If you fly via Western Airlines, they permit free stopovers in Salt Lake City. Further, \$80 will provide 2 people with a shared room, a car and 2 lift passes good at any area ski resort.

Charlotte Reith is exhibiting in a show of handmade paper at the Athenium, 201 Prince St. Alexandria, through Feb. 15th. She is the only artist to have 3 pieces accepted. Kudos, Charlotte! All PVSers invited!

The Elrods' Winter Steak & Swim made a big splash as a new event. Everyone had fun and the rib-eye steaks were exceptionally delicious - so delicious that 42 PVSers managed to consume 43 of them.

Before he went into the pool, Dick Clark put on jogging gear and went for a lengthy (and, he claims, very chilling) run.

On being told that someone was out jogging, hostess Malda Elrod said, "Too bad people who jog don't have more to do." Malda, speaking as a jogger (or is it jogging as a speaker?) I would never say anything about your sport in which grown people spend hours trying to club a small ball into a hole. It would be so much more exercise to jog up the fairway and place the ball in the hole.

TOOT editor Lu Beale sent me a can of crisco. She wants me to do some shortkneeing of this column. So I'll stop already.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT:

In accordance with PVS bylaws, President Gail Pease appointed a nominating committee chairperson, Dorothy Mills, to select a committee of fellow PVSers and present a 1985-86 slate of candidates for president of the club and three executive committee positions.

The members of the nominating committee, besides the chairperson, were Nancy Garrett, Bob Marx, Dorothy and Jenckes Mason.

Their slate of candidates are:

President: Sheldon Drews

Executive

Committee: Lu Beale
Charles Huggins
Janet Marx

All candidates have agreed to serve, if elected. Club elections will be held at the April meeting.

Robin Wingrove, the ten year old skiing daughter of Barbara and Jim Wingrove, wrote the following special report for TOOT. We are happy to print it without editing and hope Robin will be a regular contributor to our pages.

THE JANUARY WISP SKI TRIP by Robin Wingrove

On January 11 through 13, a group of 20 PVSers went to Wisp. The snow conditions were great! The first two days it snowed, but that made it a little better. The last day was clear and sunny.

At the cottage, Vivian Barry was busy making wonderful meals. Jack Peoples was entertaining with stories and dancing. While Sal Mahallati took Laura Tepper's ear off. On Saturday night, the Pease's came over. Larry told everyone that he had a special surprise. Then he said, "Greg is now a Ski Patrol!". Everyone toasted to that with champagne.

Every night you could count on all the kids to be outside sledding with toboggans and having snowball fights. There was only one problems: Jack Peoples snoring! Everyone was amazed at the strange songs Brian and Eric Marx played. Some of the titles included "Yoda", "Grandma Got Ran Over by a Raindeer", and "Buggie in Your Butt"! All in all, I thought Jack was the life of the party. It was a great weekend!

CALENDAR

- February 19 ... Monthly Meeting at Adele Waggaman's. 8:00 P.M.
(Note that this meeting is NOT taking place at
Shakeys as originally planned.)
- February 26 ... ExCom at the Wyckoffs'. 7:30 P.M.
- March 19 ... Monthly Meeting at Charlotte Eddy's.
- March 26 ... ExCom at the Marx house. 7:30 P.M.
- April 16 ... Annual Meeting at the Englemans'. 8:00 P.M.

SKI TRIP *updates*

- Jan. 25 - Feb. 11 ... Wyckoffs' French Alps trip in progress.
- Feb. 15 - Feb. 18 ... Wisp 11 waitlisted. Call the Marx' (451-9158).
- Mar 2 - Mar. 16 ... Ski Aspen and "The Summit" in Colorado.
There is room for one male for first week.
Secpnd week is waitlisted. Call Norm
Engleman (299-2635).

PVS OFFICIERS

- President Gail Pease
- Vice President .. Sheldon Drews
- Secretary Irene Farrell
- Treasurer Margaret Wyckoff
- Membership Marilyn Clark
- Meetings Chairman Ray McKinley
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EXCOM

Second Term:

- Steve Grenleski
- Reg Heitchue
- Jim Wingrove

First Term:

- Mary Jane McCarthy
- Alice Swalm
- Bob Wyckoff

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HOUSE AT BYRCE FOR RENT - February 15 - February 22.
Sleeps 8. Has jacussi, sauna, fireplace, etc.
Weekdays: \$80 a day. Weekend: \$100 a day.
Call Roselee Ciccotelli. Home: 548-3028
Office: 679-2784.

Also available: The Peases' condo near Wisp has space some weekdays
and weekends. Call Larry or Gail. H: 620-4573. L: 435-6167. G: 924-5000.

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