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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

At the April Blue Ridge Ski Council meeting the President, Bill Levin, noted that BRSC had an "identity problem." When ski clubs invited to join BRSC wondered what it would do for them, few specifics came to mind.

PVS has found that BRSC sanctioning of its major ski trips is an asset. Also, discussions of the various aspects of ski club administration at the meetings provide our representatives with ideas and alert them to potential problems in this area.

If there are additional payoffs that we should expect from our BRSC membership, they should be proposed at its fall meeting.

Please discuss your ideas with our club's BRSC representatives Gail Pease, Bob Wyckoff or me.

Sheldon Drews, President

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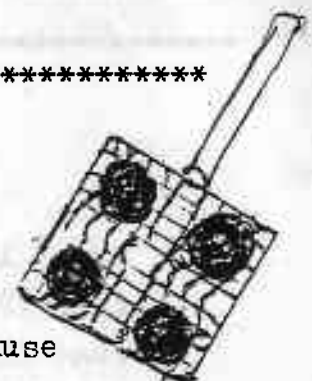
JUNE EVENT: PICNIC AND SWIM AT HADLER'S COTTAGE

Date: Saturday, June 15th. (Rain date: June 16th)

Time: 10:00 A.M. 'til dark. Supper served about 5 P.M.

Place: Jacques Hadler's cottage on Kent Island, Md.

Coordinator: Gail Pease. (O: 248-6624. H: 620-4573). Because of limited comfort room resources, this event is available to only 40 people and reservations are a must. If the weather is iffy call Jan Marx (451-9158) who will make a decision by 10 A.M. Saturday.



Bring: Salad or dessert. (Check with Gail.) Bring your own lunch if you come early. Also, bring swim gear and extra chair if you wish. For an approximate fee of \$4 soft drinks, beer, wine, hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided. Special rate for kids under twelve.

DIRECTIONS:

Go east from Annapolis on Rt. 50 over the Bay Bridge. At the first traffic light after the bridge, turn south on Rt. 8 on Kent Island. The Matapeake Public Recreation Ground entrance is 3 miles south of Rt. 50 (a public boat landing if you wish to launch your own boat). At the Kentmorr Airpark entrance, 5 miles south of Rt. 50, turn right back toward the bay. Take that road to Hadler's cottage. It's the only road - you can't go wrong. It's the blue (4th) cottage after the 90° left turn.

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# ☆☆ ACTIVITIES ☆☆

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## WHITE WATER RAFTING TRIP WEEKEND JUNE 22-23

COORDINATOR: DINA TAYLOR

Signed up participants who wish to take part with the group in the Saturday activities should arrive at the Grantsville Holiday Inn not later than 11 A.M. on June 22.

If you have questions, call Dina: H:301-663-6088. O:301-363-0300.  
Ext. 2650  
or, locally, Mary Jane McCarthy:H-949-3703. O-443-6520

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## STEAK & SWIM AT THE ELRODS - July 20th. (Rain date: July 21st.)

Coordinator: Sara Huggins (424-5725)

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## BOATING, SWIMMING AND PICNIKING AT THE FLAKES- Aug 24 (Rain date:Aug 25)

Coordinator: Charlotte Reith (765-1810).

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## CRABFEAST AT THE WINGROVES - September 1st. (Rain date: September 2nd.)

Coordinator: Dorothy Mills (527-5036).

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## CALENDAR

- June 15 ... Picnic & Swim at Hadler's cottage. (See page 1.)
- June 22-23 . Youghioghney Weekend. (See above.)
- June 25 ... ExCom at Alice Swalm's. 7:30 p.m.
- July 20 ... Steak & Swim at Elrods.
- July 23 ... ExCom at Sheldon Drews.
- Aug. 24 ... Outing at the Flakes' Annapolis home.
- Aug. 27 ... ExCom at Charlie Huggins. 7:30 P.M.
- Sept. 1 ... Crabfeast at the Wingroves.
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ANNIVERSARY DINNER - SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH

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PAST EVENTS

WHITE OAK CANYON

After rendezvousing at Cooper School and carpooling to the bottom of White Oak Canyon, 26 PVSer's and friends started up the trail. "Follow the blue!", cried our leader, Lu Beale, and, except for a few short cuts, we did just that. The weather couldn't have been nicer and the scenery just what our leader had promised -- fantastic. Even the mountain laurel was in full bloom. Jan Marx brought her Shenandoah Wild Flower book just so we would recognize a few others. The trail followed the mountain stream - one unending view of water cascading over the rocks, neat little swimming holes and, of course, the five or six falls for which the place is famous.

After several false stops for lunch, we found a picnic area with the best view of all. After lunch we continued fifteen minutes more to the top. There the hardy hikers separated to take the 2½ mile hike over the fire road to return via Cedar Run. The less hardy (and some would say smarter) hikers retraced their steps down White Oak Canyon where we found a brook by the wayside - ideal for cooling tootsies and enjoying the beer, wine, cheese and vienna bread which some thoughtful hikers had stashed away. A perfect ending to a perfect hike.

Wrong Way Farrell  
(one wrong turn and you get tagged for life)

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INTERNATIONAL DINNER-1985 by Jan Marx

"I ate too much again, but every bite was exquisite." We heard that comment more than once. Thanks to tasteful choices of food and wine, our palates went from one delight to the next. Three appetizers preceded the main attractions of Crabmeat Remoulade and Beef Tenderloin. These were followed by assorted desserts, one of which was Strawberry Shortcake which brings us to one of the main topics of the evening: How Desserts Came To Be Served At PVS:

It seems that there was a time when desserts were not a regular part of a PVS meal. One PVS weekend at Blueknob, the Burns, Copes, Carol, Aina and others had spent the rainy day passing the time by passing food past their lips. Pat and Don had dinner duty and presented the group with a humongus, post-skiing meal. All were saying, "No way could I eat another thing!" Whereupon Mischievous Pat stood up and said, "OK, now for dessert we have, strawberry shortcake, apple pie a-la-mode, and cheesecake".....expecting to be turned down by all. Surprise....EVERYONE proceeded to give their orders for the fictitious delights. Since then, no blue-blooded PVSer has dared serve a meal without dessert.

Other tabletalk: \* Reg Heitchue finally has his dream Mercedes. Jean likes it too, but we hear that when Reg goes out of town, he removes the rotors so she can't drive it!! \* It was the majority opinion that Mort Kuff was unprofound during dinner. \* Don Swaby, who is saving corks, certainly found a rich source at the Copes. Where are you sticking them, Don? \* Learned that Charlotte Reith is rowing in her skull. \* We were issued one fork for the evening and the challenge was to remember to keep it for all courses. Karen Felker was on an errand when Pat came around to check if we all had clean forks for dessert. Knox looked at Karen's slightly dirty utensil and decided it needed improvement so he licked it clean for her. Did you know that Karen?

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PAST EVENTS

TREKKING THE BILLY GOAT by Adele Waggaman

Leader Lu Beale ordered up a glorious, clear summer day on May 4th for the annual hike up and down the Billy Goat Trail. Some twenty four PVSers and friends (plus honorary -or is she applicant?- member Josephine) assembled at the parking lot opposite Old Angler's Inn and away we went.

Those of us troubled by vertigo were afraid to watch Bob Grasley demonstrate yet another talent - rock climbing. Also, it seemed to some of us (especially Karen) that Knox Felker chose to get awful close to the edge to admire the views.

Though most of us had been there before, we tend to forget the breathtaking views from the various lookout spots high above the Potomac. We stopped for lunch and watched a group of novice climbers rappelling on the rocks across the river.

Given the perfect weather we were surprised by the relatively few people we met on the trail. However, they were out in full force on the tow path.

We finished the day by hiking on up to Great Falls and then back to Old Angler's where much needed liquid refreshments gave us strength to return to the less exciting tasks awaiting us at home.

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MAY MEETING by Helen Price

Yes, as feared, the azalias had "bloomed out" at the Barrys' on Tuesday May 21. As had the irises, peonies and a few other blossoms. But those of us who attended the meeting did see the mockoranges and honeysuckle in full bloom as we gathered on the back patio of the Barry home where we enjoyed surveying the many plants and trees as numerous birds serenaded us.

But, en route to the patio, we paused at the gourmet table set up in the dining room by our professional caterer, Vivian. It held every thing from marinated mushrooms, caviar, crab quiche, and on and on through several fabulous deserts. How can PVSers be expected to lose weight with such tempting gourmet dishes presented for our consumption?

The meeting was called to order by Sheldon Drews outside on the patio but we soon had to move indoors with the arrival of the predicted thunder storm. The heavy downpour made for an extended time of conversation among the guests who later took leave with sincere appreciation once again for the famous Barry hospitality.

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Best wishes to Tony Soler who is home recovering from recent surgery. Keep on with the good recovery, Tony, and come to some of our great upcoming events. They're bound to help!

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## The Knee

by

Ray Mckinley



Here it is June and we are just ending our skiing. Lots of PVSers tried to claim the title of latest skier but in any "contest" there can be only one winner.

So, as they say in beauty contests, the fifth runner up is Maggie Jarrett who skied in Vail the first week in April. She reported 90 minute lift lines at the gondola. Maggie, that doesn't even count as skiing, that's standing. Ouch.

Fourth runner up is Kirk Burns who skied Mt Sutton through April 10. Third runner up, missing our mid-April annual meeting while skiing at Snowbird, is Norm Engelman. Second runner up, skiing in Zermatt as late as April 26, is the team of Vince & Judy Macaluso. Earlier, Vince tried to ski the Haute Route to Chamoknee but couldn't find rental shoes large enough for his size 11 feet. Can we now call him Big Foot?

First runner up is a most important spot as he/she must replace the winner if the winner appears in sexy pictures in Penthouse Magazine. Our first runner up award is a dead heat between Reg Heitchue who skied at Alta and Ted Cardwell who closed down Brighton on April 27th.

And, ta ta, the winner, who assured me he is available for sexy poses in Penthouse, is Dick Comerford. He skied at Arapaho May 20. Asked about conditions, Dick stated "It was a little slushy at the bottom."

While all of this was going on, Alice Swalm was a non-contender while not skiing in Greece.

Speaking of not skiing, neither Doris Mair, Don or Pat Cope skied at all this past winter. A knee kneedle to all of you.

And, speaking of needles, Karen Felker, who was one of 4 PVSers to complete the long version of the White Oak hike, did it after a successful acupuncture treatment recommended by her doctor.

And, speaking of doctors, Bill Stecher (and family) are selling

Rockville house and moving to Germaknee. Bill has joined the army and will soon report to a military hospital there. Clearly, skiing played no part in their decision.

Aina Thomas recently became a sexagenarian. (Aina, see Dick Comerford above). Julie King came down from Pennsylvania to help her celebrate and Jan Marx made a kneat soft sculpture of Aina skiing into a tree (duplicating a picture of Aina taken "several" years ago). The sculpture came equipped with a miniature PVS hat and skis called "Treeseekers." Splendid!

Although this was the earliest International Dinner on record, the Copes' late blooming azalias were in full bloom as usual. How could they predict the warm weather months in advance? Certainly better than the club did in scheduling our azalia-viewing-meeting at the Barrys for May 21 when their azalias and most of their rhododendron were gone. The food, as usual, was excellent at both events.

We've talked of changing the name of the club to PVS & E for Potomac Valley Skiers & Eaters. After these two events, Marilyn Clark suggests it might better be PVE & S! And Bob Marx suggested that the cookbook supplement be an exercise.

The Heitchues are proud owners of a new mercedes 450SL, and the Flakes missed the May meeting in order to shop for a new car to replace Glade's 280ZX which was totaled.

You've heard of tennis elbow? Pat Cricenti fell hard while playing and reports a tenknee. I love it.

Lu Beale didn't bring her dog Josie on the White Oak hike because she got a ticket for bringing Josie on Old Rag a week earlier. Dogs, even leashed, are not allowed on those two popular trails. (Lu, you could have just put Josie in your knapsack.)

While, looking over a precipice on the hike and thinking about falling, Knox Felker noted that "Gravity will get you down." Gravity can be a real downer, retorted another.

Bob Barry is back in Geneva having a difficult time deciding if on the Fourth of July he'll go to Paris or go glacier skiing at Les Dirablets. Decisions, decisions.

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# !! SKI TRIPS !!

ALTA-SNOWBIRD FEBRUARY 28 - MARCH 10

Gorman Young invites you to join him for 9 glorious days of skiing in the "powder capital" of the west. He is holding reservations for 6 double rooms at the fabulous Alta Peruvian Lodge in Alta, Utah. This is a classic ski lodge in the old tradition, in operation since 1948, serving 3 bountiful meals a day and providing sauna, heated outdoor pool, gameroom, bar and lounge.

Daily rates per person, double occupancy, are \$82 for a room with basin (bath on hall) and \$103 per day for room with bath. The rates include lift tickets, gratuities, and taxes. No single rooms are available. Lift tickets are good for Alta, Snowbird and Park City.

Round trip air fare - about \$350 to Salt Lake City. Limo service is about \$12 one way from airport - 45 minutes to Alta. (Snowbird is one mile away.) Regular shuttle bus service is available.

Gorman must have \$100 deposit by July 1st to hold reservations. Liberal cancellation policy. Early reservations are a must to get a March reservation because of scarcity of lodging and the great popularity of Alta in March. Additional rooms can probably be obtained if there is sufficient demand as long as requests are made early enough.

For details, call Gorman Young 202-244-2319.

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SWITZERLAND LATE MARCH - EARLY APRIL

Vince Macaluso writes: "Will you join me for some ski mountaineering next spring in the Valois region of Switzerland? I plan to do it from about March 26 through April 9th.

"I'm pretty flexible about the itinerary. We could use Zermatt as home base, staying at the Hotel Bahnhof - a kind of rendezvous for climbers - and do some of the Haute Route.

"Most of the special equipment needed can be rented - if your feet are not too big! Any intermediate can handle this kind of skiing. It does take quite good physical condition but I don't plan to go with any group that seeks to break a record or climb new heights.

"If you are interested, let's talk it over." Call Vince at 265-4903.

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AUSTRIA January 24th - February 9th

BRSC Sanctioned

See accompanying flyer!!!

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UTAH '86 February 8 - February 22

BRSC SANCTIONED

Norm Engelman promises the best powder on earth. Accomodations in Salt Lake City. 11-day lift tickets cover 8 areas. Call Norm 299-2635.

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MT. SUTTON, CANADA Plans being made!

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# !! SKI TRIPS !!

CORTINA, ITALY

MARCH 7 - 22, 1986

BRSC SANctioned.

Dina Taylor, leader of this grand trip to glamorous Cortina D'Ampezzo, sends along this update on trip plans:

"Without an increase in price, we will be staying at the luxurious, close to main lift, four star Grand Hotel Savoia, famed for outstanding service and cuisine. Besides excellent dinners we will have the choice of American style breakfasts instead of just continental. Also, a DOLOMITY ski pass for 6 days has been added as part of package.

"Further, the departure date from Washington has been moved up to Friday, March 7th. The return date, at present, remains Saturday, March 22. There is a possibility, depending on the performance at La Scala (every other day), that we may extend a day and return on Sunday, March 23.

"Due to the addition of one day, the present tentative price for the trip is \$1,370, double occupancy. For a single room in Cortina, add \$100. The package includes all transportation, accomodations, breakfasts and dinners in Cortina, breakfast in Milan, a 6 day ski pass, plus pre- during and post trip parties.

"To reserve a space, send deposit of \$50 (payable to "PVS Cortina") to Dina Taylor, 8403 Stonehouse Rd., Frederick, MD 21701. The deposit is refundable until a formal flyer is released." For more information call Dina: H-301-663-6089. O-301-363-0300. Ext 2650 Or, locally, Mary Jane McCarthy: H:949-3703. O-443-6520

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STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO

Jim and Barbara Wingrove are organizing a late February ski trip to Steamboat Springs, Colorado. They skied this resort last winter with their family and found the skiing and accommodations just right for PVSers. Steamboat Springs is a large mountain with slopes to meet all skiing levels. The accommodations are slope side. Ski out in the morning and ski in whenever you want to jump in the hot pool.

Steamboat also has a Kids Ski Free Program which enables children 12 and under to ski free with parents purchasing a five or more day lift ticket and staying a minimum of five nights at any participating lodge. Children will also stay free in the same lodging room with their parents.

Tentative plans have been made to schedule this trip February 22, through March 1, 1986. The final trip price has not been finalized, but we hope to have the best price available.

If you are interested in going on this trip, please contact Jim or Barbara Wingrove at the following numbers:

Home: 762-4887 Work: 670-1050

"We look forward to having you join us!"

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