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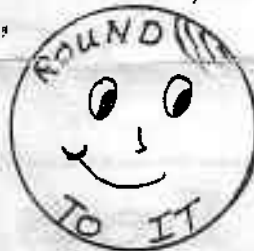
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

September 19, I attended my first Blue Ridge Ski Council meeting which was beautifully hosted by the Baltimore Ski Club. I was impressed by the many clubs that were represented and found that there is a lot going on in the ski world.

We have a full schedule of tantalizing big trips this season and are planning two and maybe three local trips.

Our membership renewals are doing well but this is the last month of our drive. For all of you who haven't reserved your space in our unique club,

here is your...



Janet

Janet Marx, President

MONTHLY MEETING

Tuesday
October 20th
8 P.M.

Where: Home of Myra and Ken Evans
3146 Cobb Hill Lane
Oakton, Va.
Tel: 620-0545

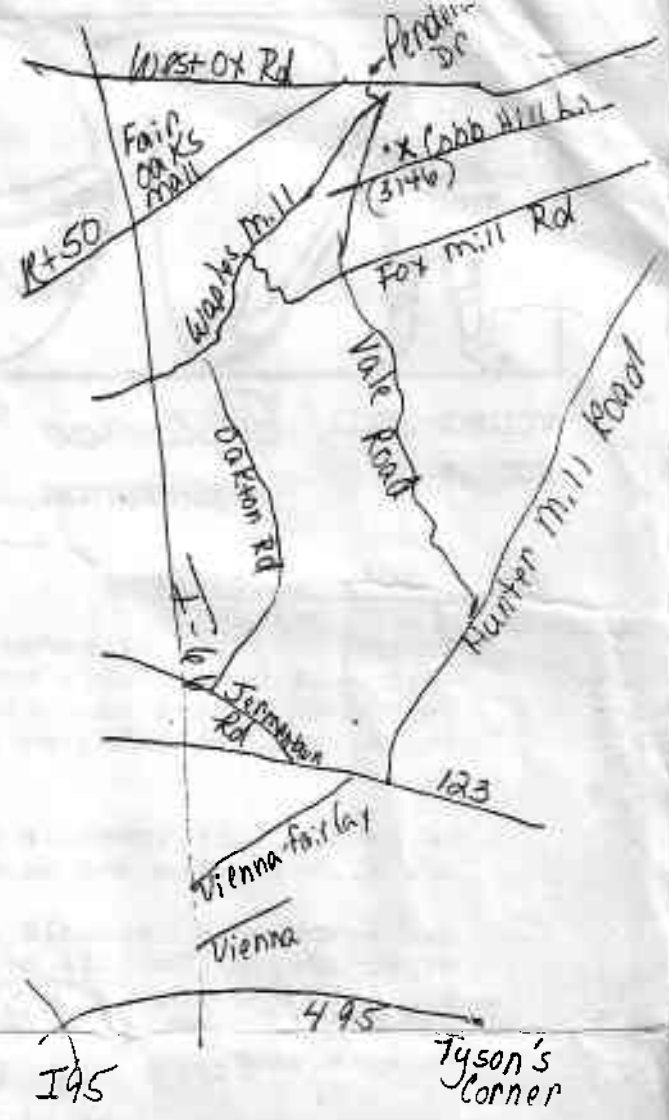
FUN...EATS...DRINKS...CHITTER-CHATTER

PLUS
A MOVIE TO BE PROVIDED
BY OUR
NEW MOVIE MOGUL -

ROSEMARY SOLER
SEE NEXT PAGE FOR DIRECTIONS
To THE EVANS HOME



DIRECTIONS TO
THE EVANS HOME
FOR OCTOBER
MEETING



From the Beltway take I-66 WEST toward Front Royal. Take the THIRD EXIT (Winchester/Dulles) onto Rt 50 (Fair Oaks Mall will be on your left). At the first traffic light, turn RIGHT onto WEST OX ROAD. Go about 3/4 mile and turn RIGHT onto PENDERWOOD DR. Go to the end of the street and turn LEFT onto WAPLES MILL ROAD. Go about 1/4 mile and turn RIGHT onto VALE ROAD. Go 1 mile and turn LEFT onto COBB HILL LANE. We are the second house on the left (3146). From Fairfax, take Rt. 50 to West Ox and from Vienna or Oakton, use Vale Road. If you get lost, call 620-0545.



Coming Events

FALL FOLIAGE HIKE WITH DINNER AT THE MILLERS

When: Sunday, October 18th. 8:30 A.M.
RAIN OR SHINE!!

Limited to 40. Call the Millers by October 13 to check for available space. (533-7651)

Cost: Approximately \$8.50

What: Led by Frank Shelburne and Lu Beale we will climb Signal Knob in the Massanutten and return by the same route for a distance of 9 miles. The climb will be rewarded with fine views of the Shenandoah valley with, we hope, lots of color. We will end the day at the Millers' home in nearby Strasburg where Shahrsad promises an Iranian style repast.

Directions: We will meet at the Cooper School just inside the beltway at Exit 13, Rte 193 (Georgetown Pike). The school is on the right side of #193 (going towards town) on Balls Hill Rd. You can arrange your carpooling here.

Time: 8:30 A.M.

Bring: Lunch, including beverage and spare drinking water; warm clothing in case it gets cold after dark; rain gear insurance.

Special Events

WINTERFEST DINNER

This year, the usual Harvest Dinner, will be a WINTERFEST DINNER (after the harvest is in). It will be held on Saturday December 5th and, thanks to Karen and Knox Felker, will take place in the party room at Skyline House East.

Marilyn Clark is coordinator. Call her (978-9435) to reserve one of the 49 places. Marilyn will tell you what to bring.

Travel directions in November TOOT.

GREAT FALLS, VIRGINIA, HIKE WITH CHILI AT THE MCKINLEYS

Saturday, December 12th.

This always fun event is limited to 20 and is already virtually fully subscribed.

Call Ray McKinley (527-7126)

Directions in November TOOT.

Also, please note Ray's new office number: 482-1979

PVS MATINEE AT THE KENNEDY CENTER

LES MISERABLES, winner of eight 1987 Tony awards including "Best Musical", returns to the Opera House at the Kennedy Center in 1988.

Les Miserables is a hot ticket both in London and on Broadway. Join the PVS group for the Saturday matinee on August 6, 1988.

Ticket price: \$40.00. Tickets are limited.

Send check made out to PVS along with a self-addressed, stamped envelope to:

Steve Grenleski
13422 Tamarack Rd.
Silver Spring, Maryland 20904

Telephone: 384-9013

SKI-O-REE WINTER CARNIVAL Canaan Valley, January 29-31, 1988

BRSC

Join the others who have already signed up. Racing, fun events, and free skiing.

Cost: \$100 = DO, 2 nights, 2 breakfasts, 1 dinner, 2 parties, 2hr. ice skating.

We need to reserve rooms NOW! Call Dina Taylor O: 427-3227 H: 301-663-6089

CALENDAR

- Oct. 3 ... Oktoberfest at the Wyckoffs
- Oct. 13 ... Fall Hike/Dinner with the Millers. See page 2.
- Oct. 20 ... Monthly Meeting at the Evans. 8:00 P.M. See page 1.
- Oct. 27 ... ExCom at the Ufholz. 7:30 P.M.
- Nov. 17 ... Monthly Meeting at Adele Waggaman's home. 8:00 P.M.
- Nov. 24 ... ExCom at Bette Walker's home. 7:30 P.M.
- Dec. 5 ... Winterfest Dinner. See above.
- Dec. 12 ... Great Falls Hike/Chili at the McKinleys. See above.
- Dec. 15 ... Monthly Meeting at the Heitchues. 8:00 P.M.
- Jan 29-31, 1988 ... BRSC Ski-O-Ree. See above.
- Aug. 6, 1988 ... Les Miserables at the KenCen. See above.



PAST EVENTS

PVS CRAB-OUT by Rosemary Soler

Sunday, September 6 dawned with a steady drizzle which turned into a full-throated downpour at mid-morning; but did this daunt the resourceful Wingroves? Of course not. They simply converted their ample two-car garage into a banquet hall for the 30 odd PVSers that showed up for the Club's annual crab feast.

The Wingroves' beautiful mini-estate in Potomac looked just as beautiful in the rain and as it slacked off we gathered around the beer, wine and snacks in the driveway and exchanged summer travelogues and perused Janet & Bob Marx' great pictures of the boating picnic at Dean Worcester's Severn River home in August. Also a prime conversation piece was Jim Wingrove's vintage 50's Thunderbird, parked in the driveway, which has been completely restored with a rebuilt engine and a gleaming white paint job. What elegance!

After the usual drinking interval wound-down, Jim produced a huge tub of steamed crabs, Barbara put forth pots of Silver Queen corn and the gals readled the salad table, we all "fell to" and crabbed-out with gusto! Jan Marx was the champion picker and eater again this year. Charlotte Eddy, a Norfolk girl, was very astute at operating on the critters with optimal effect. Then, of course, the desert table was hit hard as it always is with much oohing and aahing over the delectable goodies.

Thanks again Barbara and Jim for a super party. We appreciate all the hard work put forth for this event.

Monthly Meeting at the Waln's - Irene Farrell

The monthly meeting was hosted by Chris and Janet Waln on September 15. Forty five members arrived to discuss ski plans, enjoy the delicious finger food and sip their favorite beverages. (Janet - how about sharing those recipes for the delicious salmon puffs and great cream cheese dip - perhaps we could have an addendum to the PVS Cookbook).

Jan Marx held a 3 minute meeting. Dina Taylor and Reg Heitchue discussed their ski trips indicating there was still space available. Jack Peoples had left word that he, too, had space available.

Ray McKinley reviewed future events and reported that the last big cultural event was so successful, there would be another this year - to see Les Miserables.

We were then presented with a dilemma - a choice between watching a History of Skiing (from rope tows and Hans Brinker pants to the feats on Tuckermans Ravine) and the comedy capers at the Worcester event in Annapolis - The Marx's provided the slides on Dean's place and the Waln's the VCR on skiing.

We all join in in thanking Janet and Chris for sharing their lovely home with us and hope they will invite us back.



THE KNEE

by
Ray McKinley

You know how a particular visual stimulus can evoke a complete recall of an event? It happened to me while reading last month's Presidential poem on membership. Poetknee!

Some four years ago in an attempt to spur membership (and to prove I knew about all those poetic terms like automatedpoea and illiteration) the Knee created the epic "Ode to PVS Membership." After reading Jan's poem, the entire three verses came flooding back in my memorknee. It is repeated herewith.

The Knee
isn't free.
You must pay for me
by rejoining PV

S

Now, you can join a big ski club
or you can join a slight one.
Or you can join a black ski club
Or you can join a white one.
But it's best for you to be
In our PVS, "the club with a Knee.
The club with a Knee
The club with a Knee.
PVS --
the club to be
in.

I do hope you didn't find that too odekneeous (yes, I realize that that is reaching).

A special plea to Knee readers: please join now. I kneed you.

Don't expect to see Margaret and Bob Wyckoff at the next several meetings. They are taking a tax course on Tuesday evenings. Hope it isn't too taxing. They will certainly be "withholding" comments for a while but maybe it will increase their social security. Janet Wain is not taking this course.

Ray and Nancy Garrett have been extremely preoccupied lately with their new boat, a 25' cabin cruiser with a 225 HP engine. Now, that's cruising.

Jack Peoples, on his return from skiing in Chile and visiting Peru, ended up with a whopping case of

whatever is the equivalent of Montezuma's Revenge.

Janet Wain did not come down with Montezuma's Revenge.

PVS just got its first ever applicant absentee member, Jerry Clapp, a personal friend from San Diego. All other absentee members are current members who have moved away. Jerry has never been a member but visits here a lot and attends meetings, I wonder if this will create a bylaw crisis.

Norm and Mary Engleman are recently back from Alaska, as is Nancy Monacelli. Charlie Gordon was there last summer. All loved it. Perhaps a PVS summer cruise? All told me they saw the cloud-shrouded mountain which is my namesake. I've never heard of Mt. Knee! (But, I suspect it's in Denalknee Park.)

Good news. Jack Lilly is now recovered and plans to ski in Vail with Ron Fett this Christmas. Janet Wain will not be there.

Several PVSers have recently retired (obviously implying that they were tired once before!). Alice Swain has just unretired. She recently took a part time job in the District as a bookkeeper. (Or, did she say bookmaker?)

Several years ago, PVS held an August (but not necessarily august) ExCom meeting at Adele Waggaman's summer home on Martha's Vineyard. We didn't quite do that again, but almost. The September ExCom meeting this year was held at Dick and Betty Comerford's new home in Leesburg, Virginia. As was the case in getting to the Vineyard, some of us even arrived by way of ferry (in this case, White's Ferry). Considering the time many of us arrived home on a work night we should hold Leesburg meetings frequently - say every five years or so.

The meeting at Chris and Janet Wains was splendid. Several of us were surprised to find it was Chris who did the kneedlepoint. Hostess Janet Wain told me that when she gets TOOT she first scans the Knee to see if her name is underlined, if so she reads it. I bet you read this Knee, Janet Wain.

The Literary Page

The following poem came to Toot via a chain of readers which included Kirk Burns and Dina Taylor. We're not sure where this reprint comes from but we know every skier will relate to it

THE SONG OF THE SKI

by Wilson MacDonald in "Out of the Wilderness"

Norse am I when the first snow falls,
 Norse am I till the ice departs
 The curved wind wraps me like a cloud,
 The pines blow out their ghostly smoke.
 I'm high on the hill and ready to go,
 A wingless bird in a world of snow,
 Yet I'll ride the air
 With a dauntless dare
 That only a child of the norse can know.
 The bravest ski has a cautious heart
 And moves like a tortoise at the start,
 But when it tastes the tang of the air
 It leaps away like a frightened hare.
 The day is gloomy, the curtain half drawn,
 And light is stunted as at the dawn:
 But my foot is sure and my arm is drawn.
 I poise on the hill and wave adieu:
 My curving skiis are firm and true,

The slim wood quickens, the air takes fire
 And sings to me like a gypsy's lyre.
 Swifter and swifter grows my flight.
 The dark pines ease the unending white.
 The lean cold birches as I go by,
 Are like blurred etchings against the sky,
 One am I for a moment's joy
 With the falling star and the plunging bird.
 And glad am I, as I near the leap,
 That the snow is fresh and the banks are deep.
 Come, ye maids of the vanity-box,
 Come, ye men of the stifling air
 The white snow calls you everywhere.
 Come, ye lads of the lounge and chair
 And gird your feet in the valiant skiis
 And mount the stead of the winter air
 And hold the reins of the winter breeze.

AND ON A LIGHTER NOTE --

Every editor, and especially a newsletter editor, likes to know that there are other people out there making spelling and grammatical errors in print.

The following are some which appeared originally in various parish newsletters and were reprinted by the Diocese of Rochester. Although they are not ski related, we hope they amuse you.

"That afternoon there will be a meeting in the north and south ends of the church. Children will be baptized at both ends."

"On Sunday, a special collection will be taken to defray the cost of the new carpet. All those wishing to do something on the new carpet are asked to come forward and get a piece of paper."

"Congratulations to Ed Johnson who has been sinning in the choir for the past twenty years."

"The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind, and they may be seen in the church basement."

"This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mr's Brown to come forward and lay an egg on the altar."

Charlie Huggins again passes along info on local ski areas;

RESORT	SNOW COND #	VERTICAL DROP (in feet)	# OF TRAILS	LONGEST RUN	HOURS FROM WASH.	HOURS FROM BALT.	NIGHT SKIING
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MARYLAND

Braddock Hgts.	(301) 371-7131	250	3	1,300'	1	1	Thurs-Sat
Wisp	(800) 492-1060 (MD) (800) 638-1070 (DC & VA)	610	16	2 mi.	3 1/2	3 1/2	Tues-Fri

PENNSYLVANIA

Big Boulder	(717) 722-0140	475	12	2,900'	4	3 1/2	Tues-Sat
Blue Knob	(800) 458-3403	1,052	14	3,200'	3 1/2	3 1/2	Yes
Camelback	(800) 233-8100	800	23	1 mi.	5	4 1/2	Yes
Elk Mountain	(800) 233-4131	1,000	17	2 mi.	5	4 1/2	No Sun
Hidden Valley	(800) 458-0174	450	10	3,500'	3 3/4	3 1/2	Yes
Jack Frost	(717) 443-8425	600	16	3,000'	4	3 1/2	No
Seven Springs	(814) 352-7777	997	19	1 1/2 mi.	3 1/2	3 1/2	Yes
Shawnee Mtn.	(800) 233-4218	700	11	1 mi.	4 1/2	3 3/4	No
Ski Liberty	(800) 233-1134	600	14	5,300'	1 1/4	1 1/4	Yes
Ski Roundtop	(800) 233-1134	550	12	4,100'	2 1/2	1 1/2	Yes

VIRGINIA

Bryce Mtn.	544-8414	500	4	3,500'	2 1/4	3	No Sun
The Homestead	(800) 336-5771	700	5	4,200'	4	5	No
Massanutten	(800) 336-4081	795	9	1 mi.	2 3/4	3 1/4	Yes
Wintergreen	(804) 325-2100	1,003	10	4,450'	3	3 1/2	Yes

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