

VOLUME XLIV
NUMBER 9

Potomac Valley Skiers, Inc. SEPTEMBER, 1982
WASHINGTON MARYLAND VIRGINIA

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

The first snow of the new season! If you didn't see it on August 14 it is only because you weren't with our family in Banff National Park in Alberta, Canada. On that morning we had a 5-10 minute snow squall during a hike up to some glacial lakes. Both that morning and the previous one, the higher peaks had received enough new snow to make them dazzle in the sun---things are looking good for those of you signed up on Norm Engleman's trip! We also saw many of the ski areas from Jackson, Wyoming to Marmot Basin near Jasper, Alberta. While they were mostly green and grassy now, they held the promise of super skiing days in the weeks to come.

For those of us who will spend the next few months here in the "banana belt", all is not lost, however. Our PVS fall season is chock full of meetings and events to lead us into the new ski season. See the calendar on page 5 and make sure YOU are signed up for all possible activities.

Bob

Bob Marx, President

SEPTEMBER EVENT: CHEESE AND WINE TASTING AT THE ENGLEMAN'S

When: Tuesday, September 21st. 8:00 p.m.

What: A sampling of special wines and cheeses chosen by Don and Pat Cope, hosted by Mary and Norman Engleman at their elegant Potomac, Maryland chateau. Also, monthly meeting and a showing of Grasley slides, old and new.

Cost: Approximately \$6 per person.

Coordinator: Call Charlotte Reith (765-1810) by Sept. 19th to insure that the right amounts of wine and cheese are ordered.



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 (Chez Engleman). If lost, call 299-2635.

BEAL

Oktoberfest

When: Saturday, October 2nd at 4 p.m.

What: Annual October merrymaking at the Wyckoffs. Authentic German sausages ... potato salad... pflaumen kuchen (plum cake)... beer... beer... beer. Plus lots of oompah music to dance & eat by.

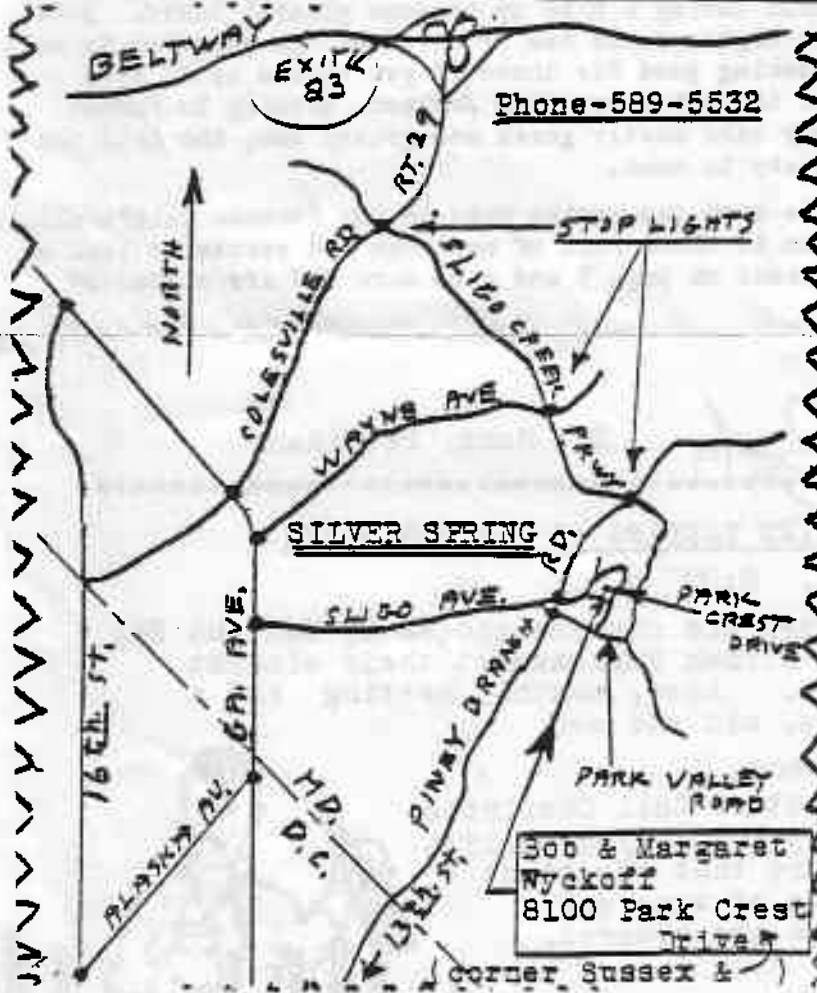
Where: At Margaret and Bob Wyckoff's in Silver Spring.

Cost: Approximately 6 dollars per person.

Coordinator: Call Mary Lee Grasley (460-3167) by Sunday, Sept. 26th. (Margaret needs head count in order to order sausages.)

Note: Bring your own eating utensils and plate and, if you wish, your own beer mug. Lederhosen & dirndl optional.

DIRECTIONS TO 8100 PARK CREST DRIVE, SILVER SPRING, MD.:



OOMPAH!
OOMPAH!

BEALE



OOMPAAH!
OOMPAAH!

SEPT SEPTEMBER 24-26: WEEKEND AT REHOBOTH

With 38 people already signed on, this event is now fully subscribed. If you would like to be wait listed call Bob or Vivian Barry (560-3127).

**Special
Event**

Special OCTOBER Event

FALL FOLIAGE HIKE WITH DINNER AT THE MASONS

- When: Saturday, October 16th. Rain date: Sunday, October 17th.
- What: Another great hike planned and led by Dot and Jenckes Mason in the Massanutten - the exact route to be announced later (but it won't be the Signal Knob circuit). There will be a choice of long or short trail with beer at the end to revive all. Lu Beale and Frank Shelburne will assist the leaders on the trail. After the hike, the participants will caravan to the Mason's home near the Shenandoah river where Dot will have the usual fabulous dinner ready to serve in the time it takes to down a beer.
- Time: 8 a.m. at the Cooper School just inside the Beltway at Exit 13, Rte 193 (Georgetown Pike). The school is on the right side of Rte 193 at Balls Hill Road. Carpooling will be arranged there.
- Bring: Lunch including beverage and spare drinking water. Warm clothing in case it gets cold after sundown. Rain gear is good insurance for good weather.
- Cost: About \$5 to pay the share-the-cost dinner. Also, carpooling contribution.
- Reservation: Trip is limited to forty and reservations for dinner are a must so there will be enough food. Call Dot or Jenckes Mason (652-4313) by Wednesday, October 13th.

PAST EVENTS

Steak and Swim at the Elrods by Alice Swalm

Washington's infamous heat and humidity were quickly forgotten by the 85 PVSers and guests who assembled at the Eldod's pool for the annual steak and swim bash. Neither Roy nor Malda seemed intimidated by the record number of participants as they valiantly broiled steaks, served salads and luscious cakes until all were satiated. Roy was overheard saying that this was the first time in 13 years there was salad left for him!

The Elrods and all guests can thank Jean Heitchue for her excellent job coordinating the event - especially the salad bar - but we bet Jean won't want to see another leaf of lettuce for at least a year.

Seen and heard at poolside: Marilyn Clark collecting checks in her new role as membership chairman while Gail Pease relaxed for a change..... Hank Thomas teaching small fry how to do a back flip.... The Cook family from Austria greeting old friends and meeting new.... The Wyckoffs talking about a forthcoming trip to Greece.... Norm Engleman staying out of the water because of recent ear surgery.... lots of enthusiastic talk about this summer's sailing trip and next winter's ski plans....and so on and so on until darkness came, the pool was lighted and guests reluctantly began saying goodnight to Roy and Malda and thanking them again for this super day.

The Knee

by

Ray McKinley



Summers are the pits (generally thought of as arm pits not knee pits, but you get the

idea). This summer was one of the most comfortable on record but that made it only marginally more bearable.

I - as many of you - took my year's vacation last February. Now, during the dog days of summer, it's somewhat disconcerting to hear others discussing their vacations at Nags Head or Rehoboth or wherever. I would certainly prefer skiing to a week getting sunburned and sore. (Otherwise I'd take summer vacations like everyone else.) But the constant talk of the beach can get me down so I close my office door. People think I'm sulking but I'm not. I'm staring at the ski poster on the back of the door and thinking of next February - when I, too, can go out and get sunburned and sore.

Speaking of skiing, Bob and Mary Lee Grasley are running a ski trip next winter, not a "ski" trip. In previous years, they have done "ski" Morocco, "ski" Poland, "ski" Georgia (not South Georgia and the Falklands - that was the Knee's trip), and "ski" Jamaica. This coming year it is ski Grand Targhee and Jackson Hole. Right on! So as not to wreck their image, they plan to run their trip incog-kneeto.

The Knee is also pleased to hear that the Wyckoffs set a somewhat lower limit on this coming winter's trip than last year's 55 people who were packed a bit closeknee on the bus.

Charlotte Reith's daughter Kathryn is recently returned from being the first American girl to compete at prestigious Henley on Thames in the two person shell and that's despite the fact that when she was younger Charlotte tried to dissuade her from playing Row Row Row your Boat. I understand Kathryn's favorite commentator is Carl Rowan.

Reg Heitchue is also recently returned from his first European trip. The skiing would've been better in 3 or 4 months, Reg.

Do you believe 85 people at a PVS event? Well, there they all were at the Elrod's Steak and Swim in July. This broke the previous record of 72 at the same event last year. All it takes is a tremendous amount of effort by the Elrods. What a couple! What an event!

The Stimlers showed up only briefly at the Steak and Swim since they were on their way to Ocean City to go swimming??!!?? The Cooks, friends of the Wyckoffs from Austria, were also there.

Speaking of the Wyckoffs, daughter Patti finally, after months of trying, managed to get both parents to a PVS event and Margaret didn't even miss the plane home.

Aina Thomas was scurrying around during most of the event chiding people into paying for their steaks. John Pulos "rebelled" against paying but Aina's charms finally won him over. Speaking of charms, Norm Engleman told Aina he only had money in his car. Aina said, "I'll go to your car with you anytime."

Observation: each year Heidi Stecher looks more like her Mom Elke. Thank God, not like Papa Bill!

Rumor has it there was a secret, very lengthy ExCom meeting on Martha's Vineyard in mid-August. And Vivian Barry whipped up some great meals while there. Also, while on the Vineyard, Bob Grasley happened onto a nude beach. It's not true that Sheldon Drews said Bob should have gone to an old beach.

The Knee visited Paddy and Shirley Frucht in their new adobe hacienda in Santa Fe recently. They are coming along just dandy and don't miss D.C. humidity at all.

I realize this is not one of my punkneeier columns. But, it's hard to be funknee when you're sitting in your office with the door closed, staring at a ski poster.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 21 ... Wine & Cheese Party at the Englemans. 8 p.m.
 September 24-26 ... Rehoboth Beach Party. Barrys leading. (560-3127).
 September 28 ... ExCom Meeting at Charlotte Reith's. 7:30 p.m.
 October 2 ... Oktoberfest at the Wyckoffs. 4 p.m.
 October 8-10 ... Chesapeake Sail. Call Dot Mills (527-5036).
 October 16 ... Hike & Dine with the Masons.
 October 19 ... Monthly Meeting at the Heitchues. 8 p.m.
 October 26 ... ExCom at the Grasleys. 7:30 p.m.
 November 16 ... Monthly Meeting. Place to be announced.
 November 23 ... ExCom at Lu Beale's. 7:30 p.m.

SKI TRIPS

January 7-9 .. Wisp 1
 January 15-30 .. La Plagne, France
 February 18-21 . Wisp 11. Barrys leading.
 February 19-28 . Jackson Hole, Grand Targhee
 February 26-Mar 12 .. Banff/Whistler

NEARBY SKI PATROL SKI SWAPS

Sunday, October 3 .. Alpine Ski Shop
 4964 Chain Bridge Road
 Oakton, Va.
 Sunday, October 24 .. Ski Center
 Mass. Ave. & 49th St. N.W.
 Washington, D.C.

UPDATES:

Trip

SKI BANFF/WHISTLER FEB 26 - MAR 12

Norm Engleman reports that there are still openings on this trip but airfares are rising and if you are interested call Norm (299-2635) as soon as possible to get latest price quotes.

GRAND TARGHEE/JACKSON HOLE.

Still a few openings. Call the Grasleys (460-3167)

LA PLAGNE, FRANCE.

Wait-listed. Call the Wyckoffs (589-5532).

SKI-O-REE - the one outing sponsored by
 the Blue Ridge Ski Council - will be at
 Canaan Valley February 4-6, 1983.
 If interested, call Bob Grasley (460-3167).

CLUB OFFICIERS

President Bob Marx
 Vice President .. Gail Pease
 Secretary Irene Farrell
 Treasurer Margaret Wyckoff
 Membership Marilyn Clark
 Program Chairman. Ray McKinley
 TCCT Editor Lu Beale
 TOOT Production . Jan. & Bob Marx
 USSA Eastern Rep. Art Topping
 BRSC Reps Bob Grasley
 Bob Wyckoff
 Geoff' Wadey
 Answering Service Jan & Bob Marx
 (451-9158)
 Movie Mogul Keith Lyon

EXCOM.

Second Term

Bob Barry
 Dorothy Mason
 Charlotte Reith

First Term

Sheldon Drews
 Bob Grasley
 Dorothy Mills

ROBERT AND JANET MARX
 8312 OAKFORD DRIVE
 SPRINGFIELD VA 22152

