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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Have you ever wondered what happens to those "Trip Evaluation Forms" you are asked to complete at the end of a trip? Well, I will tell you. The forms are given to Charlie Huggins, who has consistently and diligently compiled the information, good and bad, for the past several years. Charlie then delivers his findings to the Trip Guidelines Committee. The Committee evaluates Charlie's results and serious problems and/or helpful information is given to Ex-Com. Generally, the comments are favorable, with minimal exceptions. The most repeated comment appears to be that trip participants should be given a general financial statement, particularly on major trips where large deposits are made and additional expenses are incurred. I sincerely feel that the trip evaluation form has been a very helpful tool for both trip leaders and trip participants. Certainly, it has been very helpful in trip planning. A special meeting will be scheduled in mid March for the planning of the 1992-93 Ski Trip Schedule. Therefore, we need your suggestions. Please give me a call if you would like to recommend an area or would like to be a trip leader. Our thanks to Charlie Huggins for the many hours spent in recording the hundreds of reports submitted to him over the years.

I also wish to thank Margaret Wyckoff, who chaired the nominating committee for the exceptional job they did in selecting the candidates for the April elections.

So enough of this serious stuff; weight that down hill ski, as Spring Skiing has arrived.

Ski Heil.

*Bill*



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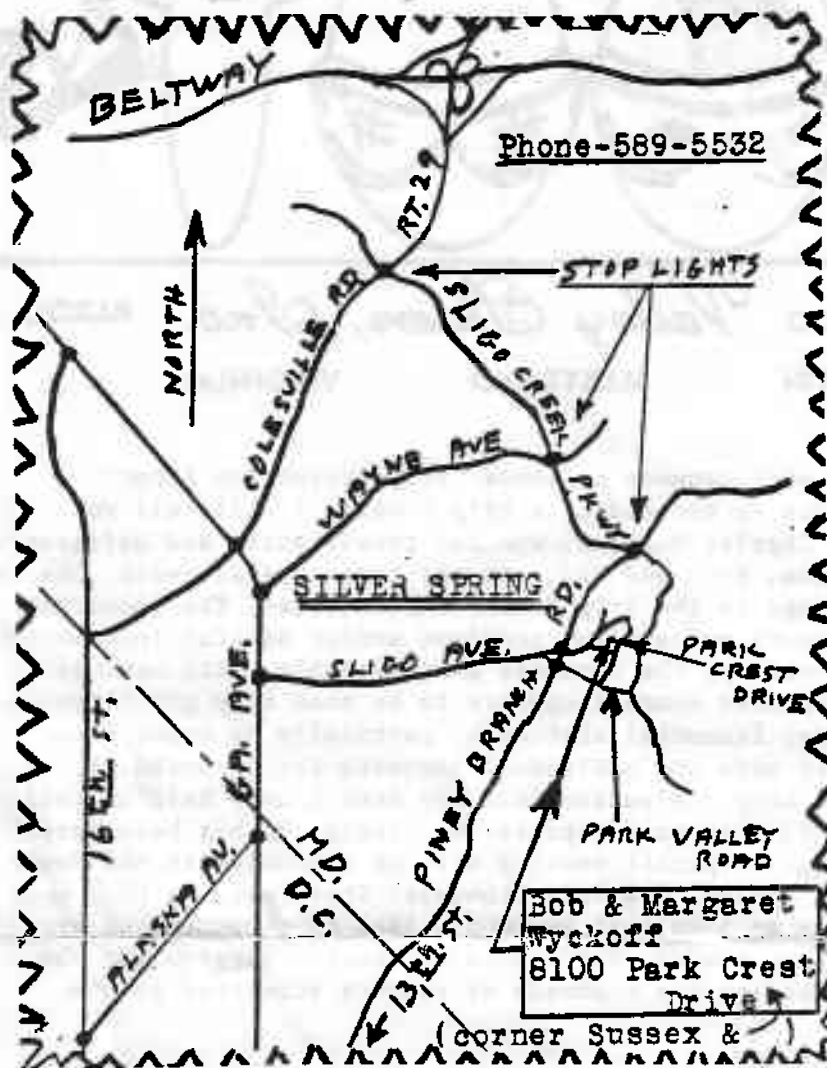
**MONTHLY MEETING - WHEN: TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 8:00 PM**

**WHERE:** Bob and Margaret Wyckoff's  
8100 Park Crest Dr. (301) 589 - 5532  
Silver Spring, MD

**WHAT:** Swap your most recent ski stories and tell how your crocuses have bloomed and wilted already.

**DIRECTIONS:** From the Maryland Beltway, take EXIT 30 (Rt. 29 and Colesville Rd), toward the inside of the Beltway (South). Turn left at the 2nd light which is Sligo Creek Parkway. Go through 2 stopp lights (Wayne & Piney Branch) to the 1st right which is Park Valley Road. Go up the hill to the next right which is Park Crest. The next corner is 8100 on your left.

(Map on page 2.)



Map to the Wyckoff's

**COMING EVENTS**

DINING OUT GROUP - March 10, 1992

Join us for dinner on Tuesday, March 10, 1992. Meeting and greeting at 6:30, Dinner at 7:00 P.M. This month dinner is planned at BACCHUS-BETHESDA, 7945 Norfolk Ave., Bethesda. The BACCHUS is a moderately priced Middle Eastern (Lebanese) restaurant.

Directions: From the Capitol Beltway (Rt. 495) in Maryland, take Old Georgetown Road exit (Rt. 187) South for approx. 2 miles. Turn left at Del Ray Ave., go one block to Norfolk Ave. The BACCHUS restaurant is at the corner of Del Ray and Norfolk Aves. Restaurant parking is on the Del Ray Ave. side of the restaurant and additional parking is adjacent in the county parking garage.

Coming up Wisconsin Ave. from D.C. - go left on to Old Georgetown Road (Rt. 187), turn right at the fifth street which is Del Ray Ave. (Approx, 1/4 mile from turn onto Old Georgetown Rd.).

So that we may know how many to expect, please call Pat Tengel or John Smith at (301) 299-8376 by Sunday, March 8.



from The Mini Page

- MORE COMING EVENTS -

MARCH 21 - GOURMET WINE TASTING AT THE COPES 8:00 P.M.

There are a few spaces left on this limited event. This year Don and Pat plan to feature German, Spanish and Italian wines. THEN, they plan to finely hone your taste buds with foods that match these wines.

Call the Copes for info and reservations. 703-836-5436.

Take the George Washington Parkway past the sailing marina to the first right turn which is marked Slaters Lane, to the parallel service road. At the first signal, make a right turn onto Slaters Lane. Follow Slaters Lane through an angled left past the warehouses and make the first right turn. Go over the railroad bridge and turn left onto Monroe Ave. (The Monroe Ave bridge is Rt. 1). Go through 2 signals and the Cope Home is the big, white house on the right before the 3rd signal. --- 117 W. Monroe Ave. ---

PAST EVENT

FEBRUARY MEETING

In the middle of the ski season, there were still 35 people, or so, who gathered to discuss ....skiing. Shirley Rettig and her charming historic Old Town townhouse was where they all were. They ate, too....Shirley had carefully prepared a nice assortment of munchables A rare sighting -- Tom Angular -- appeared to share in the ski talk. Jack Peoples and Gorman Young sparred with their glowing trip reports.

Thanks bunches of snowflakes, Shirley, for all the thought and preparation that goes into such a terrific meeting!

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-----HELP-----HELP-----HELP-----

The club needs an AUDIT.

According to the Bylaws, Section IV, C. 2. "The Treasurer shall submit to the membership an audited annual report of the financial condition of the club in accordance with recognized accounting procedures."

So...all you Closet Accounts, please step forward, or at least call President Bill Anderson. The books are all in order and it shouldn't take long. You would be doing the club a big favor.

NOTICE -- Jessma Blockwick reports that United Airlines' Senior Citizen coupons NO LONGER have a mileage limit. You might want to check it out.

MEMBERSHIP—HOW IT WORKS

by Marilyn Clark

There seems to be some confusion as to how one can become a member of PVS. The following should help clarify the procedures.

1. An unsponsored person can pay \$10 for a 6-month subscription to "TOOT" and the privilege of attending 6 meetings. At the end of the 6 months this person can become sponsored.
2. A sponsored person, after attending 3 meetings and/or events, can become an APPLICANT member by paying fees of \$50 (individual), or \$90 (couple) for 2 years dues. APPLICANT members have 3 years in which to qualify for ACTIVE membership.
3. In April of each year qualified APPLICANT members are voted on by the ACTIVE membership. Any APPLICANT member receiving 5 or more negative votes will not be granted ACTIVE membership in the club and will be dropped as an APPLICANT member.

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the candidates **2 VOTE** 4

The following applicant members have completed all requirements for active membership in PVS and will be voted on at the April Annual Meeting.

James Cook  
Arlette DeLong

Jessma Blockwick  
Olga Gilloghy

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PVS OFFICERS

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First Term:  
 Joan Flake  
 Bob McNeill  
 Jack Peoples

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LOWER PRICES !

PVS Headbands .....now \$8.50.

Anniversary Mugs .....now \$7.50.

SKIING THE AUSTRIAN ALPS

Dot Mills

Our ski holiday took off in a scene of football chaos and bustle at Dulles airport where all Washington seemed to be embarking for the superbowl, including one fan with burgundy-dyed hair. Far from the madding crowd we landed the next day in Munich and had a beautiful bus trip through snow-covered Bavaria and Austria to the little town of Lech deep in the Arlberg. A splendid week followed -- sunshine and warm weather, lots of snow (though somewhat hardpacked), and a charming little hotel-pension decorated in marvellous handicrafts, wood-carving, and needlepoint landscapes that looked like paintings, and boasting gourmet meals by a world-class chef. What more can you ask - sunshine, skiing, and good eating - and sharing the town with the Danish royal family! Two unusual accidents marred the week. Some of us watched from outside our hotel the helicopter pickup of a skier after an accident, and a couple of days later an eerie scene at a chairlift accident. The lift stopped and those of us riding looked down on the slopes teeming with skiers absolutely motionless, not a sign of movement for several minutes (they were watching an accident we couldn't see). It was like a frozen world - really eerie!

After covering all the trails at Lech and skiing to Zurs for more, we packed up and moved to St. Anton, skiers' Paradise, and the elegant Hotel Post. More gourmet meals, including a 7-course 'Gala Dinner' - smoked salmon with dill mustard sauce and cucumbers, cream of kohlrabi soup with young peas, Lorraine lard cake (paté), kiwi sherbet, veal steak with mushroom sauce, noodles, and carrots, assorted cheeses, and chocolate mousse. Yes, we ate all that and skied the next day. All this good eating and a wine party from our trip leader! We'll never be the same again! There was good snow at St. Anton too, though hard-packed. The second day a high wind came up which stopped some of the cable cars, and the following 2 days were heavy snow and zero visibility with nearly everything closed. But the last 2 days were perfection - new snow and warm sun - worth the wait, and Valluga was in all its glory.

Environmental note from Europe -- Both hotels had notices in the bath requesting reuse of towels (leaving them on the floor if you wanted fresh ones) to prevent detergent pollution and water waste by unnecessary laundering! Munich airport had a food carousel in the waiting area in lieu of snacks on the plane. You collected your lunch in colorful plastic bags from a selection of sandwiches, yoghurt, cake, candy, nuts, coffee and tea. A notice above the stand stated that all plastic cups and utensils were washed and reused!

As always 2 weeks passed all too quickly and we headed home, after an afternoon in Munich and dinner at the Hofbrau Haus. Weather conditions forced a change in flight plans, putting us on a flight to New York instead of Dulles. With the layover in New York some of weren't home until midnight. Our luggage arrived safely the next day, delivered to home - what a luxury! Kudos to Gorman Young, our trip leader. It was a SUPER trip!!

HAPPENINGS TO SOME SPECIAL PEOPLE ON THE ALPS TRIP

Bill Anderson

Our hotel in Lech was up a steep grade from the tram. Ginny Larson, using her good old Swedish ingenuity, left her skis at the bottom of the hill so she would not have to carry them home each day. She put one near the tram and the other a block away. Then she had a sore and couldn't ski for several days. When she returned her skis were nowhere to be found. She reported this to the police, who knew immediately what had happened. Each day a refuse truck picks

up all odd skis! They took Ginny to the town dump and sure enough she found her skis. She was so elated she spent the next few days writing a thank-you note in German to the local police.

At St. Anton we were pleasantly surprised that the Hotel Post had recently completed a first-class spa with sauna, hot tub, steam room, tanning salon, and a massage facility. Some of us had not brought bathing suits and were not prepared to partake of this great facility. But those who did soon learned that bathing suits were a no-no. Yes, you must go "au naturel" in the spa. Some were a bit timid at first, but as time went by most of us became indoor sun worshippers. I personally saw more of PVSers than I could have ever imagined. Would you believe that June Kelsay brought her camera and caught your president getting out of the hot tub? She claims her glasses were so steamed up she didn't see what she was photographing. Aase Berling seemed right at home--those Norwegians are a bit risqué, and after all Aase has really nothing to hide. Believe me. Aase went all the way, that is she spent \$35 for a massage and from a ski instructor at that. She had developed a good case of laryngitis before the massage and claims that the massage cured all her ailments.

Charlotte Eddy fell in love with a special run at Lech, so after the first day we'd all take a run on "Charlotte's Run" -- or was it "Run Charlotte"?

Dot Mills escorted Bill Anderson down from the Valluga to St. Anton. This was Bill's third trip to St. Anton and he'd never been to the Valluga because of bad weather. At one point the terrain had changed somewhat since Dot's last time in St. Anton. Yes, we had to do some climbing, but the trip was well worth the effort. We skied the mountain!

John Pulos developed a sore shoulder which the doctor in St. Anton diagnosed as a cold which had settled in his shoulder. We never did learn what the doctor charged, but the medication cost about \$56.

Shirley Rettig and Sam Levine were the first out in the morning, but even some of the die-hards took a day off in St. Anton for a train ride to a neighboring town. Yes, we all skied, some a little and some a lot, depending on our physical condition, contrary to what you may hear.

Anne Coakley was our cross country enthusiast and headed out each day for the trails, except when she was nursing a case of the croup. She finally recovered after Dr. Bill gave her a bottle of Robitussin, under his direction.

The cost of laundry at the Post - Bill Anderson sent out 3 turtlenecks, 2 pairs of long johns, 9 shorts, 10 pairs of socks, and 10 handkerchiefs at a cost of 435 Austrian schillings (about 45 U. S. dollars). I think the laundry concession was run by Nieman Marcus.

The Great Plane Switch ... Since our return flight to Frankfurt was aborted, we had a ten minute switch to catch a plane to Dusseldorf. Our luggage had already been checked through to Frankfurt. Waiting to board the flight to Dusseldorf, the security attendant came running out with a fur coat in hand, asking who it belonged to. Veep Mary Jane McCarthy's coat had been left in the security machine...the funny part is that Mary Jane hadn't missed it!

June Kelsay took a day off from skiing when the weather was bad and tripping around St. Anton fell and developed a large bruise on her thigh. It proved to be a little extra show and tell at the spa. She wears her bruises well

Helen Price and Gorman Young loved skiing in Lech so much they rode a bus back from St. Anton for a final super day in that beautiful village.



# THE KNEE

by

Ray McKinley



The Winter Olympics are over and life can get back to more normal pursuits (although the Knee never pursues normally).

The only PVSers known to attend the Olympics were our German contingent, Bill and Elke Stecher. Elke is now president of the 280 member Kaiserslautern Ski Club and they led the KSC (but not the KS & EC) Olympic trip to Val d'Isere on February 7-15. Bill planned to ski there for the first time since his quadruple bypass surgery on Halloween. Right on.

Herewith a Knee factoid (the Knee watches CNN) on winter Olympic locations:

- 1994 Lillhammer, Norway
- 1992 Albertville, France
- 1988 Calgary, Canada
- 1984 Sarajevo, Yugoslavia
- 1980 Lake Placid, USA
- 1976 Innsbruck, Austria
- 1972 Sapporo, Japan
- 1968 Grenoble, France
- 1964 Innsbruck, Austria
- 1960 Squaw Valley, USA
- 1956 Cortina, Italy
- 1952 Oslo, Norway
- 1948 St. Moritz, Switzerland
- 1944, 1940 no Olympics
- 1936 Garmish-Partenkirchen, GER
- 1932 Lake Placid, USA
- 1928 St. Moritz, Switzerland
- 1924 Chamonix, France

The United States and France have each hosted 3 Olympics, and Switzerland none in the last 45 years. Most notably missing from the list is Ski Liberty (I even checked under Charnita).

There are a total of 14 areas listed. The Knee has skied, albeit not on the same runs or even locale, at 5 of them and visited two others (the two in Norway). Has anyone done more? Certainly no one has all 14. Perhaps 10? (Ski Liberty does not count.)

**TOOT tidbits.** If this TOOT has a slightly different appearance there is a reason. It's edited by Jan Marx and the Knee was translated by Dick Clark. The first issue in 13 years not done by Lu Beale. Lu went off with Dina Taylor to ski in Colorado -- a well deserved respite!

Got a card from Jim Arnold, Now living (for 9 months or so) on the Costa del Sol in Spain. He notes that he can see the Sierra Nevada ski areas, 1 1/2 hours away, from town. He's not skied yet however, because the once daily busses go up in the evening and come down in the morning!

Did you know that in Japan I'm a car -- I'm Knee-San.

A tip of the ol Knee cap to John Smith and Pat Tenge who are doing a bang-up job on DOGS. 18 people signed up, and 22 arrived for the February dinner. Anykneeway, it was nice sitting in Pat's lap for dinner.

We figured out why Potowmack Landing was selected for this month's fete. The menu noted that this was where John Smith landed in 1610. He doesn't look that old! The food was great so it was surprising to see the restaurant was run by GSI. They are the ones who operate the cafeterias in most government buildings!

Did you know that Ron Fett has spent so much time at Vail that he is a ski instructor there? Dick Comerford didn't recognize Ron in uniform.

If you happen to be in Washington State at the end of March you can try a unique event at Bellingham. It's called "Ski the Sea". It's a single run that starts on the slopes of 2-mile high Mt. Baker and ends on the Pacific coast beach.

Fred and Barbara Leonhardt were to be at Snowmass while Dina Taylor's crew were at Aspen. Wonder if we had another chance PVS meeting.

On a recent airplane trip I sat next to the General Manager of the Adams Rib Ski Area, being developed near Vail, Colorado. After 20 years (actually) of paperwork they have signed the final EPA approval. Adams Rib hopes to open in 1995. The final 3-year approval cycle was a wetlands requirement. Yup, wetlands on the side of a mountain.

I asked the GM if his company operated other ski areas. He said no, they operate 500 hospitals! New Business?

Finally, an item I heard on NPR. Avon, Colorado, home of Beaver Creek, recently completed a new bridge over I-70. They had a contest to name the bridge - Avon now has a bridge named "Bob".



- Mar. 10 ... DOGs... Call Tengel/Smith
- Mar. 17 ... Monthly Meeting at the Wyckoffs'
- Mar. 21 ... Gourmet Winetasting at the Copes'
- Mar. 24 ... ExCom at Bette Walker's.
- Ap. 21 ... Annual Meeting at the Leonhardts'.
- Ap. 25 ... Annual Hike on the Billy Goat Trail.
- Ap. 28 ... ExCom at Lu Beale's.
- May 16 ... Hike/Brunch with the Clarks'.
- May 19 ... Monthly Meeting at the Hensleys'.
- May 26 ... ExCom at the Garretts'.

"A hidden picture, like fat,  
is not noticeable at first glance!"

... Jan sez.



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(There are 13.)



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