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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

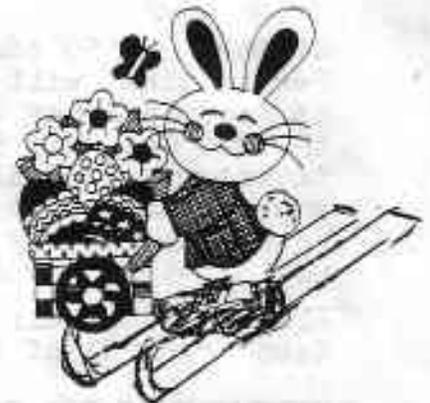
Please join us on April 17th for our annual meeting at the Marquardt's home. At this meeting we will elect a President and three new Excom members. We will also induct the qualified applicants into our general membership. I'll see you at the meeting.

PVS is still looking for a few good men or women to be trip leaders for the 90-91 ski season. If you have any interest or suggestions, please contact me on (703) 777-9374 or see me at the meeting.

Dick Comerford, President

ANNUAL MEETING - Tuesday, April 17th.
8:00 P.M.

Where: The Marquardt's are hosting
this meeting at their Silver Spring
home: 1708 Woodwell Road
Telephone: 460-3269



Come and make merry - greet old friends -
welcome new friends - and VOTE!

Directions:

From the beltway, Hwy 495, turn at exit 31A toward the north onto Georgia Avenue, Hwy 97. Proceed 3.3 miles north. (This will take you through Wheaton). Turn right onto Layhill Road, Hwy 182. (A rather large sign indicates this turn). Proceed 2.0 miles. (This road is under construction, so watch out for detours, missing signs, etc.). Turn right onto Queensguard Road. (There is a small yellow sign indicating this turn, but due to construction it may be gone. If you miss this turn, you will see a traffic light a few blocks farther and a shopping center on the left. Turn around and come back about a third mile.) On Queensguard, go 0.2 mile and turn left. (This is the last turn on Queensguard). 1708 is the second house on the right.

Coming Events

SATURDAY HIKE BILLY GOAT TRAIL

When: Saturday, April 21st. 10:30 A.M.
(Rain date: Sunday, April 22nd 10:30)

What: Annual Spring Hike on the Billy Goat Trail bordering the Potomac River in Maryland.

Scale the monster cliffs. Check out the wild flowers. Picnic in the sun.

Place: Meet in the parking lot opposite Old Angler's Inn at 10801 MacArthur Blvd. (Near Great Falls Park, Md.) 10:30 A.M.

BRING LUNCH AND WEAR STURDY SHOES!!

Leader: Lu Beale (363-3521) No reservation necessary. Just come and enjoy.

NOTE: WATCH OUT FOR ^{new} NO PARKING SIGNS IN AREA.

Directions: Take the Beltway Exit 41 for Carderock-Great Falls. Go all the way to the end of parkway, turn left on MacArthur Blvd. and proceed a couple of miles to Angler's Inn. Parking lot on the left of road.

Special



DERBY DAY!!!

MAY 5, 1990

Limited to 50 adults, this gala event is not to be missed !! Festivities will begin at 3:00 P.M. at the Burke, Va. home of Nancy and Ray Garrett with lots of fun races leading up to the BIG One at 5:00 P.M.

Ticket price of \$17 will get you liquid refreshments and a super dinner plus play money to bankroll your bets.

Reservations may be made with Nancy Garrett (O) 267-6629 (temporary #) (H) 323-6535 or Janet Marx 451-9158. Deadline: May 1st.

Please bring salad, appetizer or Derby Pie (Recipe from Jan Marx). Keep record of expenses for reimbursement.

DIRECTIONS TO THE GARRETT'S: Take Beltway Exit # 5 West on Braddock Road. Turn left onto Burke Lake Rd. (Counting the light at the Beltway Exit, Burke Lake Rd. is the 5th traffic light.) Go past Lake Braddock High School on the right, proceed through the little town of Burke and turn right on Coffey Woods Rd. (First right after the town of Burke.) Turn left on Canvasback Rd. (3rd left) . 5804 is the middle unit in the first series of townhouses. Tel: 323-6535

BRIDGE WALK - Sunday, May 6, 1990. Anyone interested in joining fellow PVSers on the famed hike over the Chesapeake Bay bridge call Ray McKinley (527-7126).

COMING EVENTS

EVENING AT WOLF TRAP - WEDNESDAY June 6th. 6:30 P.M.

Picnic supper followed by performance of CANADIAN BRASS SPECTACTULAR.
Price - \$24. Limited to 30.

Send check made out to Barbara Leonhardt and mail to Barbara at
9419 Jongroner Court, Potomac, Md. 20854
Telephone: 279-9056

Reservation deadline: MAY 1ST

ANNUAL FUN RUN AND BRUNCH WITH THE CLARKS

When: Saturday, May 12, 1990. 9:00 A.M. RAIN OR SHINE!!
The brunch, limited to 24, is already wait-listed. Call Marilyn
now (978-9435) to get on the list. Deadline: May 8th.
There's no limit if you want to join the group just for the run!

Directions: Take Beltway Exit #5 (Braddock Road) in Virginia. Go
West (outside beltway) one tenth mile to light and well-marked Wakefield
Park sign on the right. Drive to main parking lot (as far as road goes)
and meet by the small bridge immediately on your left as you
enter the lot.

INTERNATIONAL DINNER AT THE COPE'S - May 19, 1990. 6:30 P.M.

There are already 19 people on the wait list. If you find you
cannot attend, please notify Marilyn Clark (978-9435) as soon as
possible so someone else can have your place. Details in May TOOT.

ANNUAL SPRING HIKE IN SHEMADDAH NATIONAL PARK - MAY 26TH

This will be new territory for the group - ten mile circuit
including Little Devil Stairs, Piney Ridge and Piney Branch
trails. Details in May TOOT. Strenuous sections. For information call
leader Lu Beale (363-3521).

THEATRE/DINNER PARTY AT MONTGOMERY PLAYHOUSE AND THE HUGGINS

Sunday, May 27th. 2:30 P.M. Matinee performance of QUILTERS,
(a musical drama about America's pioneer women) followed by
dinner at the Huggins'.

Cost: \$10.00 per person for theatre ticket, snacks, beverages,
and entree. Participants will bring salad or dessert.

Call Sara Huggins (424-5725).

June 2 ... Spring Bike Outing. A repeat of the delightful
13 mile bike trek from St Michaels to Tilghman
Rain date: June 3 Island. Non-bikers welcome to walk and browse.
Ride will start at noon and end with supper at 5.
Details in May TOOT. Call coordinators Irene
Farrell (921-0590) or Huey Roberts (370-9874).

PAST EVENT

WINE TASTING DURING A SPRING SNOWFALL by Jean and Howard Hensley

Twenty signed up for and seventeen hardy souls drove through an early spring snow to attend the PVS annual winetasting on March 24 with Pat and Don Cope. One of those missing (left home in bed with the flu) was the wife (Shahrsad Miller) of the designated driver (Jamie Miller) for the authors (i.e. it was Jamie's turn to drive).

The evening was delightful although things seemed inexplicably fuzzy near the end. But the next day - well, that was another matter altogether, especially for those of us who enjoyed a "full evening" of winetasting.

Before the evening got started, Howard Hensley and Dick Clark cajoled Don into showing them his wine cellar. There is one huge rack loaded with dusty bottles of wine and many unopened boxes of bottles awaiting their turn in the rack.

Don's advice on buying was to "purchase at the best price whatever comes to the market place." So that's the secret!

We spent considerable time examining labels and thought that we had successfully avoided Bill Brown who was zealously collecting the evening levy but he was on the qui vive and nailed us as we emerged from the cellar.

The first item on the agenda was a brief summary by Don of the written "menu" he and Pat had so thoughtfully prepared. It was an excellent presentation and foretold with uncanny clairvoyance what was to come and what nuances to look for. The introduction was a white wine from Portugal - Avelada Vinho Verde, which was accompanied by a delicious Jarlsberg. Don indicated that this wine was relatively inexpensive and was very popular throughout Portugal.

Next came two Chardonnays. Ray McKinley insisted they were known in some circles (mainly his own, given the response of those within earshot) as "Chardoknees." The first was a Wagner '87 Barrel fermented from N.Y. state.

Don assured us that this was not the usual "terrible N.Y. state wine!". Marilyn Clark, a New York state native, evidently taking offense, muttered under her breath something having to do with Don's ancestors.

The other Chardonnay was a Kendall Jackson '88

Proprietor's with a hint of a buttery flavor. Both were excellent Accompanying the Chardonnays was a cold chicken with basil mayonnaise and a hot sauteed chicken with shallots and thyme. Both were delicious!



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WINETASTING AT THE COPES (Continued from previous page.)

Next came two red wines. The first was a Niebaum-Coppola '81 "Rubicon" from Napa Valley. The second was a Chateaux Palmer '83 French Bordeaux. At the risk of appearing unAmerican, the authors rated the French entry better by a slim margin. Others liked the Niebaum-Coppola better - but what do they know! The reds were accompanied by broiled mushrooms with Plaisir de Savoiz cheese and a Gruyere.

By this time, most of the participants were becoming rather uninhibited and remarkably loquacious.

Next came an Ice Wine from California - Bonny Doon '87 Gewurztraminer. This was a nice sweet tasting dessert wine which was accompanied by lemon biscuits, and they were delectable. Finally, the piece de resistance - a Port, Ramos-Pinto Vintage '70, served with Stilton cheese. They were simply outstanding, both separately and together. Those not driving had a second (and maybe a third?) of the smashing Port!

Taken as a whole, the evening (four hours plus) was an outstanding adventure in wine tasting with delectable accompaniments. Thanks to Pat and Don for sharing their knowledge of wines, preparing and serving such appropriate and delicious foods and, finally and especially, for their warm hospitality.

P.S. Dear, will you please pass me the ice cap when you're finished with it?

PAST EVENT

MONTHLY MEETING IN MARCH by Janet Marx

Another new and most charming hostess in a absolutely alluring abode. Helen McMahon's townhome is a treasure house of pictures and prints, and bunnies and garnishes which tell of her many adventures and memories. Her dining table offered wonderful delicacies most attractively displayed including a plate of fresh strawberries.

Christy Comerford assisted most of the fifty guests by taking their coats to the appointed bedroom on the third floor. We were pleased to welcome and become acquainted with 7 guests that evening. Many thanks, Helen.

SPRING FLING 1990 APRIL 28, 1990 - U of Maryland

This annual event supports the 52 Association for the Handicapped. Huge Auction includes Ski Trips..Condos..Equipment..Apparel..and Much More \$25 ticket for auction, buffet dinner and dancing by advance reservation.

Send check for auction, payable to "52 Association", to Spring Fling Auction Committee, 1813 24th St. S., Arlington, Va, 22202. Call 892-1985 for information.



THE KNEE

By

Ray McKinley

Gadzooks (I was going to start with Gosh! but this is a forceful item) another year has almost passed and still no printed recognition of one of PVS's oldest annual events. I am, of course, referring to the arrival of the new PVS membership card.

This year's card is ukneek; it's for two years. I don't know what you do with yours but my ritual is long-standing. I pour myself a glass of vintage wine (I chose a red from October this year), sit down in an easy chair and savor the moment. I take out the old worn card (the last to be signed by Jan Marx) and let the new one snuggle into my wallet in its place right between my Blue Cross and NARAC cards.

What do you do with your PVS card? Let me know. In my attempt to find uses, I've discovered a few non-uses. PVS membership cards cannot be used as proof of citizenship to reenter the U.S. from Canada (unless accompanied by a passport). The cards also have only limited use in scraping ice off of windshields.

Speaking of Mort Kuff (which I was indirectly since he designed our membership card) he and Angela are back from a vacation in Singapore where, he said, snow conditions were minimal. What's this animal bit? They sent me a postcard picturing an orangutan. Sorry, I can't monkey around with that one.

Speaking of postcards, Myron Marquardt never sends them. He says it's time consuming and besides no one ever sends him any. Send Myron a postcard on your next trip, perhaps of a bingo game. Together we can make the world a better place for Myron.

While in Europe, Hank Thomas, for reasons known only to himself, observed that polar bears now have trichinosis. Myron said that was probably why you should only eat polar bears well done.

I have nothing to report on Janet Waln (but she only reads this column when she sees her name underlined).

Old news: We have now received 43 inquiries as a result of Lu Beale's February Washington Post article on senior skiing. Eight of the calls came over a month after the article appeared. Conclusion: as you get older, you read slower.

Ankneeway, welcome all. We like new members. We still have some cook books to sell.

Bad news: Gorman Young fractured his shoulder his first day at Whistler. Jim Slack is recovering from a bout with peritonitis. And Roland, innkeeper at La Pampolaise, had a slight stoke but is back on the job and on a strict diet. Myron Marquardt should send them all cards. As should Janet Waln.

Ski news: This was not the year to ski Europe. Shirley Rettig skied only 5 of 12 days at Grindelwald and St Anton. Bette Walker had only 3 out of 7 at Davos. And the Abrahams report no snow at all in Switzerland in mid-March. Meanwhile, PVS had too much snow in Val d'Isère.

Wisps closed on March 13. Two days later they got more than 2 feet of snow. Gail and Larry Pease spent every weekend since Christmas there. Larry, by the way, had a pleasant visit with Norb and Catherine Kulog while on a business trip to New Orleans.

Nancy Garrett on a March business trip to Seattle, hoped to ski at nearby Crystal Mt. the following weekend but couldn't. She was snowed out. In late March, she and hubby Ray and the Evans skied in Park City.

We had a great meeting at Helen McMahan's impeccably decorated house. In case you wondered, that large living room couch didn't come up the narrow staircase but through the second story kitchen window!

Jacques Hadler had a great vacation planned: a week relaxing in Vienna followed by a week's skiing with PVS in France. Then came a required business trip to Japan. Then the Val d'Isère blizzard. Result: in two weeks, Jacques spent 50 hours on planes, 30 more waiting in airports and a total of 6 hours skiing.

Next month; the true story of skiing the Vallee Blanche and more tales from Europe.

!! KNOW YOUR CANDIDATES !!

Following are brief profiles of the three Executive Committee candidates selected by the nominating committee to be voted on at the April 17th Annual Meeting for election to the 1990-91 Board.

BILL BROWN, who lives in Potomac, Md. and has hosted PVS meetings at his home, grew up in Georgia but left before anyone ever thought of skiing in the mountains around his home.

After college at Oglethorpe University in Atlanta and a few years in the army and a few years teaching economics, Bill moved to the D.C. area in 1955 where he worked at the CIA while at the same time earning an MA in economics at the American University.

Bill retired from government service four years ago. Since then he has provided tax assistance via the AARP program and worked with the Montgomery County Master Gardeners.

Bill began skiing at local ski areas in the 50's but in recent years he has skied almost exclusively at Vail where he owns a condo with a few other PVSers. His favorite skiing experience was finding that the snows at Vail were not like those at Cabin Mountain.

Bill joined PVS about three years ago. He is married to Susan Brown who had been a charter member of PVS.

Bill's hobbies include gardening, tennis and beaching at Rehoboth where his beach house group includes PVSers Jack Lilley and Ron Fett.

JUNE KELSAY was born in Texas and grew up in Oklahoma. She attended the University of North Texas and the University of Wisconsin. She came to Washington in 1952 but left in 1962 to do graduate study at the University of Wisconsin. She returned to the area in 1967 to work as a research scientist for the Human Nutrition Research of the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture in Beltsville. In 1987 she retired after 30 years service. Since 1969 she has lived in the Grosvenor Park Apartments in Bethesda.

In 1959 June met Pat Calef (Cope) on a ski trip with a local church group. Pat took her in hand and advised her in the purchase of her first skis (wooden) and ski clothes. Hooked, she joined PVS in 1983.

June's most memorable ski experience was when a young man ran into her while skiing at Lake Louise and cut her chin open. They took her down the mountain on a toboggan.

Says June, "I wasn't sure whether I'd be killed when the toboggan crashed or be smothered to death by all the snow covering my face. I was very glad to arrive at the bottom of the mountain."

One of her favorite ski places is La Plagne, France, where she made one of her first ski trips with PVS. "There are so many different areas to ski," says June. "And I love the little villages and having lunch on the other side of the mountain. It is wonderful skiing and all very European."

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KNOW YOUR CANDIDATES (Continued from page 7)

HOWARD HENSLEY was born and raised in the coal fields of West Virginia. Being no fool, he never set foot in a coal mine. Instead, he attended West Virginia University in Morgantown. After four years of too little studying and too much partying (Delta Tau Delta fraternity), he received a B.S. in Business Administration and met his future wife, Jean O'Neil from Clarksburg, W. Va. He then came to Washington and never strayed again.

Howard's first job was with the Labor Department where he still works helping to administer the Employee Retirement Income Security Act. Along the way, he earned a J.D. at American University and an LL.M in Labor Law at Georgetown University.

The Hensleys have a daughter, Kelly, now a freshman at Vanderbilt. Jean is assistant to the Dean of Admissions at Mount Vernon College.

Howard's hobbies include skiing (naturally) and almost any outdoor activity except mowing the lawn, raking leaves, etc. He especially enjoys jogging, hiking, backpacking and slow pitch softball.

His first ski experience was at WVU where he and other young macho fraternity brothers skied (or attempted to) near Black Water Falls State Park. Half the group of first time skiers were injured on the rope tow going up the hill - they were the lucky ones. The ones who reached the top (including Howard) were much maimed and much less macho by the time they reached the bottom. Nevertheless, that is when Howard acquired the "ski bug."

Howard's favorite ski area to date is Canaan Valley. This alerts the astute reader to the fact that his skiing is somewhat limited in a geographic sense, a problem he expects to remedy soon.

MEMBERSHIP NOTES

UPCOMING CANDIDATES

Below are listed those applicant members who have fulfilled all requirements and are now eligible for full membership. Their applications will be voted on at the Annual Meeting on April 17th.

Biddy Esher, Franklin Fiske, Bob Harmon, Kathy Quinden, June Read, Dorie and John Waddick.

At the March ExCom meeting the following motion was proposed and carried by the board of officers: "that first time guests at club events or meetings who are possible applicants for membership be given one complimentary TOCT and asked if they would like a 6-month subscription to TOOT which would include 3 meetings for a one-time fee of \$10.00 per applicant."

Sponsors, please take note.

COOK'S CORNER



by
Nancy Garrett

There have been a number of requests for recipes that were used for the Winter Fest Dinner in December. April seems

to be a good time to publish some of these for you to prepare during the spring and summer. Recipes below will serve 12. ENJOY!!

CHIPPEWA WAR BONNETS A Janet Marx Original

Into mini cupcake papers, place:
- 24 clean, dried medium mushrooms, stems removed

In medium saucepan, saute:
- 2 Tablespoons margarine
- 1 teaspoon chopped parsley
- 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 medium onion, chopped very fine

Stir in:
- 3/4 cup cooked wild rice
- 4 slices bacon, crisply fried and crumbled

Fill mushroom caps with stuffing mixture. Sprinkle tops with grated Parmesan Cheese. Bake on cookie sheet at 350* for 10 minutes. Serve hot.

CHICKEN WITH FORTY CLOVES OF GARLIC Nancy Garrett

Spray bottom of heavy 6 quart casserole dish (I use Corningware lasagna dish) with Pam. Cover bottom of dish with:
- 6 ribs celery, cut in long strips
- 3 medium onions, sliced and separated
- 8 sprigs parsley
- 1 1/2 Tablespoons chopped fresh tarragon (1 1/2 teaspoon dried)

Place in shallow dish and add chicken pieces turning to coat evenly:
- 1 cup oil
- 12 boneless, skinless chicken breasts.

Lay chicken on top of vegetables in casserole. Cover with:
- 3/4 cup dry vermouth

Sprinkle with:
- 3 teaspoons salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
- Grated nutmeg (1/4 teaspoon dried)

Tuck around and between chicken pieces:
- 40 cloves garlic, unpeeled

Cover tightly with aluminum foil ensuring airtight seal so steam does not escape. Bake in 375* oven for 1 and 1/2 hours. DO NOT REMOVE COVER.

Slice 2 loaves french bread into at least 12 slices. Wrap in foil and stick in oven during last 20-30 minutes while chicken bakes.

Serve chicken, pan juices and whole garlic cloves with thin slices of heated french bread. The garlic should be squeezed from the root end of its papery husk onto the bread, spread like butter, and eaten with the chicken. DELICIOUS!!!!

HERBED POTATOES

Combine in large casserole dish:
- 1/2 cup butter or margarine, melted
- 8 green onions, chopped (use tips)
- 4 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- 2 Tablespoons chopped chives
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley
- 1/4 teaspoon paprika
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper

Add, tossing to coat all pieces:
- 4 pounds new potatoes, unpeeled, cut into quarters

Cover casserole and bake at 425* for 1 hour, stirring at 15-minute intervals. Prior to serving, top with:
- Grated Parmesan Cheese

Marilyn Clarks' recipe for Cranberry Chiffon Pie was served for dessert. The recipe can be found on page 113 of your PVS Cookbook.

VAL d'ISÈRE & COURMAYEUR .- PVS IN BLIZZARD AND SUN by Dot Mills
and Special Alpine and Race Correspondent George Devorshak

What a ski trip! Karen and Knox Felker's trip to the French and Italian Alps was full of fun and surprises. We spent all winter worrying about lack of snow in Europe, and had too much. It never pays to worry! We arrived in Val d'Isère on a gorgeous sunny Sunday with plenty of snow and were chafing at the bit for Monday's promised joys - not to be! The destructive blizzard moving through all Europe struck on Monday so most of us stopped early - unable to cope. We were hotel bound for the next three days except for an occasional walk in the blinding wind and snow to keep from going stir crazy. We did get to know each other better as there was nothing to do but visit and drink tea (in neverending supply thanks to our British hosts) all day. Hank and Aina Thomas, who hadn't planned to ski on the trip, welcomed the unexpected company. Friday, improvement set in and we headed for the slopes. Saturday was our reward for patience - one of the most perfect days ever - whipped cream for snow and brilliant sun for beauty and warmth and light. Perfection!

Our hotels were British operated and staffed - including British guides and nannies (!) and afternoon tea at 4:30 every day! When were you on a ski trip like that? Wednesday night was 'skit night' - mostly a staff performance but at the manager's invitation for guest participation Ray McKinley put together a PVS production including a 'tree skiing' demonstration by Huey Roberts, an American accent demonstration by Knox Felker, Bob Harmon, and Myron Marquardt (all the hotel guests were British except us outsider PVSers), a demonstration by Bill Anderson on what older skiers pack in their luggage, and a PVS song composed by Ray and sung by all the PVSers as a finale. Friday was awards night and, since there were no races due to the weather, miscellaneous prizes were awarded. Among our winners were Mary Jane McCarthy for 'most harmless' (she spent the week in a sling due to an injury caused by the horrendous weather conditions on Monday), Bill Anderson for 'the most unusually dressed', and Bo Harmes, our 'mascot' (Eleanor Peterson's 11-year old grandson) for 'skier of the week'.

Sunday was transfer day and we arrived at our British hotel in Courmayeur on a promising bright sunny day that kept its promise all week!. And when have you stayed in a hotel where the lift machinery, enclosed in glass, was part of the lobby decor? Yes, that was the Hotel Telecabine! Unfortunately, I had only one day of the bright, promising week due to a fall that knocked me unconscious and sent me on a toboggan ride to a wonderful Italian doctor. The only other casualty, other than twisted knees, were two pairs of missing boots (Karen and Knox's - they never came home!). On Wednesday six hardy PVSers - Bill Anderson, Dick Comerford, George Devorshak, Bill Hager, Bob Harmon, and Huey Roberts, with guest Jim Bennett - skied the famous Vallee Blanche run from Courmayeur to Chamonix. Marco, a very capable Italian mountain guide, led the trek up and down the 18 kilometer run past Mont Blanc (Monte Bianco to Italians), over three large glaciers, and down about an 8000 foot vertical drop. The scenery was spectacular and the piste varied between wide open and gentle runs, narrow twisting trails among glacial crevasses, a very long straight 'schuss' over glacial ice, and mushy twisting trails toward the bottom. About half-way through the trip there was a break for sandwiches and drink (which each carried along) on one of the glaciers.

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Val d'Isere and Courmayeur (Continued from page 10)

It was a great trip - the 'veterans' recommend being a good skier and having reasonable endurance if you plan to do it. Race day was Friday and we showed up with a team of "world class intermediate" level (?) racers (Bill Anderson, Dick Comerford, George Devorshak, Hwey Roberts, Myron Marquardt, and Bo Harms), The slalom was set up on a very slushy course and wipe-outs were plentiful. Although none of our racers accumulated points for the World Cup, fun (?) was had by all. Bo Harms was the only medal producer in the bunch! On Thursday (staff day off - no hotel meals) the trip leaders took us to dinner on the town - a marvellous dinner in a charming restaurant. All the ladies received a sprig of yellow acacia tied in red ribbon - an Italian custom on a special day honoring women. There were even mini-trips for the adventurous -- Nearby Aosta to visit Roman ruins and feast on Italian food and wine! Chamonix to ski and shop! Punta Helbronner - a 3-cable car ride - to see the take-off point for our intrepid alpine explorers. It was quite impressive - the wind-swept heights gave you a great respect for Arctic explorers--as well as our own PVSers!

Tired and happy we returned home Sunday from a most unusual trip. Karen and Knox did a wonderful job of keeping us happy and solving our problems. A super trip - thanks trip leaders.



ANNIVERSARY DINNER

The committee is looking for a few more good male singers to join the PVS Chorus which will perform at the 25th Anniversary Dinner on November 3, 1990

SENIOR AIRLINE DISCOUNT-COUPON BOOKS BY CHARLES W. HUGGINS

Nearly all major airlines now offer senior discount coupons in books of four or eight at age 62 or over. The latest airline to offer the coupons is United which sell in books of four for \$384 or eight for \$640. They're good on Tues., Wed., Thurs., or Sat for one way domestic trips of 2,000 miles or less. There are some restrictions on holidays as well as a 14-day advance-reservation.

Northwest and USAir have similar prices. Eastern is a bit less, at \$368 and \$616. American and Delta have recently raised their prices to \$420 for a book of four coupons, and \$704 for eight, but you can travel to most destinations on any day of the week.

Skiers should not only consider the price differences, but also watch the 2000 mile limitation if they wish to ski in California, Whistler, or use the coupons for trips to the west coast. Delta, Eastern, Northwest, and USAir require only one coupon for a transcontinental one way trip. American and United have a 2,000 mile limitation which is not a very good deal for transcontinental travel. Coupon books are good for one year of travel.

CALENDAR

- Ap. 17 ... Annual Meeting at the Marquardts'. See page 1.
- Ap. 21 ... Hike on the Billy Goat Trail. See page 2.
- Ap. 24 ... ExCom at Bette Walker's. 7:30 P.M.
- Ap. 28 ... Spring Fling. See page 5.
- Ap. 29 ... BRSC spring meeting at Waldorf, Md. Call Jan Marx(451-9158)
- May 5 ... Derby Party at the Garretts'. See page 2.
- May 6 ... Chesapeake Bay bridge hike. Call Ray McKinley (527-7126)
- May 12 ... Fun Run/Brunch with the Clarks. See page 3.
- May 15 ... Monthly Meeting at the Hensleys'. 8:00 P.M.
- May 19 ... International Dinner at the Copes'. See page 3.
- May 22 ... ExCom at the Marxes'. 7:30 P.M.
- May 26 ... Annual Spring Hike. See page 3.
- May 27 ... Montgomery Playhouse matinee performance. See page 3.
- June 2 ... Spring Bike Outing. See page 3.
- June 6 ... Evening at Wolf Trap. See page 3.
- June 9 ... Picnic at Hadler's. Gail Pease coordinating (620-4573).
- June 19 ... Monthly Meeting at June Read's Potomac home. 8:00 P.M.

NOVEMBER 3 ... 25th ANNIVERSARY DINNER. FORT MCNAIR OFFICERS' CLUB

A REMINDER: OUR CLUB POLICY IS THAT IF YOU CANCEL FROM AN EVENT AFTER THE DEADLINE AND THERE IS NO ONE WAIT-LISTED TO TAKE YOUR PLACE YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYING YOUR SHARE OF THE EXPENSES EXCEPT, OF COURSE, IN THE EVENT OF UNFORESEEN EMERGENCIES.

Bob and Janet Marx
 8312 Oakford Drive
 Springfield, Va. 22152

