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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE :

By the time you receive this message, your president and vice president together with 16 club members (plus or minus, depending on the virulence of the Flu Bug) will be skiing in the **AWSOME ALPS**. With the first week in Lech and the second in St. Anton, we are looking forward to a great time. This writer has not been to St Anton since 1975 when I was awarded a **YELLOW RIBBON** from the world famous St Anton Ski School. I can't wait to show those arrogant instructors how I have improved in just 17 short years. However, a matching **YELLOW RIBBON** would be nice.

In 1989, Henry Beard and Roy McKie published a dictionary for **BUNNY SLOPERS**. They defined **SKIING** (skē'ing), i.n. as "the art of catching cold and going broke while rapidly heading nowhere at great personal risk ..." Well, I have news for those guys. PVSers do know where they are going, that is unless a few of our Maryland residents have to find their way to a club function in Virginia. And PVSers do not catch cold (sniff, sniff..pass the **ROBITUSSIN** and **ASPIRIN**, please). And, as for going broke, many of us are on government annuities or Social Security. So there, Beard and McKie, eat your hearts out and write another dictionary.

Well, so long for now. I hope to see many of you at the next **DOG** outing at **POTOWMAK LANDING** on February 11th.

SKI HEIL!!

Bill

Bill Anderson, President

MONTHLY MEETING

TUESDAY, February 18. 8:00 P.M.

WHERE: Home of Shirley Rettig
604 Princess St.
Alexandria, Virginia.
Tel: 703-836-0147

Spend a winter evening in olde Alexandria swapping ski stories with old ski friends. Couldn't ask for more!



Directions: From downtown Washington: Take GW Parkway past National Airport to Alexandria where turn left at eighth light (Princess St.). 604 is in first block on right. From Beltway and Wilson Bridge: Exit Beltway at US 1 North, first exit in Virginia after bridge, Go through eight traffic lights on US 1 (Patrick Street). After eighth light (Queen St.), turn right at the next street (Princess St.) 604 is on the right in the fourth block. Parking is unrestricted evenings on North Washington St. (Alexandria segment of GW Parkway).

COMING EVENTS



DINING OUT GROUP - February, 1992

Join us for dinner on Tuesday, February 11, 1992. Meeting and greeting at 6:30, Dinner at 7:00 P.M. This month we will meet at POTOWMACK LANDING, at the Washington Sailing Marina.

Come and enjoy the beautiful view of the Capitol and monuments across the Potomac. Skiers going on the Aspen and The Summit trips are especially invited.

Directions: Go South on the George Washington Parkway in Virginia for 1-1/2 miles past the National Airport exit. At the sign for the Washington Sailing Marina, turn left across the Parkway into the Sailing Marina. Coming North from Alexandria on the George Washington Parkway - turn right just before National Airport at the Sailing Marina.

So that we may know how many to expect - Please call Pat Tengel or John Smith at (301)- 299-8376 by Sunday, February 9.

MARCH 21 ... GOURMET WINE TASTING AT THE COPE'S - 8:00 P.M.

Limited to 20. Don't miss this fine annual event which besides a number of very fine wines will feature appropriate gourmet appetizers. Cost is \$25 per person. Call the Copes to reserve (703-836-5436).

MAY 16 ... HIKE/BRUNCH WITH THE CLARKS

Reservations are now being taken for this limited event which although it is still fun is no longer called the "Fun Run" because our aging memberships seems increasingly disinclined to run. Call the Clarks (703-978-9435).

SKI TRIP

SKI UTAH MARCH 1992

Shirley Rettig is coordinating a trip to Salt Lake City which will begin approximately on March 10 and last about a week.

Shirley says, "Conditions will be the same as previous years. We will stay at the downtown Motel 6 (cost about \$36 a night double occupancy), rent cars and ski the nearby ski areas. Some of the world's best powder is less than an hour away: Alta, Snowbird, Solitude, Brighton, Park City, Snow Basin, Deer Valley. We can hit a different area every day."

Flight arrangements to SLC will be made independently by each skier. It is hoped there will be some good airline deals available.

If interested, call Shirley (703-836-0147).

PAST EVENT

JANUARY MEETING AT THE YESSLERS' by Irene Farrell

With the Suttonites back (with embellished tales of ski adventures and dirty dancing contests) and the European contingent awaiting take-off, we don't know whether to call the meeting at the Yesslers' a pre-ski or après-ski party. But, any gathering at the Yesslers' makes for a GREAT party!!!!

Paul and Kaye welcomed 55-60 members into their home with a bounteous buffet that included Mexican Dip, meatballs, veggies, cheeses and desserts. The socializing was so great (socializing is a PVS euphemism for eating and having fun), that Bill Anderson had a hard time herding the members into the Rec Room for what turned out to be a very animated meeting. As a matter of fact, the number of quips exchanged exceeded the transaction of business.

Bill did note that it was old home week with 3 non-local members present: Charlie Gordon, on a stopover between Quebec and Texas, was staying at Bill's. (Prez, did you really charge him \$2.50 a night plus dishwashing?). Jim Slack (on a business stopover from that big state on the West Coast) advocating the virtues of skiing Mt. Batchelor; and Aase Berling, looking very svelte - the sun and surf at Hilton Head certainly agree with her.

Dot Mason and Aina Thomas were there - both looking great and promising that we can expect to see more of them - er, rather see them at more events this year.

Our thanks to the Yesslers. We love their hospitality and hope they will have us back next year.

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MONT SUTTON - SEVENTH TIME AROUND by Bette Walker

On January 12th the Mont Sutton trip got off to a rousing start: it was off the bus from Burlington and right into RFK Stadium to egg on and cheer for the home team as they won the NFC Championship. Although the noise emanating from the party room was deafening the cause was so worthwhile that the usual Paimpolaise welcoming cocktail party was delayed until the cheers and high fives came to an end.

It was only later that it was discovered that a renegade had been in the group when Buffalo-born Barbara Leonhardt showed up in a brilliantly decorated sweatshirt extolling the Bills. This unearthed another Bills' fan: Serge, a handsome young waiter to whom Barbara gave her Bills pin and who thereafter addressed her as "My darling."

Having seen little snow in the Burlington area, we expected the worst on the mountain, but there was snow and Monday, our first day of skiing, was a day to remember, 40° F and no one on the slopes but us, or so it seemed. Tuesday it rained but the die-hards donned trash bags and skied anyway. The rest of us went to Montreal with Jack to see what goes on underground in that metropolis - everything, everywhere. Then it was back to the Paimpolaise for delicious cheese fondue.

Wednesday morning the thermometer registered -8° F but the wind chill factor dropped it to -40° F. Adding several layers, more hats, face masks and chemical hand warmers made it possible to ski but frost bite sent Aina Thomas and several others back to the hotel. Wearing her iced up goggles, Carol Parmenter went into the ski shop to buy defogger. When she asked the first person she saw where to look for it and got no response she took off her glasses and found herself face to face with a mannequin in full ski gear!

Despite the weather, the annual slalom race was scheduled for Wednesday afternoon. About 15 PVSers participated. Reg Heitchue and Charlie Gordon posted the best men's times while Liz Triau and Betty Lawrence led the women.

By mid-week it was snowing again - lots of it (in fact, we seldom saw the sun during the week) and freshly-groomed Sous-bois, Alleghany, Mohawk and Starlet and all the lift line areas offered wonderful runs despite the temperature which stayed at 8° to 10° below zero. All too soon it was 4:30 P.M. Saturday - the last run was made and it was time to pack up the skis.

Compared to last year, this was an injury-free trip. Jeannette Albersheim sat down hard on the ice which made walking difficult and Carol Parmenter broke a thumb but managed to ski on, as did Paul Yessler with a strained thumb. May they improve ASAP.

Because he turned eighty last spring, Franklin Fiske was presented with a certificate entitling him to a year's free skiing at Sutton. He was joined in a photo op by last year's awardee, John Newdorp. Nice for them and VERY encouraging for the rest of us.

We did not lack the après-ski entertainment for which the Sutton trip is famed. On Monday, a young classical guitarist played for us. Tuesday Bingo and a 1000-piece jigsaw puzzle kept us up late. Wednesday featured the annual pajama (or Kitaine) party. What began as a gentlemen's leg contest became a performance contest and was won by Myron Marquardt with John Smith and John Mathews 2nd and 3rd. The Clarks won the "Dirty Dancing" contest which brought on a complaint that married couples had an unfair advantage over the unattached. Marilyn said it was like being 20 years old again.

On another evening, Pierre, a ski instructor and also an accomplished musician and comedian, held us spellbound with his legerdemain, and on our last evening we were surprised by Rolland's fine singing and guitar strumming followed by clever duets by Lise and Carolyn.

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MONT SUTTON by Bette Walker (Continued from previous page.)

At five minutes before midnight on the last evening, a wild and crazy cry came from the game room - the last piece of the jigsaw puzzle fell into place and "San Francisco at Night" was finally completed.

So, with the puzzle finished, some great skiing to remember and lasting dreams of the wonderful cuisines prepared and served by Rolland's warm, cheerful, helpful staff, we left Sutton behind - we surely hope not for the last time.

Thank you, Jack and Charlie, for a very successful week. (But, when you "think snow" again, "think + 10° F.," puleeze!)

My Trip To Steamboat Springs
Mrs. Jones, Grade 5, Leesburg Elementary

I missed school the week of December 9th because I went skiing with the PVS Ski Club. A group of 25 of us met in the Denver airport, I was the official greeter and held the PVS sign. In Denver it was real warm and I was afraid there would not be any snow on the mountains. We loaded vans and then left for Steamboat Springs with my dad, John Pulos and Ray McKinley driving the vans and my mom following in a car. On the way to Steamboat everyone was pointing out buffalo to Ruth Schrider, I thought a lot of them looked like cows. When we got to Steamboat everything was covered with snow, it was great. In the hotel we all got our rooms and unpacked our bags except for Joe and Annabelle Blum who were missing a bag that did not get found until the next day.

We had a big breakfast everyday and a lot of fun skiing. The snow was wonderful. It was so good that my mom even went skiing, I had to help her but she learned pretty quick. After skiing we would have a party in someone's room and everyone would be telling stories about their skiing. We also got to swim in the pool, soak in a hot tub, play video games, eat in good restaurants and I did my homework. Kitty Foy played the piano in the hotel lobby, she was real good; people thought she worked for the hotel. I skied a lot with Paul and Wayne Yessler, Geoff Wadey, Tom Aguilar, Lee Coleman, Charlie Gordon, Bob Harmon, Frank Shelburne, Shirley Rettig and Huey; we skied fast and had a lot of fun. Huey also did a lot of skiing in the bumps, when he was finished he needed a bandage on his nose. Tom said he was only 39 years old but I still think Wayne is younger.

Mary Riley, Jackie Wilson, Ruth Schrider, Aina Thomas, Irene Farrell and my mom all took lessons, but they really didn't need them. I saw them and they are pretty good skiers, Mary even won a silver medal for racing. Olga Gilloegly and I also had a lot of fun, we skied some, talked a lot and even did some shopping together. During the last night's party, my dad gave a number of toasts, one was for freedom of Aina's and Olga's homelands. I asked my dad later what were their homelands and he said they were both from Maryland. In the van ride back to the airport Jessma Blockwith showed us the rocks that gave Rabbit Ears Pass its name. It was real pretty going back and we were sorry to be leaving, I had a lot of fun even if it was with a bunch of grown-ups. I want to go again next year, but I guess I will have to talk to my 6th grade teacher.

Christy

COOK'S CORNER



by

Nancy Garrett

In January I promised you Kathy Quinden's recipe for chicken enchiladas. It is presented this month. If

you plan to have a Valentine's party, the recipe for Veggie Pizza from Irene Farrell could be easily adapted to blend in with the red and white decorations.

CHICKEN ENCHILADAS

Kathy Quinden

Have all ingredients close at hand so that assembling is easy. You will need :

- 1 dozen fresh corn tortillas
- Oil to cover skillet to 1/2-inch
- 3 cups cooked chicken or turkey, cubed
- 1 cup grated longhorn cheese for top of casserole
- 1 recipe chicken filling sauce
- 1 recipe green sauce
- 1 9" X 11" flat casserole

Sauce for Chicken Filling:

Mix together:

- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 cup grated longhorn cheese
- 1 medium onion, chopped

Green Enchilada Sauce:

Saute until clear, not brown:

- 1 Tablespoon oil
- ½ cup chopped onion

Add and mix well:

- 2 Tablespoons flour

Add and simmer for 15 minutes:

- 2 (4 oz.) cans chopped green chilies
- ½ teaspoon garlic powder
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 (16 oz.) can tomatoes
- 1 cup chicken broth

Makes about 1½ pints of sauce.

Enchiladas are much easier to assemble if meat and sauces are cool.

In heavy frying pan, heat oil to about ½-inch deep. Fry tortillas, one at a time, just until soft. Place tortilla in center of casserole dish. Place a small amount of chicken, cheese sauce, and a

spoonful of green sauce. Roll tortilla up and place flap down in casserole.

Repeat process until all ingredients are used, being careful not to crowd the enchiladas too much in the casserole. Pour the remaining sauces over the enchiladas and sprinkle with grated longhorn. Bake at 350 until bubbly (about 20 minutes). Serves 4 to 6.

VEGGIE PIZZA

Irene Farrell

Press onto cookie sheet and prick:

- 2 (8 oz.) packages crescent rolls

Bake at 350° 10-12 minutes. Cool.

Mix together and spread on cooled crust:

- 2 packages (8 oz.) cream cheese
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1 package ranch style dressing

Cut into squares and decorate tops with:

- Shredded cheddar cheese
- Radish slices
- Chopped carrots or Carrot curls
- Cauliflower bits
- Broccoli bits
- Chopped green onions

CHICKEN LIVER PATE

Nancy Garrett

Rinse 1 lb. chicken livers in cold water. Drain. Remove and discard membrane or fat.

In a large skillet, saute:

- ½ cup (1 stick) butter or oleo
- ½ medium onion, chopped

Add, continuing to stir:

- Cleaned chicken livers
- 1 garlic clove, crushed
- ½ teaspoon tarragon
- ¼ teaspoon thyme
- ½ teaspoon salt
- Dash nutmeg and cinnamon

Cook until livers are firm and pink in the center. Do not overcook. Pour mixture into food processor and blend until smooth. While blending, add:

- 4 Tablespoons cream sherry

Put mixture in lightly greased 2-cup mold. Chill. When solid, unmold onto serving plate. Garnish with parsley. Serve with crackers or toast.



THE KNEE

by
Ray McKinley

"As the soft, powdery snow continued to fall, covering any trace that they had ever entered the chalet, he awoke to the feel of her soft warm breath against the nape of his neck." Thus the opening words of a new ski novel the Knee is reading, a novel so revolutionary I'm going to call it TROTSKI. More on this novel novel later.

The Knee has been looking for information about the nation's two newest ski areas, Cherokee and Whitetail, both less than 90 minutes from the beltway. Lee Coleman and Frank Shelburne skied at Whitetail in mid-January and provided this illuminating(?) inside dope: Lee skied there on a weekend and observed, quite alliteratively, that there were "long lift lines." Frank skied there on a weekday and reported no lines but "it was very cold."

If you've skied either area, please tell me your experiences.

Womens' Libers take note: In Austria, men get senior rates at age 65, women at 60.

Jack Peoples researched PVS wine drinking preferences before his January trip to Sutton. He was told that at meetings the ratio was 3 white to 2 red. Jack found that Suttonites tended more to white. He provided 11 to 1 and the 1 was rosé not red. The Knee has heard a plethora (assuming two is a plethora) of complaints.

The Knee prefers red wines and has observed that they tend to be favored by the PVSers who are more sophisticated.

Charles Huggins loved Mt Sutton's reverse Coke machines. They eat Coke cans and return your money. Right on!

You've heard how cold Sutton was. Serge Triau noted that the brass monkey died.

On one particularly cold day, first-timer Charles Boykin asked far-from-first-timer Peggy Burns how to get back to the lodge. "Go down and turn at the T-Bar," she replied. Hours later, Charles managed to get back to the lodge without ever sighting a T-Bar. Charles asked Peggy about her instructions. She was astonished. "Oh," she exclaimed. "It's not a T-Bar anymore, it's a chairlift. Everyone knows where it was?"

You missed a great meeting if you missed the January meeting at Paul and Kaye Yesslers' Silver Spring home. Bet you didn't know their house is the newest one on the block. It burned almost to the ground in 1984 and has been completely rebuilt. (Guess the latter is obvious.)

If you missed the meeting, you also missed seeing (as is reported elsewhere) a gaggle (assuming five is a gaggle) of PVSers we've not seen at club events in some time. Greetings Aase, Aina, Charlie, Dot and Jim. Our Northern California representative, Jim Slack, reports he and Mary skied Mt. Batchelor, Oregon, at Thanksgiving and that it is the first major US area to use a punchcard system whereby you pay only for the amount you ski. Jim thinks it's great. It gets them out for a few runs even on a very foggy day.

From the Knee's Icky Poo file: Larry Pease tore his Achilles' tendon while skiing at Wisp. And the Felkers had to cancel plans for Gorman Young's European ski trip due to Karen's bad case of the flu. (Is there such a thing as a good case of flu?) Ankleweay, icky poo.

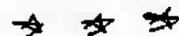
And from the Aging Colorado Ski Bum Department (see January Knee): Huey Roberts remains alive, well and skiing from beautiful (sic) downtown Dillon. He and club secretary Irene Farrell recently spent a day skiing in Vail with Bill and Susan Brown, Nancy Monacelli and Jack Lilley. This month, Huey expects visits from Dick and Christie Comerford, Reg and Jean Heitchue and Kirk Burns. The Knee remains incredibly envious and will report on Huey's dalliances no more .. this month.

The Jan. 28 ExCom was at the Leonhardts'. Their Christmas tree was still up and looking great. Barbara reasoned that percentagewise, it wasn't as old as most PVSers. Lights on!

Did you know PVS has a Ski Trip Committee to oversee PVS ski trips? It consists of Jan Marx, Charles Huggins and Dick Comerford and was set up by Dick. First trip leader to submit a fiscal report was (surprise!) Dick.

A band (assuming 20 or more is a band) of PVSers, mostly from the Sutton trip, had a joyous ad hoc Super Bowl party at Betty Lawrence's. I didn't know PVS colors were burgundy and gold.

Finalknee, let me leave you with the last words from my novel, TROTSKI. The End.



P R O F I L E

BILL HAGER , a nominee for election to the Executive Committee in April, has been a member of the club for more than 20 years and has previously served on ExCom.

When asked to give a biographical sketch for TOOT, Bill sent a profile from which we have taken the following extracts:

"I was born and grew up in Southern California where water skiing was much more popular than the snow variety. I attended Loyola University of Los Angeles, majoring in Political Science. To avoid the draft, I joined the army and, after a year of Korean language training, spent the next year and a half in Korea. Before returning to the U.S., I spent an unforgettable month hitchhiking on military aircraft to various areas in the far east.

"The experience eventually led me to join the State Department, which sent me to a variety of garden spots around the globe but mostly in tropical countries where there was not a lot of skiing.

"I returned from Paris in 1971, having learned to ski the previous winter at Verbier - that season it made New England boilerplate look like packed powder, and ever since, I've had a fondness for sheet ice! I visited the Washington Ski Show where PVS had a booth, was beguiled by the charms of Gail, Marilyn and Jan, and opted for PVS over SCWDC and the Fagowees. I've skied Mt Sutton almost as many times as has Jack Peoples, back when we carpoled in family groups and stayed in assorted chalets and Jay Peak was included in the 6-mountain lift ticket package.

" Killington was a favorite New England destination in the early days, with long drives and inexpensive family accommodations some distance from the slopes - but those can be the most fun, and we always had great hosts. Colorado was the destination in 1978: Crested Butte and Aspen - I'll never forget flying one early morning from Crested Butte to Aspen in a three passenger plane, with the sun just coming up over the mountains, and skimming so low over the peaks you could reach out and touch the snow! It was a long, dry spell then, until returning home in 1989 and skiing, in succession, Mt. Sutton, Val d'Isere and Courmayeur, and Steamboat. There are so many memories here of special slopes and incredible runs when everything came together. But perhaps the Vallee Blanche, between Italy and France, highlights the ski experience for me."



SENIOR AIRLINE DISCOUNT-COUPON BOOKS BY CHARLES W. HUGGINS

All U.S. airlines continue the 62 minimum age, and coupons are good for one year of travel. TWA has some blackout dates, and Delta, USAir, Northwest, and United limit the number of seats available per flight. Northwest and United have lower-priced coupons that restrict travel days and higher-priced ones without restrictions. United has travel restrictions on Friday, Sunday, and Monday. Continental and Delta allow standby travel, but all airlines require that reservations be made 14 days in advance. All but Continental had price increases on Jan. 15th.

Current Coupon Book Prices For Major Airlines

AIRLINE	COUPONS	INFORMATION	AIRLINE	COUPONS	INFORMATION
American ¹	4 for \$516 8 for \$896	800-433-7300	TWA ³	4 for \$436 8 for NA	800-221-2000
Continental ²	4 for \$449 8 for \$749	800-248-8996	United ¹	4 for \$488* 8 for \$848	800-633-6563
Delta ²	4 for \$516 8 For \$896	800-221-1212	USAir	4 for \$516 8 for \$896	800-428-4322
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- 1) Maximum 2,000 miles per coupon. 2) Two coupons to Alaska, and Hawaii.
- 3) Two coupons to Hawaii and for travel over 2,000 miles. Companion coupon book available for \$549. * Travel days restricted; non-restricted coupon books are \$516/\$896 Northwest, \$516/\$896 United.



PVS GOTHIC?

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