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President's Message:

As the old year comes to a close and the new year begins, we look back on the many great times we have shared as members of Potomac Valley Skiers. So, as we enter the new year, I wish for you a happy, prosperous, healthy and contented New Year. May your dreams be limitless and all come true.

Our ski season got off to a great start with the Steamboat Springs trip returning to reality on December 14th. All reports indicate that snow conditions could not have been better. The grape vine reported to me that, on a scale of 1 to 100, the trip rated a 2000. Good planning, Dick.

Our newly inaugurated DOG (Dining Out Group) activities got off to a slow start, but as time passes, gets larger and larger. Our thanks to Pat Tengel and John Smith for their efforts in making this event increasingly successful.

So, LET THE SNOWS BEGIN, PVSers are Ready...

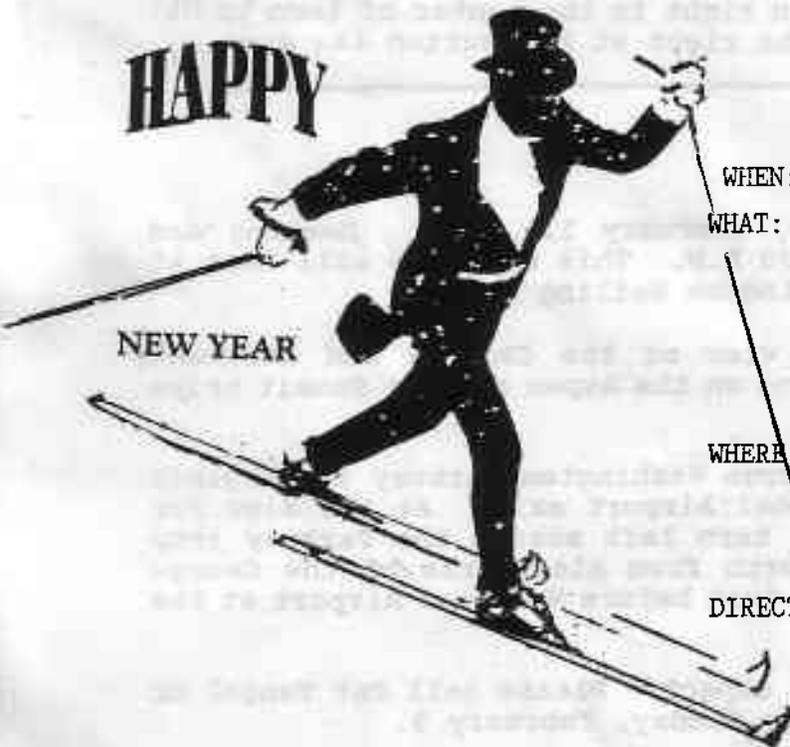
Bill

Bill Anderson, President

MONTHLY MEETING

HAPPY

NEW YEAR



WHEN: Tuesday, January 21st. 8 P.M.

WHAT: First club meeting of 1992 featuring skiers just returned from Mont Sutton, those recently returned from Steamboat, those about to take off for Austria, those packing up for Colorado in February, and those planning other trips near and far away. Dont miss it!

WHERE: Silver Spring, Md. home of Dr Paul Yessler
9107 Woodland Drive.
Telephone: 301-585-0942.

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• COMING EVENTS •

DIRECTIONS TO THE YESSLER HOME FOR THE JANUARY MEETING :

From beltway, take Exit 31-B (south) - Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring. Go past three traffic lights (the first two are VERY close together) and turn left on Grace Church Rd. (0.6 mile from beltway exit). Go one block on Grace Church Rd. to Woodland Drive and turn right. The house - 9107 Woodland Drive - is the 2nd house on the left side - white brick with blue frame trim.

From D.C., get to 16th street N.W. going north into Md. Go on 16th street extended 1.0 mile from the District line where 16th Street "dead ends" into Georgia Avenue (Silver Spring). Turn right (south) on Georgia and get immediately in the far left lane and turn left at the first left possible - Grace Church Road (only 0.1 mile from where 16th street ends on Georgia). Go one block on Grace Church Rd. and turn right on Woodland Drive. The house - 9107 Woodland Drive - is the second house on the left side.



DINING OUT GROUP

January 1992

Join us for dinner on Tuesday, January 14, 1992 at 7:00 P.M. This month, dinner is planned at LA PAIMPOLAISE, Sutton, Quebec, Canada.

Directions for anyone who would like to join us but who is not on the Sutton trip: Fly to Burlington VT., Drive North on Interstate Route 89 to Vermont Route 105, go East on Route 105, cross U.S. Canadian border at Richford, VT. and continue on Canadian route 139 North to village of Sutton, turn right in the center of town to Mt. Sutton, LA PAIMPOLAISE is on the right at Mt. Sutton ski area.

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.

CHRISTMAS GLUHWEIN ... AND THEN SOME by Lu Beale

The annual gluhwein party at the Heitchues' on December 17th was merrier than ever - if that's possible. There were so many revelers - about 80 - it would be shorter to list the members not present rather than those who were.

Red, of course, was the dominant color and there was scarcely a man or woman present without at least a token red or green ornament. The Heitchues' beautiful, custom-built house was similarly decorated - with a huge wreath high above the fireplace, a softly lighted tree beside the glowing fire, and lighted candles and greenery everywhere.

Aromatic gluhwein simmered in the kitchen where guests tirelessly eddied, refilling their glasses before returning to the living room and the long table spread with favorite goodies brought by guests - sushi, salmon balls, shrimp in pastry shells, prosciutto, pound cake smothered in whipped cream and liqueurs, dozens of cheeses, cookies, nuts, dips, and much, much more. It may be that, for once, even PVSers couldn't quite empty the platters.

Highlight of the evening was a performance of exotic dancing by Kathy Quinden who has been "belly dancing" for about 10 years and frequently performs at folk festivals and private parties. Her professionalism was clearly evident as she enticed a number of startled he-men to join her in a twirl or two. She'll be a hard act to follow at future ski meetings!

It all helped to make it an evening to remember and all 80 of those present are indebted to Jean and Reg for once again helping to make the Christmas season a joyful one for PVS.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

In accordance with PVS bylaws, a nominating committee appointed by President Bill Anderson met in December to select candidates for president and three executive committee positions for 1992-94.

The committee of seven, chaired by Margaret Wyckoff, offer the following slate of officers to be presented at the Annual Meeting in April:

President ... Bill Anderson (second term)

Two-year term on the Executive Committee ... Karen Felker
Bob Harmon
Bill Hager

Additional nominations may be made by the signatures of any five active members in good standing presented at a business meeting at least one month prior to the April election.

PVS OFFICERS

President ... Bill Anderson
Vice President ... Mary Jane McCarthy
Secretary ... Irene Farrell
Treasurer ... Margaret Wyckoff
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Bill Brown
Howard Hensley
June Kelsay

First Term:
Joan Flake
Bob McNeill
Jack Peoples

COOK'S CORNER 4



by
Nancy Garrett

The McKinley Chili hike always produces some great foods. January is usually a cold month in which all

those hot Southwestern dishes taste so good. While Ray's chili was exceptionally good this year, he and Nancy also served an excellent Tamale Pie. Kathy Quinden brought great chicken enchiladas which will be presented in a future TOOT.

TAMALE PIE

Mix together and let stand:

- 3 cups milk
- 1 cup cornmeal

In large skillet, sauté:

- 2 lbs. ground beef
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 2 onions, chopped
- 1 green pepper, chopped

Add:

- 1 cup whole kernel corn
(Can use frozen or canned, drained)
- 1 cup hot salsa
- 2½ cups tomato sauce
- 1 can chopped ripe olives
- 3 Tablespoons chili powder
- 2 teaspoons salt

Combine meat and cornmeal mixtures. Place in 3-4 pie plates or 2 9" X 13" casseroles. Bake one hour at 375°.

After ½ hour, stir in:

- 2 cans sliced olives.

Last 20 minutes of cooking, top each dish with:

- Longhorn cheese, grated

Serves 15-20.

Ginny Larson has a version of this recipe in the PVS Cookbook. Ginny uses green chili sauce instead of hot salsa and whole ripe olives in place of sliced ones. Either version is very, very good.

The bunch of hungry hikers at Ray's home managed to completely finish the entire recipe.

TACO DIP Janet Waln

Blend together:

- 2 (8-oz.) packages cream cheese
(Can substitute Philly Lite)
- 1 (1½ oz.) package Taco seasoning

Spread into 2 greased 9" pie plates or 9" X 13" casserole dish.

On top of cheese mixture, spread in layers:

- 1 (15 oz.) can Chili without beans
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- ½ cup sliced or chopped black olives
- ½ cup chopped scallions

Bake in preheated oven at 350° for 30 minutes. Border casserole dish with nacho chips.

This recipe appeared in Cook's Corner several months ago, but is reprinted by popular demand.

Janet says that prep time is 15 minutes, cooking time is 30 minutes, eating time is far less than either.

DINA'S CHOCOLATE MOUSSE

Dina Taylor

In large bowl, beat together:

- 2 Tablespoons sugar
(Can substitute 3-4 packages Equal)
- 1 (3 oz.) package lite cream cheese, softened

Add and beat until smooth:

- ½ cup skim milk

Over low heat, stir until melted:

- 2 Tablespoons skim milk
- 6 squares unsweetened baking chocolate

Beat chocolate mixture into cream cheese mixture until evenly blended and smooth.

Fold in:

- 3½ cups (28 oz.) lite whipped topping

Blend until smooth. Spoon mixture into individual cups or into pie crust. Top with additional whipped topping and garnish with your favorite topping.

Freeze until firm, at least 4 hours. Remove from freezer to refrigerator 30 minutes prior to serving. Serves 12.



THE KNEE

by

Ray McKinley

Once again, let me be the first (and likely only)

person to wish you a Happy Knee Year.

Pat Tengel, John Smith, Liz and Serge Triau and Fumiko and Myron Marquardt are spending theirs at Seven Springs while Betty Lawrence, et al, will be at Betty's Blue Knob chalet.

Last year, U.S. skiers logged some 50 million skier days (i.e., the equivalent total number of one day lift passes sold). The Japaknees, with fewer ski areas and a smaller population, had some 70 million. Light on!

PVS's German Branch, Bill Stecher, is recovering from quadruple bypass surgery but will not be able to ski this year. Special get well wishes to Bill from PVS's American Branch.

Could Betty Comerford be trying out for the club's infamous Snow Flake division? Betty planned the required month ahead to get a weekend day off to attend a PVS event. She got the day off all right but missed the Saturday event. She got Sunday off.

A tip of the ol' Knee Cap to Bob and Vivian Barry who recently celebrated their 25th Anniversarknee. They are now looking forward to their 50th which they note will be in the year 2016. Knee planning note: PVS turns 50 a year earlier so block out November 3, 2015 on your calendar now!

Ubiquitous PVS, Chapter 37: En route to Steamboat, at the Denver airport, the group ran into Bob and Margaret Wyckoff on their way to Breckenridge and Mort Kuff on his way to a convention and not skiing. Pshaw.

Steamboat permits those over 70 to ski free. They also have a "Young Senior" discount for those over 62. Young Senior?

While at lunch at the top of the gondola, a gray haired ski instructor sat down with Aina Thomas and several other PVSers. He described his new ski program for the "Chronologically Advantaged" skier. Chronologically advantaged?

I guess those names are less illogical in a place in northern Colorado called Steamboat.

Many trip leaders like special touches but Dick and Betty Comerford brought their own china to Steamboat: 2 cobalt blue PVS mugs.

The music on the elevators at our Steamboat hotel was really excellent. Ask Geoff Wadey. He stopped the elevator between floors so he could hear the finish of Schubert's "Trout Quintet."

From the Knee's Chronologically Advantaged Ski Bum Department: Huey Roberts sold his Alexandria home, put his belongings in his truck and leased a ski condo in Dillon, Colorado where he has a season pass for four summit areas.

Immediately after the Mont Sutton trip, Kirk Burns will leave for two month's skiing in Colorado "staying with various friends." He'll then return to Sutton.

Last month, I neglected to mention a few other early-season skiers. Dina Taylor and Veep Mary Jane McCarthy skied amongst the palm trees at Ski Liberty on November 7 when the area was open three early days before closing. Patrolman Bob McNeill also skied those 3 days.

The selfsame Bob also skied on the day of the November meeting at his house, leaving wife Marty solely responsible for preparing their snake to meet guests.

Bing Poon reports that the Ski Club of Great Britain is so large that they had their own affinity VISA cards. However, they recently cancelled the program. Their cards were all issued by BCCI.

Two weeks before leaving for a year in Spain, Jim Arnold's furnace caught fire and had to be replaced...a major hassle. Said Jim: "It burns me up." He's still smoldering.

Both Bob Harmon and Nancy Sexton think PVS's DOGS (Dining Out Group) is a great idea but schedules have precluded either's attendance. With friends like that...

Regarding Kathy Quinden's terrific Arabian veil dance at the December meeting, Joe Lewis commented "You can't call that the Knee." Sure I can, Joe, it was the Knee.

It isn't true that Frank Shelburne had a heart attack while dancing with Kathy. Indeed, later he observed "This is a great meeting."

The Knee found Kathy's dancing belly interesting.

Finally, en route, to the Millers' hike we noted the Fish Hatchery is no longer on Fish Hatchery Road. It is now called the Fish Cultural Center. The Knee checked it out. Sure enough, there were fish wearing tutus. And another group was practicing the "Trout Quintet."

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P R O F I L E S

KAREN FELKER was born and raised in Odense, Denmark, which was also the hometown of Hans Christian Anderson. After high school she moved to Copenhagen where she earned a business degree in English at Copenhagen School of Economics. After graduation, she joined the Foreign Service and was posted to the Consulate General in Chicago (where, incidentally, she met Karen Devorshak).

In 1981 Karen came to Washington and worked for the Danish Embassy until 1983. Meantime, she found Knox, or Knox found her - A MUTUAL GREAT GOOD FORTUNE! - and they married in 1981 and settled down in Falls Church, Va. where they still live today. Karen's hobbies include music (she was a standout in the PVS Chorale at the 25th Anniversary); the study of languages, working out in a health club, and travelling. All of her family live in Denmark and she visits them at least once a year. Her parents are 92 years old and have been married for 69 years!

Being Danish, Karen began skiing at an early age. She and Knox joined PVS after a Grasley-led trip to Spain and Morocco in 1982. Her favorite ski area is Courchevel, France.

Her most memorable ski experience? Well, let her tell it: "During Easter holidays in 1950, a girl friend and I joined the Swedish Students' Association on a ski trip to Lappland. It was on antique skis, climbing hills herringbone fashion and stopping by throwing ourselves down as we did not know how to snowplow. The triplader lead the column, and in back came a medical student who, among other rescue items, carried a ski tip to put on a broken ski. There I learned - among other things - the Swedish rule: On the third day of a ski trip, you rest. In 1955, with the same low level of knowledge I skied Arapaho Basin, Colorado, and am certain I did a somersault coming down from the top and landed on my feet.

In my second life of skiing my style is a lot more careful and, hopefully, getting better."

Karen is a candidate for election to a 2-year term on the Executive Committee to be voted on at the club's annual meeting in April (see page 3). It would be hard to find a nicer, more qualified nominee!!

CAROL PARMENTER was born and raised in the Quaker city. After graduating from the U. of Penn., where she majored in zoology, she went to the Philadelphia School of Occupational Therapy so she would "have a profession to fall back on in case of future need. (Ha, ha!)"

In 1956, Carol came to D.C. to work for the Dept. of Maternal and Child Health at D.C. General Hospital supposedly for ONE year. (Ha, again!) She was here for 21 years!! - at D.C. General and, from '63 to '77, at the Sharpe Health School.

During this period she took a year off to attend Boston University for the Master's Degree in OT that led to an assistant professorship in the new Occupational Therapy Department at Towson State University. "This," says Carol, "Made a profound change in my life as I discovered there was little time for play and a lot of time for devotion to TSU so my hobbies went down the drain as did my good humor." (Who sez?)

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PROFILE

CAROL PARMENTER (Continued):

While at D.C.General, Carol met Pat Calef Cope who taught her to ski and drive (in that order?). Later, Jan Marx joined the department and the skiing expeditions to Seven Springs, Blue Knob, etc. continued, the group often including Aina Thomas, Charlie Gordon, the Solers, as well as Pat and the Marxes. Carol's first actual ski experience was at Davis, Va., with SCWDC where she met her first rope tow and fell in love with skiing. (What an introduction!) At the invitation of Pat Cope, she joined PVS at the club's second meeting and so is practically a Charter Member.

Carol spends summer vacations on Cape Cod (often visiting with cousin Franklin Fiske), and her winter vacations skiing. Favorite ski areas are Sutton, Stowe and Utah and her most memorable ski experience was - well, ALL of them are memorable, she says, not only for the skiing but for the camaraderie that is so intrinsic a part of skiing and especially of PVS. "I have always been very fond of PVS," Carol says, "And my biggest regret is that because I live in Towson, I can't get to more club meetings and be more active in club events." We regret it, too. Her infectious good humor and sparkle have brightened many an event for all of us.

**News
that
affects
you
where
you
live!**

COPS ON WATCH

According to an article in *Skiing Magazine*, The Summit County Sheriff has (plainclothes) deputies on Keystone, Copper Mountain, Arapahoe Basin and Breckenridge to apprehend skiers that ski in closed areas or who are skiing recklessly. Offending skiers are held until they post a \$300 bond or pay fines up to \$300. Last season 11 people were arrested for such skiing offenses with a conviction rate of 100%.

JURY AWARD

A Denver federal court jury recently ordered a Crested Butte man to pay a 51 year old Florida woman \$162,252 for injuries she sustained when he collided with her at the Beaver Creek ski area on January 20, 1990. Darla Land was standing on an intermediate slope when Jim Thalman, 42, struck her at a high rate of speed and carried her 150 feet. The court had earlier dismissed claims that Beaver Creek was also at fault.

CALENDAR

- Jan. 14 ... DOGS. See page 2.
- Jan. 21 ... Monthly Meeting at the Yesslers'. See page 1.
- Jan. 28 ... ExCom at the Leonhardts'. Please note that THIS IS A CHANGE FROM THE LOCATION LISTED IN THE DECEMBER TOOT.
- Feb. 14 ... DOGS. See page 2.
- Feb. 18 ... Monthly Meeting at Shirley Rettig's.
- Mar. 17 ... Monthly Meeting at the Wyckoffs'.
- Apr. 21 ... Annual Meeting at the Leonhardts'.
- May 19 ... Monthly Meeting at the Hensleys'.

!! SKI TRIPS !!

MONT SUTTON - January 12 - 19, 1992. Jack Peoples leading. (301-493-5486).
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Lech & St Anton - January 24 -February 9,1992.Gorman Young leading. (202-244-2319).
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Aspen/Keystone - Feb. 15 - 29,1992.Dina Taylor leading. (301-663-6089).
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Ski Utah - January 10,1992. Shirley Rettig leading. (703-836-0147).
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