

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*It Has Been A Great Year: All of our trips were great successes -- we had a wonderful time skiing together. We had a fine 11th Annual Party (for those who came). Our regular meetings and events, such as the International Dinner and Christmas Party were thoroughly enjoyable. We have many new members, and have welcomed back one or two wanderers from far places. Preliminary indications are that our treasury is in good shape. We appear to have made our influence felt with the Eastern Ski Association.*

*The future also looks bright: We have a fine experienced slate of Club officers ready to accept your votes at the Annual Meeting. We have a full schedule of summer activities planned and preparations are being made for next winter's trips.*

*Let us come to the Annual Meeting not only with slides of our individual exploits, but also let us be ready to express our appreciation to all those who have worked so hard and well this past year to make P V S the successful, dynamic demon skiing outfit that it is.*

*Geoff' Wadey*  
 Geoff' Wadey,  
 President

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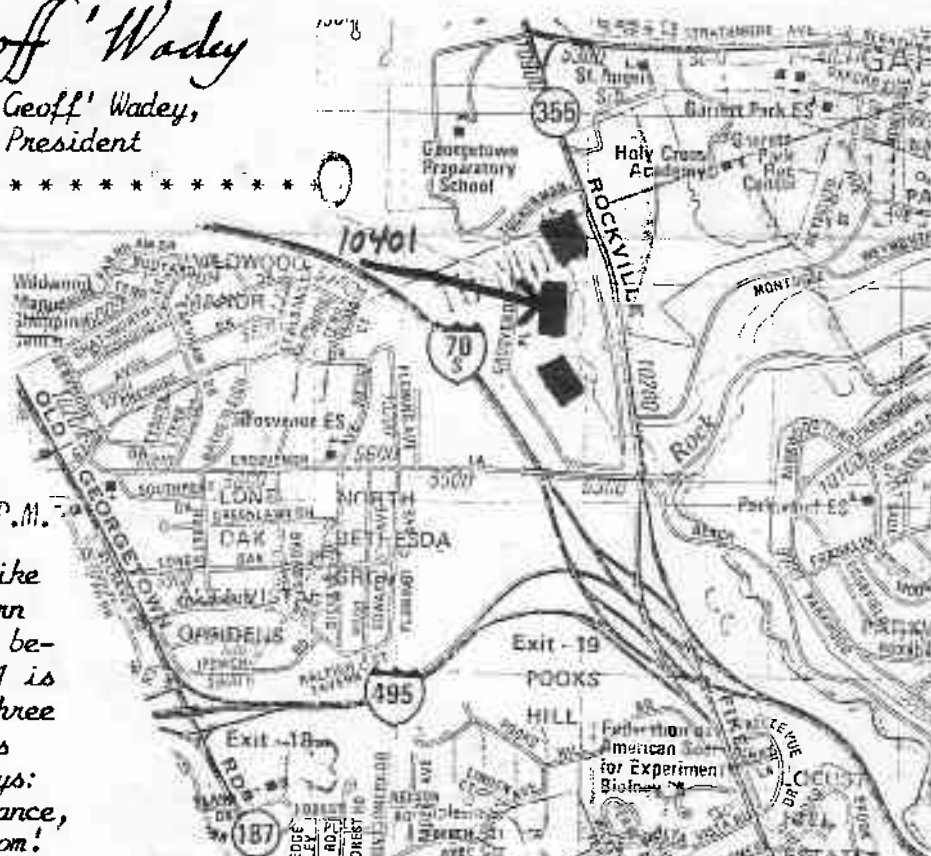
APRIL MEETING -- The Annual Meeting

*Place: The Grosvenor Apartments  
 10401 Grosvenor Place  
 Bethesda, Maryland*

*Hostess: Aase Bertling in the  
 Roof Recreation Room of  
 her apartment building*

*When: April 19th, Tuesday at 8:00 P.M.*

*How To Get There: Take Rockville Pike  
 north across the Beltway; turn  
 left on Tuckerman Lane which be-  
 comes Grosvenor Place. 10401 is  
 the middle building of the three  
 high-rise apartment buildings  
 (see adjacent map). Aase says:  
 Park to the left of the entrance,  
 Then come to the roof rec room!*



EXCOM MEETING

On March 22, 1977, the Executive Committee and other Club officers met at the home of Bob and Margaret Wyckoff to conduct Club business. Attending were: Geoff' Wadey, EXCOMers Brooke Armat, Aase Berling, Ray McKinley and Gerry Deighton; Membership Chairlady Gail Gell, Treasurer Margaret Wyckoff, TOOT Editors Dick and Julie King, Malle McKinley, Bob Wyckoff and ESA Director and P V S member Art Topping. Our hostess fed the group well with selected h'on d'ouvres and beverages. The following business was discussed:

1. A written Treasurer's report was requested by President Geoff' Wadey for presentation at the Annual Meeting.
2. Geoff' offered the possibility of a European trip next year going to Spain. He is looking for a trip leader for this venture.
3. The Annual International Dinner, scheduled for May 1977, has been changed from May 21st to May 14th. All attendees please note this change carefully. Early reservations are a MUST for this Event. Call Don/Pat Cope at 836-5436.
4. The Eastern Ski Association has backed down from its unilateral declaration that all 100% Clubs must adopt their Unibilling system. Sufficient opposition was reflected back to ESA to cause an immediate of that uncoordinated declaration by the ESA central office.
5. P V S has a need for an official letter head on stationery. Bob Wyckoff offered a selection which was accepted. P V S now has such stationery for official Club business.
6. The next EXCOM meeting will be April 26th at Ray and Malle McKinley's house.

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MARCH MEETING REPORT

In the warm and pleasant evening of March 15th, P V S held its monthly meeting in the spacious home of Jim and Barbara Wingrove. Some twenty or so members and five guests were present to enjoy the social activities and the ski movie about an old well established ski area, Mad River Glen in north central Vermont. Some of our Aspen trippers had just returned (including trip leader Ray McKinley, temporarily re-named "Gimpy Mac") and were reporting good snow conditions in the west (Finally!). Applicant members Tom Aquilar, Jack Hadler, Jim Slack and Mary Ward were voted into full membership by the voting members present. Guests joining us at this meeting were:

Mr. & Mrs. Bob Larsen of Vienna, Virginia; Bernie Johnson of Arlington; Jay Oberfield of Laurel, Maryland (Jay was a co-trip leader with P V S trip leader Ray McKinley to Aspen and is also member of, and Editor of the newsletter for the Goddard Ski Club. Nice to have you visit with us, Jay.); and Helen Price of Washington, D. C. We always appreciate and TOOT welcomes all guests who chooseto join our P V S meetings and activities. We are happy to have newcomers visit with us and hopefully chooseto join our Club. In spite of one flat tire (one member arrived just in time for her front tire to go flat!), it was a most enjoyable evening for all (including the flat tire owner - it was changed in a flash!).

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IMPORTANT NOTICES

Important Notice # 1

The April P V S meeting is our Annual meeting when new officers are elected to keep the Club running on an even keel. As you all will recall from reading your March TOOT report of the February meeting, our Club Nominating Committee has presented the following slate for voting in at the Annual Meeting:

- President: Ray McKinley
- EXCOM: Bill Hager
- Julie King
- Bob Marx

to fill the expiring terms of Brooke Armat, Aase Berling and Ray McKinley. We hope ALL P V S members will come to this Annual Meeting to vote on this slate of new and willing workers who will help run OUR Club for the next year.

Important Notice # 2

Members who wish to show their slides of this past winter are invited to bring them to the April meeting. A screen will be available and a schedule set up for showing our current slides of our most recent skiing adventures. Also, beverages will be available at this meeting for members and guests.

Important Notice # 3

TOOT has just learned that P V S member Mary K Joyce has recently been hospitalized and blood donors are needed to replace that which Mary K required during her hospitalization. Here is an opportunity for P V S members to do a very good turn for another P V S member. For details, call Trudy Santoro after 6:00 P.M. to learn what YOU can do to help Mary K. ALL assistance will be greatly appreciated! Trudy's home phone is: 525-3137.

## ASPEN SKI TRIP REPORT

by Malle McKinley

Early in the season, reports of NO SNOW and warm temperatures in Aspen plagued the March 77 trip. Several people cancelled. But, those of great faith who hung in there were well rewarded!

The trip began at beautiful Baltimore-Washington International Airport with a smooth check-in (except for one - there is always ONE - unfortunate who left his ski boots in Annapolis!). We arrived in Denver at approximately 5:00 P.M. and boarded our charter bus which took us through the tall mountains to the pretty little town of Aspen. Upon our arrival, one half of our total group headed by Jay Oberfield of the Goddard Ski Club unloaded at the Tirolyan Inn; eleven of our group stayed at the historic and old Jerome Hotel in the center of town, and four went to the Gant - luxury condominiums on the east side of town. Anxious about our first day of skiing upcoming; and dog-tired from the long journey from BWI airport, we all turned in for a good night's sleep (even though we did gain two hours of daylight from the westward flight). Well, it was NOT a good night's sleep for everyone! The Jerome Hotel group experienced some rude awakenings when the hot water radiator pipes began to "sing" at about four A.M.! In fact, it seemed as if the ENTIRE building was parked on the end of the runway and was about to take off!

Sunday, March 6th, was a beautiful day! Everyone was up early and had a delicious but expensive breakfast at the Hotel (the Abrahams and Geoff' Wadey wandered off to Andre's for their first meal). The group then attacked the slopes in full gear. As the cloudless 40° day wore on, various articles of clothing were shed. Needless to say, everyone was sunburned by the end of the day, and the obvious need for tons of sun screen lotion for the rest of the week was most apparent. Aase Berling turned almost as red as her beautiful red hair! The rest of the group did not fair much better. Generally, each day, everyone chose a new area to ski - Aspen Mountain, Aspen Highlands, Buttermilk or Snowmass. There was something for everyone - even cross country skiing at Ashcroft. According to our group expert, Rachael Abraham, the cross country instructor was both very demanding and very good. Rachael had seven full days of this! Snow conditions were good until Wednesday when bare spots began to appear near the bottom due to the 50° plus weather. THEN - Wednesday night it snowed; and Thursday it snowed! For those who braved the cold (20°) temperature, the skiing was P H A N T A S T I C! This one day made the whole trip worthwhile! Other than occasional hangovers, there was only one injury in the group: that was by trip leader Ray McKinley! Ray twisted his knee of the third day out. In spite of that, Ray had three glorious days which he can talk about "from here to eternity". During the week, most of the group joined in on wine, cheese and coldcut luncheons on the slopes of Snowmass. After stuffing ourselves, we even tried some racing - with times ranging from 16.9 seconds to 23.0 seconds. (Editor's Note: The author failed to note here the length of the course raced, nor did she mention the length of the luncheon period or the amount of wine consumed!).

Of course, we did not ski ALL of the time. We left plenty of time to participate in those other two pleasures: EATING and DRINKING. Good food and pleasant restaurants abound in this ski capitol. Elegant meals at Don Giovanni (ask Geoff' about the magician there), Crystal Palace (waiters and waitresses put on a great show) and at the Copper Kettle are confirmed. For lower cost, blue jean meals, there is the Aspen Mine Company, the Alcapaleo Gold, and Little Annie's.

It was really a great trip. We had only two complaints at the end of the trip: a) it was TOO SHORT; and b) there was not enough she-ing and he-ing! Oh well, MAYBE NEXT YEAR!

As an adjunct to the Aspen Ski Trip Report, we have NOTES ON ASPEN, by Geoff' Wadey

By contrast to many places I have skied, I was greatly impressed in Aspen by the number of young, genuinely friendly helpful people all over the place. They contributed greatly to our daytime and nighttime enjoyment. As for the daytime enjoyment, at Aspen I skied at higher altitudes (over 11,000 feet) than I had before. It was great. The clear skies and bright sun were wonderful (but dangerous for sunburn). The slopes were very varied. David Abraham and I skied hard and long on everything but Buttermilk which is mainly for beginners. There are good tough runs on the other three mountains: Highlands, Snowmass and Ajax, in increasing order.

The toughest runs are probably as steep as those at Vail, but not as long.

At night, Aspen provides an amazing number of fine restaurants for what is actually a small town. I will not catalog them here, but they range from the pool hall (in the basement under the Aspen Steak Company) for inexpensive but large sandwiches and pizzas and the Village Pantry for marvelous inexpensive blueberry pancakes for breakfast to Don Giovanni's for first class expensive Northern Italian cuisine and, when we were there, outstanding entertainment. An astounding young magician performing right at your table! Incidentally, forget Andre's for breakfast. Expensive and slow, and scrambled eggs are scrambled eggs!

The local "people zoo", where evening arrangements can be made, is the sundeck outside the bar at the foot of the Little Nell lift at the bottom of Ajax Mountain (right in town). Very felicitous, and marvelous variety available.

Only in Aspen is rock and roll music provided on the free town buses, (paid for by the taxpayers and the tourists, ask Paddy Frucht). Because of the previous snow drought, great bargains were available in the ski stores. I saved \$75.00 on a brand new pair of K-2s. I tried to resist -- but failed. All in all, Aspen is a great place; and with lots of good skiing, too!

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### TOOT T/DB/TS

A post card from Mike and Penny Wiederhold in Italy: "We are having a good time, leading proper Italian lives. Ted and I go shopping every morning for the bread, vegetables, etc. The women over here clean and clean -- and all the laundry and bedding hangs out of the windows -- all the windows. The weather has been beautiful -- spring. Last weekend we went "to the mountains". Val di Luce, And SKIED! I took Ted in the back pack and followed the crowd. Ted loved the poma. In boots three sizes too big, I had little control. Thank goodness, found smaller boots and had a wonderful time. Yesterday we went to the beach! Just to walk, but it was still quite a contrast. Mike is seeing the ruins in Sicily. See you all soon. Regards, Mike, Penny and Ted.

Mike and Trudy Sontano spent February 12 to 26 in Colorado. They found bare spots and marginal skiing in Aspen. On 19 February, they moved on to Vail where they found newly fallen and abundant snow for excellent skiing conditions. Thus, their vacation balanced out for the good, with the fortunate turn of events in Vail.

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### MONT SUTTON TRIP REPORT

by Dick King

This annual Deighton led trip departed by miscellaneous personal vehicles from the various home fronts and gathered at the Kirk Burns chalet on the slopes of Mont Sutton, Canada beginning on Sunday, March 27th. Spring temperatures and good ski conditions prevailed. By Sunday evening some sixteen adults and seven children were occupying the three levels of the Burns chalet and anticipating a full week of good spring skiing. The group was not disappointed (except for trip leader Gerry Deighton who never did find out who in the group used a whole tea bag for only ONE cup of tea!). Spring conditions prevailed. In fact, so much so that it was difficult to get on and off the lifts when the snow there melted away. But, there was plenty of snow in the trees. And excellent skiing was had at nearby Jay Peak on Thursday (by this time, the group had increased with the arrival of six additional adult P V Sers). Thursday night, the big freeze came, and Friday's skiing was on New England Boilerplate of the best order - BOY, was it hard! The intermediates quit after one run, and the experts continued, but with vibrator like knees! Again, the food on this trip was outstanding - and economically done. Several one-day trips were made to Montreal, and for antique-ing. All in all, an outstanding trip, one well worth repeating. Trip leader Gerry Deighton is considering moving it up to a week earlier next year. So, get your reservations in early for this one. A special welcome is extended to P V S guests Rob and Vicki Bass, Mary Lou Bowes and Harvey Steinfeld who greatly enjoyed this P V S trip and want to share in additional P V S activities. These folks will be most welcome at any P V S occasion.

COMING EVENTS

- 17 April - Blue Ridge Ski Council Spring Meeting. In Annapolis. Host Club is the Crabtowne Ski Club of Annapolis. Attending from P V S will be Art Topping, Geoff' Wadey, Gail Gell and Jim Pinkham. Anyone else that wants to attend should see any one of these four P V Sers.
- 19 April - The Annual P V S meeting. Annual elections + this past winter's slides.
- 24 April - The Pennsylvania Ski Federation Spring Meeting, at Seven Springs Ski Resort. Attending from P V S will be Art Topping. Anyone else interested in going should contact Art.
- 26 April - EXCOM Meeting, at Ray and Malle McKinley's home in Vienna, Virginia.
- 29,30 April & 1 May - Eastern Ski Association 56th Annual Convention in Hartford, Conn. Attending from P V S will be Art Topping who is a Director in ESA. See Art if you are interested in attending this annual event.
- 14 May - The Eighth Annual International Dinner. At Don and Pat Cope's home. Reservations required. Call Don or Pat (836-5436); before 10:00 P.M., PLEASE!
- 18 June - The June Event. At Jack Hadler's beach home (directions in a later TOOT). An all day event; picnic, swimming etc. Also, slide showing from the Wyckoff European trip; promises to be a good time!
- 17 July - The annual Steak and Swim Party at Roy and Malda Elrod's home. Directions and specifics later, reserve the date now!
- August - A canoe trip on the peaceful Shenendoah. Trip leaders: Gerry and Sandie Deighton. Sign up NOW for this popular event.
- September - A Gold Mine hunt and picnic at Great Falls, Maryland. Trip leaders: Jim Slack and Mary Ward. This is a new Event, and should be a good one. More details later, but bring your walking shoes and bicycles!

P V S Officers

President: Geoff' Wadey  
 Vice President: Ray McKinley  
 Secretary: Vacant  
 Treasurer: Margaret Wyckoff

Membership: Gail Gell  
 TOOT Editors: Dick and Julie King  
 Answering Service: Brooke and Mary Armat

EXCOM:

Second term:  
 Brooke Armat  
 Aase Berling  
 Ray McKinley

First term:  
 Pat Cope  
 Gerry Deighton  
 Penny Richards