



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As part of my education - and in preparation for our tenth anniversary celebration in November - I am working my way through PVS records and historical material. I am impressed by the debt we owe to the founders of our Club, and, in particular, to its first president, Dick King, who as you know, with his wife, Julie, every month produces the TOOT which is the essential item that assures continuity and indeed continued life to PVS. In addition he has promoted ski patrolling, lobster feasts, represented us in organized skiing and I don't know what all. I am aware that others also have contributed greatly to the flourishing of PVS, but at the moment I am thinking of Dick and will use him as an example. PVS is typical in that its continued existence, which benefits us all, is in large measure brought about by the devoted voluntary efforts of a relatively small part of the membership. I consider this normal, but let us remember our indebtedness and perhaps express our appreciation from time to time.

*Geoff' Wadey*

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President

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AUGUST EVENT

A Swim and Picnic Party

Where: Glade and Joan Flake's house; 11804 Beehman Place, Potomac, Maryland.  
Telephone: 762-6890.

When: August 17th, 2 P.M. 'til dusk. Sunday.  
What: A swim and picnic. Bring your own picnic, beer available for those who want it. Don't forget your swimsuit!

How to get there: Take River Road west to Potomac, Md. Turn right on Falls Road (Route 189) in Potomac; in less than a mile, turn left on South Glen Road; when you pass the Wayside Elementary School, Beehman Place is the next right turn. Drive to 11804 and you are there! Bring your snorkel; the pool has a deep end! And your badminton birdie!

COMING EVENTS

- August 17 - See AUGUST EVENT (next column!)
- August 26 - EXCOM meeting. At Dick & Julie King's; 5817 Kingswood Road, Bethesda, Md. Members welcome.
- Sept 16 - First PVS fall meeting; a dinner meeting at The Brook Farm Restaurant, 7101 Brookville Rd, Chevy Chase, Md.
- Oct 21 - PVS "Wine&Cheese" meeting, Jack Lilley host, at Jack's apartment rec room, Mariner Towers, 501 Staters Lane, Alexandria, Va. (south of Nat'l airport).
- Nov 22 - PVS TENTH BIRTHDAY meeting. At the New Mark Commons clubhouse (also known as "Stecher's Club". A potluck dinner and dance. Details later; but ladies, put on your best recipe/thinking hats for this one!

EXCOM REPORT

The monthly EXCOM meeting convened on July 29th at Ray and Malle McKinley's home. Homegrown hor d'Oevres from the McKinley gardens greeted those in attendance: Geoff Wadey, Ray & Malle, Brooke Armat, Penny Wiederhold, Bob and Margaret Wyckoff and Dick and Julie King. EXCOMers Peggy Burns, Aase Berling and Bob Gell were absent due to conflicting schedules. Noteworthy topics discussed were:

1. EXCOM member Ralph "Andy" Anderson has submitted his resignation to PVS. Andy is retiring from his job and is looking westward! He and Peggy will be leaving soon to explore the west for a place to settle; and PVS surely wishes them Bon Voyage and Good Luck!

2. President Geoff' indicated that there was not a quorum at the meeting; thus matters could be discussed but no votes could be taken.

3. United Air Lines has challenged the worthiness of Blue Ridge Ski Council to sanction charter flights. This matter is being resolved to a conclusion (yet unknown to TOOT) but BRSC PVS rep, Bob Wyckoff, is pursuing the answer and will have it just after TOOT goes to print. It will be published in the next issue of TOOT.

4. A group of interested people under the aegis of Mr. Ken Daniels is interested in joining PVS, primarily to be with a group of skiers and to go on charter flights. These people will be kept abreast of the developments in the "charter worthiness" of BRSC so they can decide whether they will pursue their interest in PVS as a Club involved in organized skiing, as well as a Club of skiers, organized for mutual interests.

5. Small cards identifying PVS and inviting inquiries about membership have been made up and will be placed on bulletin boards in local ski shops. EXCOM wants to encourage new membership to give the Club a broader base than exists now.

6. President Geoff' has started the ball rolling for a Club pin. When the final design is selected, the order will be placed.

7. Concerning the poll on members' desires about the PVS meeting place, some eighteen votes have come in. The current tally of these votes is equally divided between one place (Brook Farm Restaurant) and different places. One generous voter said he (or she) Didn't Care! Please submit your vote (telephone or mail the ballot) as soon as possible to help out on this matter.

IMPORTANT NOTICES

IMPORTANT NOTICE # 1

Membership Renewal time is here again. The Club is doing right well. Membership Chairlady Penny W. reports that there are 38 renewals in already. That's good. Keep them coming in. Don't forget, our fiscal year begins July 1st; our cutoff date for our annual address list and for mailing of TOOT is October 31st. It is already August; and October will be here and gone before we realize it. So start thinking fall (football!) and winter (skiing!). Get your renewal in NOW. Those who have renewed have already received their new membership cards; or will receive them with this issue of TOOT.

IMPORTANT NOTICE # 2

Some changes in members' phone numbers have been received:

- Dick Clark - Office: 664-5655 (a correction)
- Glade Flake - Home : 762-6890 (a correction)
- Bob Gell - Office: 762-7400, Ext. 377
- Ham Morton - Office: 628-1397

IMPORTANT NOTICE # 3

The annual Octoberfest sponsored by the local Ski Education Foundation of which several PVS members are active participants is scheduled for November 7th. Those PVS members who attended last year remember vividly what a good time was had by ALL. And management promises even a better event this year. So mark this one on your calendar now. And plan to attend it, for sure!  
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A Special Notice

Dick King's family wishes to express its sincere appreciation for the thoughtful presentation of flowers by PVS at the funeral of Dick's Dad on July 26th. The bouquet was a thoughtful gesture by PVS and Dick's mother has written her formal thanks for it.  
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The Annual Elrod Steak & Swim Party (held this year at the Van Nortwick's!)

The annual PVS Elrod Steak and Swim Party was again held in Triangle, Virginia; this year on July 26th. Instead of going to the Elrod's, PVS attendees went this year to their neighbor's place, John and Sonja Van Nortwick. And Sonja, who was travelling in Europe with her children on July 26th, refused to come home to attend and host the Steak and Swim (what do you know about that?). The thirty PVSers and guests who did attend missed Sonja but ended up having a most enjoyable time. For the second year in a row, the Steak and Swim took place on the best weekend (weather-wise) of the year. The temperature was in the mid-eighties, there was no humidity and there were beautiful skies — perhaps we should plan more events in Triangle! The steaks were delicious, as were the various salads made at home and brought to Triangle by other PVS members. For those active members who arrived in time to swim, the water was about 85° — and the twin Jacuzzi nozzles (?) were kept in constant use. A great time was had by all and, except for one previously unreported shark attack (believed to have occurred in the deep end of the pool), IT WAS A PERFECT DAY! Our thanks this year to the Van Nortwicks.

TOOT TIDBITS

Bill Anderson reports a summer of working hard. Bill is working on building/improving his summer home in St. Mary's county on Breton Bay near Leonardtown, Maryland. Bill has spent many weekends at this labor of love. But this weekend, (Aug 9-10), he is off to South Carolina for a wedding (reportedly not his own!). Max Bunnell has had two weeks of vacation time in upstate New York renewing old friendships and visiting former haunts. Max is back in town now and busy with his tennis activities. Hank Thomas has reportedly had a busy summer at work and at play; tennis, that is. Bing Poon reports a quiet summer schedule — from his point of view. If we know Bing, he is keeping his ski gear in tip-top shape and will be ready to go, and go, and go — when the first flake of snow is reported either south or north! Bob and Margaret Wyckoff are off to Europe on an inspection trip. Bob is looking over two "undiscovered" ski areas as prospects for winter ski tours. One is called ISOLA, a place 2000 meters high and only 1 ½ hours drive from Nice and Monaco! The other location they are investigating is Val Thorens. Val Thorens is in the neighborhood of Courcheval, France and has a vertical drop of 5000 feet! That sounds like quite a ski area, Bob. We're looking forward to hearing your report of these places. Hurry home safely. Bob and Margaret will be gone from August 15th to the 24th.

DON'T FORGET, PVS NEEDS A: PROGRAM'S CHAIRMAN, and many little program assistants. ALL volunteers please contact Geoff'.

