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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's Almost Time

There's snow out West, Killington is open and maybe even we will have snow in this area soon. So -- it's almost time to get out on the slopes and enjoy our favorite sport again.

PVS is offering a varied selection of trips this year from Wisp to Europe with some other nice places in between. Hope many of you can join in on one or more of them.

Meanwhile, have a happy holiday season and good skiing in '80!

Marilyn J. Clark

Marilyn J. Clark, President

DECEMBER EVENT

PVS Christmas Cheer Party

When
What

December 18th at 8:00 p.m.

Our annual Christmas Gluwein Party at Mike and Penny Wiederhold's, 7214 Delfield Street, Chevy Chase, Md. Please call President Clark's home to say you're coming. No fee but a contribution of cookies or chips'n' dip would be welcomed. Clark's phone: 978 - 9435. Penny will provide the famous gluwein.

DIRECTIONS: Exit #20 from the Beltway, proceed south on Connecticut Ave. to Thornapple (or North on Connecticut Ave. from Chevy Chase Circle). Left on Thornapple (watch the jog at Brookville) to a right turn on Delafield to 7214.



A REPORT ON NOVEMBER MEETING By Bing Poon

The four hundred and eighty sixth meeting of PVS commenced at the 20.2 hour of the twentieth day of November in the year of Our Lord 1979. The purveyor of fine PVS accessories exhibited his wares and extolled their virtues. The status of ski trips was mentioned.

(Editor's Note: Bing says this elaborate introduction is for people who like opening remarks similar to this. He disclaims accuracy.)

The meeting was hosted by Jan and Bob Marx at their lovely Virginia home. Larry Pease, Dick Clark, Bing Poon and Allen Breed gave tips for safer, easier and better skiing as follows: Advantages of ski brakes: Avoidance of whiplashing ski held by safety straps; ease of putting on and removing; convenience when using trams and gondolas. Disadvantages: Skies of some children seem to release easily while riding chairs; some areas may require a safety strap while using chairs; the released ski could easily be lost in powder snow. Some ski brakes may not work with a safety strap. Check with your ski shop on compatibility of the two.

Binding protection: Keep covered while in the car ski rack to protect them from dirt and salt as these contaminants can reduce the effectiveness of the release mechanism.

Waxing: Helps you to ski smoother and reduce the slow-fast sensation in variable conditions. Johnson's Glo Coat is good for removal of black, sticky gook which coats the bottom of skis on warm days under spring skiing conditions.

Maintenance and Tuning (according to expert Larry Pease) : Remove wax from ski bottoms (paint thinner is cheaper than "wax remover"); fill in gouges (when P-tex or candles are not available try polyethylene or polypropylene from plastic milk bottles or other containers); scrape bottom flush; flat file bottom and file edges to form edge of 90 degree; wax with hot wax, remove excess and smooth.

The Jan 15th meeting at the Heitchues will feature movies, refreshments, and an open forum to discuss skiing problems and possible solutions. Come and share your concerns about run down ski equipment, license for skiing, etc.

EXCOM REPORT by Bob Marx

Ten PVSers attended the November 27th Excom meeting hosted by Gail Gell at her home in Reston. Topics discussed were:

1. There are more people on super-flex time this year thus more members are available for weekday skiing. The Jan and Bob Marx Answering Service volunteered to organize a master list of interested mid-week ski trippers. Those listed could contact one another for a ride or company. List will be published in a future TOOT.

2. No charge will be made for Christmas Party goodies at the Wiederholds. It is hoped, however some members will donate cookies or chips.

3. First meeting with a drink charge was the November meeting at the Marxes. This went well financially paying more than half the cost of items served. Excom thanks those who participated.

4. Reg and Jean Heitchue have volunteered to host the January monthly meeting at their home in Reston. Ray and Malle McKinley will host the February meeting at their home in McLean. Excom hopes that we might sometime have a meeting in D.C. Any volunteers?

5. The December Excom meeting will be Thursday the 27th at Marilyn Clarks. Time: 7:30 p.m.

6. There has been no response to President Clark's request for an expression of individual skier's concerns. How about those out-of-control skiers who terrize the slopes? Marilyn is still interested in hearing from you.

WISP WEEKENDS by Gail Gell

There are still plenty of openings for the Wisp weekends at Timberlake Chalet Jan. 11-13 and Feb. 8-10.

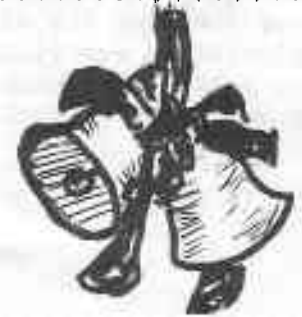
This large house on Deep Creek lake about 5 miles from Wisp ski area sleeps 12 adults with no problem. The cost of the weekend, usually \$25 per person, will include lodging plus Friday night snack, Sat. and Sun. breakfasts, lunch fixings for 2 days and Sat. dinner.

Lift tickets and transportation are the individual's responsibility. Information on the area as well as lift ticket prices will be available at the next meeting. Ski School is also very good here - especially for beginners.

Call Gail Gell (924-5000 work or 620-4573 home) for the January weekend.

Call the McKinleys (790-8812) for the February weekend.

A \$20 deposit is required.



PVS PROFILE

Penny Wiederhold

By Geoff' Wadey

How are we so fortunate as to have as our hostess for the Annual PVS Christmas Party our good friend and skiing companion, Penny Wiederhold? For that matter, why is she called Penny (not her legal name)? We--ll, it is a long story, beginning on the cold snowy slopes of the hills of New Hampshire, where we see a little girl sitting in the snow, waiting for Mother and Father to finish teaching people how to ski (no lifts --- lots of exercise). ~~There she was given her nickname~~ name of Penny, by which we still know her, for her big, round eyes.

Penny's Father, Ford Seyre, ran the Hanover Inn and was one of the first certified ski instructors in the country. He is still well and fondly remembered in New Hampshire. Both he and his wife were ski instructors, so Penny, while not quite born on skis, was certainly brought up on them. After her Father's unfortunate death in World War II, the family moved to Colorado Springs, where her new Father was a stockholder in the Vail development, which meant free skiing for the family and lead to Penny's involvement with the Ski Patrol.

She came to Washington in 1961 to teach school and she and her husband have lived in the house we know in Chevy Chase since 1972. Here, through Ski Patrolling, she heard of the plan to organize a ski club for skiers and was a founding member. Now she skis in the West each year and on the Sutton trip (which she strongly recommends for families with youngsters). This year 3½-year-old Ted will be on skis too. Many of us first met Penny when she was our Membership Chairman. Most important, however, is her seemingly everlasting kindness in arranging our Annual Christmas Party in her charming bit of New England transplanted to our (usually) snowless Banana Belt. Our thanks to you once more, our own Penny Wiederhold.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT by Gail Gell

The 1979-80 ski season opens with PVS having 109 members. Of these, 6 are absentees, 3 are honorary, 11 are charter members, 4 are junior members and 11 are applicant members. Five of the applicant members are new this year.

Please look for and welcome to the club: Jeanne Strickland, Harold and Helen Wiese, Ed and Norma Parker. Some are already familiar faces from past ski trips and club meetings.

To become full members all applicants must attend three club meetings, ski two days with a club member and pass the Basic Ski Test. Those who successfully complete the requirements will be voted on at the Annual Meeting in April.

SCHEDULE OF FUTURE EVENTS

- Dec 18 - 8 p.m. Christmas Gluwein party at the Wiederholds.
- Dec.27 - 7:30 ExCom meeting at President Clarks.(978-9435)
- Jan 11-13 SKI WISP 1 (Call Gail Gell (620-4573)
- Jan 15- 8 p.m. Monthly Meeting at the Heitchues. (More later)
- Jan 25-Feb 9 SKI the FRENCH ALPS. Call the Wyckoffs(589-5532)
- Feb 8-10 SKI WISP 11.Call the McKinleys (790-8812)
- Feb 21 - Mar 3 SKI THE UTAH POWDER Call N. Engleman (299-2635)
- Mar 1 - 8 SKI SUTTON. Call the Deightons (424-5707)



THE KNEE
By

Big Foot

The Knee is now completing it's first year. Next year we understand we'll

have a new logo. That's advertising terminology for a symbol associated with a particular product.) Also next year, Big Foot will disappear from the byline and be replaced by my real name. For now I'll give you my pen name (also known as nom de pen). It's Mont Blanc (for a less classer readership I would have said Parker or Bic). Please note, dear readers, that Mont Blanc is more ski associated than either Parker or Bic.

Knee Knewsworthy Knote:

This is the first of these legitimate news items. There is another PVS! It stands for Potomac Valley Seniors and it's a running club in the area. This other PVS is sponsoring an interesting event on New Years Day. It's called their Annual Hangover Run. It's at noon January 1 at Hains Point and it's a 10 kilometer (that's about 6 miles for those of you who haven't metriculated yet). You don't need to register in advance, cost is \$1.00 and it's open to all. Winners and other randomly picked finishers will be awarded bottles of champagne.

It's a great way to start off a new decade and a ski season.

The Knee blew it a few months ago. I pointed out that Bill Cherkasky who with his lovely wife, Gloria, has now attended two whole PVS meetings, was a senate staffer. What I neglected to mention was that Gloria also is a senate staffer. I understand that Gloria is certain that the Knee is sexist (I could believe sexiest) and that she went around the last meeting kicking people in their knees. Ouch!

Speaking of sexist, see the 1979-80 PVS membership roster. Note that in ALL cases the husband is listed before his wife. We wonder why.

Mort and Angela Kuff were asked to coordinate the PVS Christmas party. After first accepting, Angela had to withdraw. Seems they're going to be skiing in Killington, Vt. the week before the event. A likely excuse to use for a ski club! But that won't be the first PVS skiing of the season. Dick and Julie King, formerly well liked members and now uniformly envied by all because they live in Denver, report excellent skiing in Aspen over Thanksgiving weekend. Envy. Envy. Envy. (The Knee called Ski Liberty the same weekend and they reported good to very good conditions with some grassy patches.

THE KNEE (continued)

Back to the Christmas party:
A tip of the old Knee cap to hostess - er - hoperson Penny Wiederhold who says that pay-as-you-go will be a no-no at that party. This will be no Penny ante affair. (Not to be interpreted as "Penny Wiederhold having an affair." The Knee's lips are sealed about that!) So this will be a free event. Cheers, Penny!

One last thought on the party: We are all encouraged to offer to bring tidbits. Considering some PVSers' cooking ability (who could forget Geoff' Wadey's baked bacon at Wisp a couple of years ago?) we wonder if burnt offerings would be accepted.

PVSers have been traveling over the past several months and the Knee's spies have been lax in their reporting. Paddy and Shirley Frucht are back from New Mexico where they bought a future retirement home. Gerry and Sandie Deighton are back from Europe where they report they saw 823 countries in 3 months. Perhaps if these executive members came to meetings we could find out about their trip. Mary and Norm Engleman are just back from China. I asked Norm what he thought of Red China. He replied it goes well with a yellow table cloth. Finally (and here's a scoop) we understand the Kings were in town several weeks ago.

They spent several days with Hank and Aina Thomas where they had an informal get together with some friends Saturday night.

Special notice to long-time PVSers Ron Fett, Jack Lilly, Don McBride, the Petersons, the Stechers and the Worcesters: Where in the hell have you been? We've almost forgotten what you look like. Why not come to the Christmas party?

We were especially pleased to see PVSers Harold and Helen Wiese at the Marxes for our November meeting. They're primarily cross country skiers and were chaperoned to the meeting by Dot and Jenckes Mason. The four of them came to the Marx's well lighted house where the door was open. They entered and cried out "Hello!" There was no answer and several moments later they realized they were in the wrong house. No damage, no penalty.

That's enough for this decade. The Knee wishes the happiest of holidays to you and yours from me and mine. And lots of white stuff!

TOOT'S Christmas front piece has been a tradition for many years. It was designed by Nancy Monacelli, a former PVSer talented both on and off the slopes.