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POTOMAC VALLEY SKIERS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This is the time of the year when we will participate in our chosen sport of skiing. Let us enjoy it to the utmost - and be a sportsman (or woman) at the same time. In the past few years, we have seen a tremendous growth in skiing, ski areas and skiers alike. With this growth, has come an increase in "skiing newcomers" who are, as yet, uninitiated to the courtesies befitting an experienced skier. An essential part of skiing, of course, is "Ski Etiquette". Since we are a club of skiers with much experience, we can contribute to the "upbringing" of the new skier by politely advising him or her, at the appropriate time and in an appropriate manner, of the existing courtesies of the sport. This includes on the hill, in the waiting line, in the lodge - anywhere where skiers congregate. A word to the wise should certainly be sufficient. Let's all help keep skiing an enjoyable sport.

Max E. Gunnell
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FEBRUARY MEETING

A Restaurant Meeting!

When: February 18th, 1975
 Where: The Lamplighter Restaurant
 3501 North Fairfax Drive
 Arlington, Virginia (just west of
 Clarendon in the Virginia Square
 Shopping Center).

Dinner will be upstairs and diners can order direct from the menu. Tables will be set up in 4's and 6's, unreserved. The Club will adjourn to a downstairs room for the regularly scheduled meeting at 8:00 P.M. So, come early and enjoy a good meal before the meeting. With our officers away on skiing trips, who will run the meeting?? Come and find out!!

COMING EVENTS

- 17 Feb - 3 March : POLSKI Adventure - a charter flight to Poland, Bob Crasley, trip leader. See separate report.
- 18 Feb - PVS meeting, see separate notice.
- 22-23 Feb - WISP car-pool trip. See ski trips.
- 25 Feb - EXCOM meeting. At Geoff Wadey's home. Members invited.
- 1-2 March - Ski-O-Ree at Canaan Valley. See Ski Trips.
- 16-23 March - Mt. Sutton, Canada trip. See Ski Trips.
- 18 March - PVS meeting date.
- 15 April - PVS Annual Meeting.

EXCOM REPORT

The monthly EXCOM meeting was held at its usual time, one week following the regular PVS meeting. Host was President Max Bunnell. Attending were Max, Geoff Wadey, Peggy Burns, Bob Gell, Art Topping (President plus Excom members), secretary Joyce Sundry and By-Laws committee member Brooke Armat. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 P.M. Absent due to conflicting schedules were EXCOM members Ralph "Andy" Anderson and Dick Clark. Important subjects discussed were:

1. A nominating committee report is being prepared by Nominating Chairman, Don Cope. The nominees for club officers will be published in the February TOOT. This is in compliance with club By-Laws. (Editor's note: see separate notice, this subject).
2. A lengthy discussion revolved around the report of By-Laws Chairman, Geoff Wadey. Brooke Armat, one of our original founding officers, made his usual substantial contribution here. The revisions proposed were agreed on and the proposed revised By-Laws will be presented to the membership at the Annual meeting in April.
3. Regarding Club sponsored ski trips, EXCOM adopted a ruling that Club members would have first priority for space up to thirty days before the trip. When there is less than 30 days to go before a trip, guests may be confirmed.
4. A good discussion was held concerning PVS and Eastern. Our membership Chairlady had some negative results from visiting the Eastern offices in Brattleboro. Our Vice-President had to have his Eastern card hand carried to him by the Executive Director of Eastern (this, only as a result of a personal call to Eastern) to enable him to go on the USSA Ski Week charter flight. Our Vice President is writing a letter to Eastern with suggestions concerning membership and Ski week organization.
5. Ski-O-Ree is 1 & 2 March. Our trip leader and coordinator, Gerry Deighton, will submit a trip report. (Editor's note: see separate notice.)
6. A discussion was held about a ski night meeting "on the mountain". Ski Liberty was the suggested area. It was thought that it was a bit late to schedule this this year but the idea certainly has merit for next year.
7. Geoff Wadey agreed to host the next EXCOM meeting at his house.

Meeting adjourned.

IMPORTANT NOTICES

IMPORTANT NOTICE # 1

A new PVS Junior arrived on the scene January 18th! His name: Russell Aaron Deighton. Russ weighed in at 9 lbs, 4 1/2 oz! His 10 P.M. Saturday night arrival went smoothly and Gerry brought Sandie and Russ home the very next day! All is well with mother and child; and father is certainly proud of his second son. So, CONGRATULATIONS go out to Gerry and Sandie on this happy occasion.

IMPORTANT NOTICE # 2

MEMBERSHIP. As we enter the time of year when many PVSers are travelling world wide in pursuit of the great sport of skiing, think of introducing some of the nice people you meet out there to PVS. We need new ideas, new spirit, new approaches and that is best accomplished with NEW MEMBERS. So, think about bring those new friends to a PVS meeting.

IMPORTANT NOTICE # 3

A Ski Patrol Note. Dick Clark, EXCOM member and Assistant Patrol Leader of the Rappahanock Patrol, will be busy for the remainder of the season providing an "on the hill" Binding Safety Service at many local ski areas. The National Ski Patrol has obtained a device that will test the release settings of ski bindings on the hill, with the skier on board. Thus, Dick and his team, with this device will be visiting local areas for the remainder of the year and offering this service to interested skiers. If you meet Dick and his team, try them out - and learn how close (or far) you are from real safety!

PVSers travelled, travelling, or will soon travel!
Jack Lilley to his Vail condominium over the Holiday season; Geoff Wadey to USSA Ski Week at Vail; Bob and Margaret Wyckoff, Elaine Sullivan, Bob and Gail Gell, Don McBride, Ginny Larson, Art Topping, Bill Anderson and Gorman Young all off to Europe February 5th for an 18 day skiing vacation; Mike Rura and Byron Gutheil in Colorado and Utah; Dick and Marilyn Clark, Don and Pat Cope, Aina Hertilis to Mt. Sutton, Canada with PVS guests Monty and Henni Baltas; Max Bunnell to Aspen; Larry and Billie Pease to Colorado (Keystone, et al?); Geoff Wadey to New England; Bill and Elke Stecher and Maria Wauer to Switzerland and Germany for their annual vacation.

PVSers not travelling this year!
Roy and Maida Elrod - busy establishing their new home, Jean Old - retired from skiing!

JANUARY MEETING REPORT

A warm and cozy meeting was held January 21st in the rec room of Dick and Marilyn Clark. It was a snowy night, and the Clark's Cul d' Sac was a great sliding area for the neighborhood sledders. Inside, some twenty-five PVS members and two guests enjoyed the pleasures of some fine hors d'oeuvres and good ski talk with other PVSers. Larry Pease, the Regional Director of the National Ski Patrol for our area presented a well made and interesting Ski Patrol film and followed it by additional commentary about the protection that the National Ski Patrol can and does give routinely to ski areas. PVS was particularly honored by the presence at this meeting of long-time PVS member Jack Fox. Jack had some business affairs in the Washington area and thus scheduled his visit to coincide with a PVS meeting. Jack was sporting a beard that certainly makes him a member of the "now" generation but was the same old happy pleasant personality whom we knew during many past happy years. It was a genuine pleasure to see Jack again, and; who knows, maybe he will return to the D. C. area again sometime in the future!

SKI TRIPS

- 17 Feb - 3 March : POLSKI Adventure. A charter flight to Poland led by Bob Grasley (460-3167). Bob's comment: the POLSKI Adventure trip is alive and well and full (although we could use a couple of gals to balance it out - we can always use a couple of gals!). See separate pre-trip report by Bob.
- 22-23 Feb - WISP ski trip. Trip Leader Joyce Sundry reports approximately 80% full at this printing. Last minute planners had better make up their minds quickly on this one - the snow reports from Garrett County are EXCELLENT! Lodge accommodations are, of course, confirmed (it's a big, old, comfortable house) and we understand that trip leader Joyce may be planning an Italian delicacy for Saturday evening's meal. Hold tight, and sign up fast! A \$10.00 deposit will be required. Joyce will coordinate car-pooling. Tel. 265-2310.
- 1-2 March - Ski-O-Ree at Canaan Valley. Trip Leader - new Dad Gerry Deighton. Snow conditions are confirmed good; accommodations still available (two spaces in the cabin and four spaces in the Blackwater Lodge). A weekend for two will cost approximately \$50.00 including the banquet and party Saturday night! Many Blue Ridge Ski Council activities will be run this weekend including Basic and Standard Eastern tests. Those interested should get on the reservation list as quickly as possible. The remaining six vacancies will go quickly. Call Gerry at 424-5707.
- 16 - 23 March - Mt. Sutton, Canada trip. Trip Leader is Bob Gell. Bob and Gail are off to Europe as of this printing. Deposits for the trip are being accepted by Kirk Burns in Bob's absence. Currently signed up for this trip are: the Gells, Gerry and Sandie Deighton (and sons), Bing Poon, Dick and Julie King and Bob Gell's guest, Tom Beall. For quality skiing at most moderate cost - THIS TRIP CAN'T BE BEAT! Car pooling will be arranged during final planning. Contact Kirk Burns if you wish to make a deposit. Tel. 256-4443.
- 8 - 9 March - A Memorandum from Bill Stenger, ESA Director of Membership Benefits. On March 8 & 9, Jack Frost ski area will host two Schaefer Citizen races. The Jack Frost area and ESA are offering an attractive two day package: 2 days of skiing, 2 Schaefer Citizen races, all the roast beef you can eat (between 4 & 9 p.m.), all the Schaefer beer you can drink and a band and awards ceremony (between 6 & 9 p.m.); all for \$20.00. Just show up Saturday morning (March 8th) and register. If you wish lodging assistance, contact Ken English at Jack Frost ski area, (717) 443-8425.

TOOT TIDBITS

A recent report indicates Oleg Jenschowsky is not only back from his extended trip to Moscow but also may be off again soon to other Eastern European countries. The same report reflects that Oleg has some excellent slides of his unique travels. When can PVS see these, Oleg? While on the subject of past travels, Peggy Lacey has yet to show us her Australian, Fiji Islands slides. We really have such active members that we can't keep up with all the travelling and travel reports. One of the more interesting trip reports follows the TIDBITS this month in the form of a pre-trip trip report by Bob Grasley to Poland. A review of the 1975 Richmond Ski Club Directory, received as a Complementary copy from the RSC, reflects the following entry about new PVS member Bing Poon: 1960-1962 As Bill Bird became President, the club membership continued to grow. Bing Poon became our first ski club member to be a member of the National Ski Patrol. During a recent weekend, PVSers Larry Pease and Don Meek were seen skiing at new local area Massanutten. Don had just returned from skiing out west where he has been learning Free Style skiing from Eddie Ferguson of Free Style skiing fame. Don is recovering from a broken nose incurred during a valiant effort to accomplish a back flip. Don was a Free Style skiing judge in January at Free Style skiing meets at Stowe, Vermont and Hunter Mountain, New York.

A SPECIAL REPORT

by Bob Grasley

The following report, slightly condensed was received by TOOT editors and is so interesting as to warrant publication in TOOT as an item of interest.

Interiski Kongress 1975 / POLSKI Adventure

During the period 13-20 January, I had the privilege of flying to Czechoslovakia with the U.S.A. and Canadian National Ski Demonstration teams. The U.S. team went to Prague for a few days before proceeding to the INTERSKI site. I played a minor part in making arrangements for the U. S. team and guided some of them, with wives, around Prague. After skiing at Spindleruv Mlyn, I stayed overnight at Strabske Pleso and watched the early arrival teams practice. Wayne Wong of Waterville Valley - presently skiing for the Canadian team - really startled the natives with his hot-dogging act. He is unbelievable! I had to tell one of the Czech officials what Wayne was doing! They thought perhaps he had just gone crazy! After leaving Strabske Pleso, I took a bus to Zakopane which is the skiing center of Poland. I stayed one night in the Hotel Kasprowy which is fantastic! Swimming pool, sauna, bowling alley, at least two good restaurants and a jumping night club. The hotel was just built last summer. I then skied Kasprowy Wreich - about 3000 feet vertical drop in extremely high winds and fog. That is the first time I have encountered these two conditions together. It makes for very exciting skiing when in unfamiliar territory. My contention was that if the natives were going to ski it, so was Bob Grasley! I learned that they will ski in anything over there. After dropping off the peak and getting to a point where I could see about a hundred feet ahead - guess what?? There were a bunch of Poles practicing on a race course in weather that would have 95% of American skiers sitting in the lodge! Unfortunately, the winds caused the shutdown of the gondola periodically, thus I was only able to enjoy a few runs. This area is one of the best skiing mountains in the Tatras - or anywhere. As for snow, nobody takes the trouble to measure the depth. So, while waiting for the gondola, I climbed up $\frac{1}{4}$ of the hill to check the depth. All of my ski plus part of my arm went down into the hole I dug and there was still no sign of bottom. All this time, the Polish racers were hard at it, practicing on their run. Regarding Warsaw, the POLSKI Adventure tour will stay at the Grand Hotel, a monolithic structure with swimming pool, night clubs and excellent meals. According to the Poles, the best view of Warsaw is from on top of the Palace of Culture (presented to Poland by Russia), "because from there, you can't see the Palace of Culture!"

Editor's note: Bob has many additional humourous events to report, so we suggest we have him again soon as a PVS guest speaker!

SPECIAL REPORT

Nominating Committee Chairman Don Cope convened a meeting of his committee for the purpose of nominating individuals to serve as officers in the Club. Following appropriate discussion and inquiries to those nominated concerning their willingness to serve, four individuals were chosen for nomination to the positions being vacated, that is: President and three Executive Committee members. Nominated for President, and willing to serve, is Mr. Geoff Wadey. Nominated for EXCOM and willing to serve are Brooke Armat and Aase Berling. The final nomination for EXCOM is Ray McKinley. Ray is currently out of town (at the time TOOT goes to the press), but, assuming his willingness to serve, he will remain as the third nominee for EXCOM. Thus, the duties of the Nominating Committee are fulfilled and the new slate of officers is ready.

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CLUB OFFICERS

- President - Max Burnell
- Vice President - Geoff Wadey
- Treasurer - Max Burnell
- Secretary - Joyce Sundry

EXCOM

- "Andy" Anderson
- Peggy Burns
- Dick Clark
- Bob Gell
- Art Topping
- Walter "Geoff" Wadey

- Programs Chairman - Don Cope
- Membership Chairlady - Penny Wiederhold
- Answering Service - Brooke and Mary Armat
- TOOT Editors - Dick and Julie King
- Eastern Ski Rep - Dick King
- Pennsylvania Ski Federation rep - Art Topping
- Blue Ridge Ski Council rep - Bob Wyckoff