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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE PVS is TOPS

It's been an enjoyable experience being president of PVS these past two years.

Everyone has been wonderfully cooperative and I rarely got a "no" when I asked someone to do something.

Special thanks to Lu Beale and Janet and Bob Marx for getting TOOT to the membership each month. Without our newsletter we wouldn't have a smoothly running club.

Keep up the good work, everyone, and let's continue to make PVS the best ski club around.

Marilyn J. Clark

Marilyn J. Clark, President

APRIL ANNUAL MEETING Business and Celebration

When: April 21st at 8 p.m.

Where: Malle and Ray McKinley's home in McLean, Va.

What: Voting for club officers and secret balloting for applicant members who have qualified for full membership followed by the usual celebration party.

President: Robert Marx

Executive Committee: Robert Barry, Dot Mason, Charlotte Reith

Applicants: Bob and Vivian Barry, Matt and Sharon Egan, Barbara and Gene Geiger, Steve Grenleski, Vince and Judy Macaluso, Alan Mills, Frank Shelburne, Jeanne Strickland.

Directions to the McKinleys at 1135 Langley Lane, McLean, Va. (Telephone: 790-8812): Take George Washington Pkwy. to Rte. 123; take 123 West 3/4 mile and bear right onto Rte. 193 (Georgetown Pike). Continue on 193 for 1/2 mile (just past Amoco station) to a left turn on Chain Bridge Road. Go about 1/4 mile and turn right onto Langley Lane and 1135 - the second house on the right: the McKinleys!



APRIL AND MAY EVENTS

HIKE IN SHENADOAH NATIONAL PARK

SWITCHEROO!!

NOTE

DATE CHANGE !!

The April 11th hike in Shenadoah National Park has been ~~rescheduled for Saturday May 9th~~ at which time we hope to find spring bursting out all over. See last month's TOOT for details of this exciting and rather demanding 7 mile circuit hike through the Park's Cedar Run and Whiteoak Canyons. Call leader Lu Beale (Em 3-3521) so car pool arrangements can be made. Meet at Cooper School 8 a.m.

BILLY GOAT TRAIL HIKE -

When: Saturday, April 11th, 10:30 a.m. (Rain date: April 12th)

Place: Meet in the parking lot opposite Old Anglers' Inn 10801 MacArthur Plvd, Potomac, Md. (Near Maryland's Great Falls Park.) Wear sturdy shoes and bring your lunch. It's a 4½ mile hike with 2½ miles of rocky trail above the Potomac.

Suggestion: You might want to drop in Old Anglers' Inn after the hike for a bit of refreshment.

Directions: Take the Beltway Exit for Carderock-Great Falls (away from D.C.). Go all the way to the end, turn left on MacArthur Blvd. and proceed a couple of miles to Anglers' Inn. Park on the left.

Leader: Lu Beale (Em 3-3521) No Reservations necessary. Just come prepared to enjoy.

INTERNATIONAL DINNER

Date: Saturday May 30th.

Place: Pat and Don Cope's home in Alexandria, Va.

Coordinator: Marilyn Clark (978-5436) after 4 p.m.

Unfortunately there are only a very few places left for this event which is limited to 30. Call Marilyn if you would like to be wait listed.

ANYONE FOR GOLF?

Mid-week outings during May and June at various public courses in the Metropolitan Area.

Match play. Fun and winnings.

Call Helen Price (333-0154)

ADVANCE NOTICE

A kind PVSer has volunteered his 8 bed home in Rehoboth Beach for club use during the weekend of Sept. 19-20. Can some equally generous PVSer with a home in that area make a similar offer so more club members can be accomodated?

OUR FARFLUNG CORRESPONDENTS

Report From Aspen by Ray McKinley

Aspen was ready for the only World Cup event to be staged in the U.S. this winter. They talked about "only a 5 inch base" at the bottom of Aspen Mountain. However, they must have been measuring brown snow because 5 days before the event skiers were riding the chairlifts down at day's end. Potentially Aspen's worse snow year ever.

To remedy this, Aspen Ski Corp. had rented extensive snow making equipment from as far away as Great George, N.J. The lower portion of Ruthie's Run and Strawpile and onto 5th Avenue was reminiscent of Massanutten: a broad, shiny ribbon of white on a brown background. All contingencies had been covered, right? Wrong. For the two days prior to the first race it snowed. If there's one thing ski racers don't want on their course it's fresh powder. And Aspen had some 18 inches of it. At 5 p.m. the day before the first race, word went out to all local hotels: anyone could earn \$7.50 and a lift ticket by showing up at 6:30 a.m. to help tramp down and remove snow from the race course. By race time the course was ready - just the way racers like it: glare ice. Unless you've seen one of these races in person, you can't believe the speed and danger. The course starts as a smooth sheet of ice. After several competitors, it becomes grooved to the point where edges catch and slip and speed makes it even more treacherous.

The men's downhill at Aspen was some 10,000 ft. long with a 2600 ft. drop. Winning times were under 1 minute 53 seconds. That's an average speed of 60 plus miles per hour. And the first half of the course is never covered as fast as the second half. It's an incredible event to watch.

There were no major accidents. However, Aspenite Andy Mill is a good example of what can happen. He announced his retirement would be after Aspen's World Cup. He had hoped to do it after winning the downhill. Instead he did it in a neck brace, on crutches and with his knee in a cast all the result of a 100 ft. unscheduled flight through the air in January at Wengen, Switzerland.

After some celebrity races (proving, among other things, that ski bunnies really do exist), the World Cup races began. They covered 4 days. Every day had at least one event which produced headlines in European newspapers.

Day one was a makeup of a men's downhill which had been canceled in Austria earlier in the year. It was won by Valery Tsyganof from the USSR. With his shaggy blond hair and scruffly blond mustache he didn't look very Russian but he was, in fact, the first Russian ever to win a World Cup event.

To give you some idea of the importance of even the smallest error, the Russian's time for the 2 mile course was 1:52.95. The best American finisher, Pete Patterson, was just one and one half seconds off this time. He finished tied for 11th!

Day 2 was both men and women's downhill. Steve Podborski of Canada was first down the course and finished in 1:52.49, half a second better than yesterday's winning time and only a half second over the world record. Second down was Tsyganof in 1:51.70, a new record. But moments later he was disqualified for missing an early gate. Podborski, after winning second in day one's event, needed to finish first and second and ahead of Austria's Harti Weirather to claim the first overall World Cup event victory for Canada. His time held until Weirather finished with 1:52.21 to win the race and the World Cup event.

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Report from Aspen (Continued)

The women's downhill was also won by an Austrian: Elizabeth Kirchler, but Americans finished second with Cindy Nelson in 3rd and Holly-Beth Flanders 4th.

The men's giant slalom, requiring 2 runs, was the only event on Day 3. The contest was between Phil Mahre of the U.S. and the seemingly unbeatable Swede, Ingemar Stenmark. After the first run, Stenmark was 19/100s of a second ahead of Mahre. On his second run, the Swede's skis slipped slightly several times during the last few gates. It was all Phil needed. He skimmed through the last gates to win with an overall time of 3:12.76 to 3:12.90 for Ingemar.

"It was the longest, hardest giant slalom of the season," stated the breathless winner after the race.

To make the victory sweeter, Phil's identical twin brother, Steve, finished third but some 3 seconds slower than the leaders.

There are still 5 more men's giant slalom events before the overall World Cup is decided but even though Phil is several points behind Stenmark, he still has a good chance to become the first American ever to win the World Cup.

The last day's event was the women's giant slalom won going away by California's 18 year old Tamara McKinney with Cindy Nelson fifth.

Overall, the World Cup events at Aspen offered all the thrills one could ask for. Aspen will now get ready for the 1982 World Cup.

PAST EVENTS

CROSS COUNTRY ST. PATRICK STYLE by Malle McKinley

The turn out for the March meeting was light but better than expected considering we were still in prime ski season. About 25 members and guests had a very enjoyable and relaxing evening at the lovely home of Vivian and Bob Barry who went all out to make this St. Patrick's Eve meeting something special.

Bob had set out a wide variety of drinks - stout, May wine, wine, soda, and beer (not green, thank goodness) - for his guests. Vivian had prepared all kinds of inviting and delicious finger foods. She even put together a green mousse for dessert. Some of us got caught dipping crackers into it before Vivian had a chance to explain that it wasn't a dip.

Harold and Helen Wiese were our cross country guides for the evening. They answered questions and related their experiences. They showed two films and some of their slides. One film was on X-country touring in the Yellowstone area and the other on blind skiing. Both films were inspiring. The slides were especially lovely.

In addition to all the cross country talk, Marilyn Clark conducted a short meeting and members swapped stories about their recent ski trips and compared notes on where the best snow conditions were. It was a grand evening. Many thanks to the Barrys and the Wieses!

SUN VALLEY / JACKSON HOLE TRIP

Reported by Mort Kuff

Saturday, Feb 28 - 6:30AM The chill in the air at Balto-Wash Airport began to have a positive effect on the PVS'ers standing sleepy-eyed amongst the hill of baggage and ski equipment. Trip leader NORM ENGELMAN and ass't TL BARBARA GEIGER herded all toward the check-in desk and eventually, onto United's flite #243 for Denver...and, we were off for two weeks of Western powder.

We-e-ell! We didn't exactly find powder, but did find enough snow to provide everyone with plenty of slope-time at both SUN VALLEY and JACKSON HOLE. When the snow got thin at JH, we found excellent conditions at nearby GRAND TARGHEE. Jackson Hole refunded our lift-ticket money so we were free to ski anywhere and pay only for those days. NORM will be sending out that money shortly.

As always, the PVS people make the trip worthwhile. Here are one man's impressions of those on the trip: (no lawsuits, please)

JOHN ADAMS.. "The Quiet Man", took ski classes, even followed out-of-bounds
MAX BUNNELL.. The old "Bomber" could be spotted anywhere on the mountain
PAT CRICENTI, JANE RESTANI, SALLY PHILBROOK & KITTY IMDAHL.. "The MACHO MAIDENS" What a group! JANE was No.1 onto the lift everyday.. then jogged after skiing.. PAT was the smoothy on skis and fearlessly led this troupe down the hills.. SALLY always wore blue & green outfits so that we could identify her.. KITTY broke everyone into bits with her laugh.
URICH DEMBOWSKI isn't a badman but he always wore a black hat.. and grew a beard to match. ROY & MALDA ELROD.. "The Lovebirds" made a great ski-buy in SunValley.. ROY bought the longest skis in the world. NORM ENGELMAN.. "Trip Leader NORM" had his exciting moments on this trip.. he encountered his first UNcooperative bus driver on this trip, so the bus ride from Boise to S.V. was notable for being quite "dry". As usual, NORM combined his easy manner with Solomon-like compromises to keep peace for the two-week stint. Quite a trick. We're indebted to NORM.
KAREN (Ramsay) & KNOX FELKER.. "The Skiing Honeymooners". The only time they parted was to take ski lessons. Good luck, you two. J.T. MARTIN.. "JT" wore his WWII green bomber jacket for quick I.D. He also parted with some \$\$ for new skis.
PHIL METZLER.. We had understood that PHIL was a relatively new skier but he was reportedly seen flashing down Limelight at S.V. Some bumps!
ALLAN MILLS.. Another quiet guy, ALLAN picked up a terrific suntan on this trip. Turned a bit pale however, when he forgot his lift-ticket one day.

DOROTHY MILLS.. Appeared to have enjoyed both SV and JH, took some ski lessons at JH. Did you ever get to ice skate on this trip, DOROTHY?
GENE & BARBARA GEIGER.. Hosted 2 PVS parties in their digs at The "Soj". Bathtub booze (beer & wine) flowed. GENE saw "Sun Valley Serenade" so many times that he began to talk like Sonja Henie and walk like Milty Berle.
JACK HADLER.. Our Condo-buddy at S.V. made use of every nano-second of his time. Up in the early AM to rap out a full day's work before ski-time.
MATT KEMENY.. "Mr. Chit-Chat". Bought a 20-gal hat (large head) to wow the ladies. It seems to have worked.
ANGELA & MORT KUFF.. Both took some instruction at S.V. and both took a 3rd place in their class slalom. No stopping them now. Gung-ho ahead.
JOHN & VIBEKE LOFFT.. V picked up a beeyootiful tan, J picked up a be-feathered cowboy straw. Love it!
VINCENT & JUDITH, ADAM & JOEL MACALUSO.. "The Skiing Macaluso's" ADAM poor guy, had to return at the end of his first week.. cut thumb. JUDY had some boot problem so she did the natural thing.. bought a new ski outfit. You folks are fun to be with
LAUREL SCHULTZ & BONNIE JO SMITH.. The Sun Valley Go-Go Girls.. Bonnie's laff echoed off the lifts, thruout restaurants.. and off the Big Sky. LAUREL couldn't resist buying up all the Tee shirts in sight. This dynamic duo guarantee "fun" when they're near.
ALICE SWALM.. A charter member of the #1217 Breakfast Club.. ALICE almost packed it in after a rough first day, but rallied to enjoy some great skiing at Targhee. LYDIA WEBER.. after taking a "first" in her ski-school,

LYDIA did a Grade 2 ligament pull in her left thigh and had to head home from Sun Valley. We missed you, hope you are mending fast, LYDIA.

KAY McKEOUGH..A dedicated skier, KAY took lessons and improved her style on this trip. HELEN PRICE..Took full advantage of the snow that was; she enjoyed every available day of skiing. GORMAN YOUNG..A last-minute sign-up, we're glad that GORMAN could join the group and ski with us.

SOME MEMORABLES OF THE SV/JH TRIP:

. that exciting sleigh ride across the snow-covered golf course at Sun Valley to Trail Creek Cabin..that fantastic sky full of at least a jillion stars.. the great sleigh race..those smelly old horse blankets..the laffing, cheering, singing, bouncing ride under Big Sky Country

. the popcorn and 40-yr old film, "Sun Valley Serenade", shown every nite to practically the very same audience

. the steamy, delicious outdoor swimming pool amid the snow-capped Dollar and Baldy Mountains

. the Doritos munchies, Coor's beer and cheapo wine, courtesy of PVS - plenty to eat & drink at all times

. the sharing of rooms and condos, tending the wood fires, sharing the bath, tuning and waxing skis

. the party in #1769 with Matt supervising Laurel & Bonnie while they hosted-the-most

. that lavish Sun Valley Dining Room...a true taste of the good life - so too, the INN at JH

. the marvelous Ski School at Sun Valley..intensive instruction that paid off quickly..the downhill contest on the last day, with free beer at the Awards ceremony - and pro photos on sale (wait 4 wks for delivery, please)

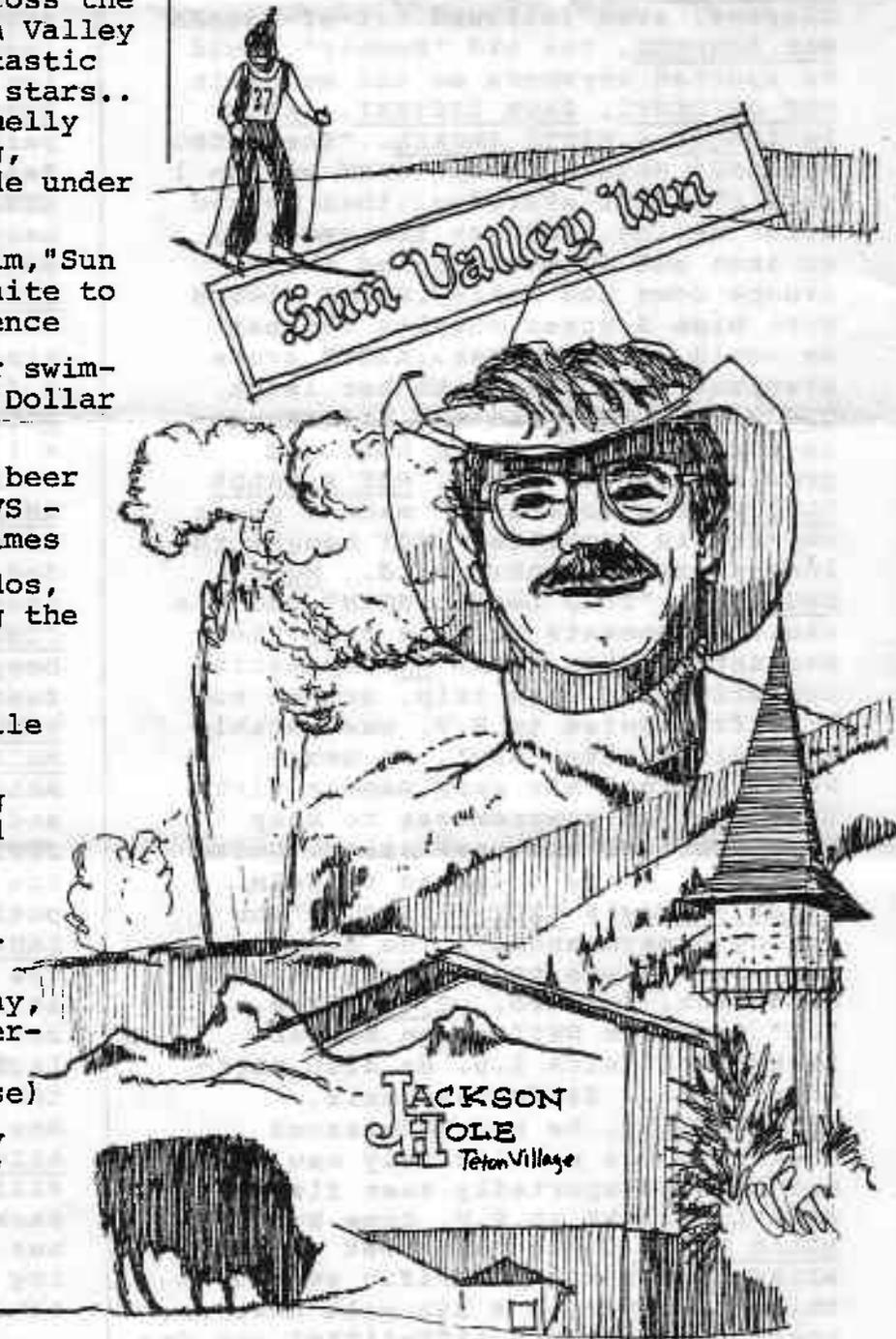
. the free ski lesson on Sunday at JH along with the "pressure" to sign-up for more lessons

. the trips to Yellowstone Park and the first glimpse of Old Faithful spurting into the sky... the snowmobilers, snow-catters and traditional bussers who took the trouble to make it to the Park and were rewarded by the fabulous sights

. the coyotes, Canada geese, bison, elk, Trumpeter swan, eagles and birds seen along the way

You bet your Bison, this was a trip.

A PVS-style trip...a ski trip to remember, always!



SKI SUTTON 1981

by Rosemary Soler

You don't have to fly 3,000 miles across the ocean to get the sought-after flavor of the French Alps, you can get it right here across the border at Mont Sutton in Quebec. Just close your eyes and listen and you would think you were in Val Thorens, Tignes or Avoriaz. The area commands the highest Canadian peak in the east and boasts an average annual snowfall of 209-530 cm. They didn't disappoint us. We had snow a few days before arrival and two more snows while there - enough to make the slopes pleasantly skiable with the added luxury of a few mornings of pure, untracked powder.

Trip leaders Jan and Bob Marx, smooth planners that they are, organized things so well that the Kirk Burns' 5-bedroom chalet was adequately but not uncomfortably filled with 10 adults and 5 children. Meals were a gourmet's delight. Starting with Hank Thomas' curried lamb with chutney, we polished off Carol Farmer's beef stroganoff, Gerry Deighton's chicken divan, Andy & Ursula Zvilna's great spaghetti with meat sauce, and Jan cooked a succulent ham dinner topped off by her famous "Derby Pie". Another outstanding desert was Sandy Deighton's carrot cake. Its easy to get carried away by food, as skiing in that crisp Canadian air has a way of turning most of us into ravening wolves.

Le petit freres, Eric and Brian Marx, Treavor and Russle Deighton and Kevin Zvilna attended their ski school diligently and at the end of the week participated in races in which Treavor and Eric won silver medals and Brian and Kevin won bronze.

There were no mishaps except that Tony Soler got a good taste of what it would be like to be a handicapped skier by losing his right ski as the brake-binding released shortly after boarding the chair, and having to come all the way down under the lift (a pretty formidable slope) on one ski. Ya done noblely Tony!

The particular charm of the place was skiing the beautiful, wooded trails all the way home, and being able to observe at close range the colorful birds. To name a few, the yellow-feathered, evening grosbeak and the black-capped chickadee, would converge at feeding time on the big, white birch near the chalet.

We wound up the trip by attending a "sugaring off" dinner-party at a rural club (Les Copaines?) where maple sirup was featured with the local French Canuck dishes, and the music was strictly stateside disco. The small fry among us were out there boogying with the best and cutting in on the big guys.

OPEN LETTER TO THE PVS MEMBERSHIP from LARRY PEASE

On Dec. 8, 1980, President Carter signed the bill establishing a federal charter for the National Ski Patrol System. This action is the culmination of 3 years effort by individuals concerned with skiing safety and the welfare of the Ski Patrol. The continuing involvement of PVS both as a club and by individual effort is recognized as a significant force in this worthy accomplishment. The Ski Patrol thanks you.





THE KNEE

by

Ray McKinley

Herewith some reasonably relevant repartee from your reliable reporter of rumors. First of all, a hearty tip of the ol' Knee Cap to Bob and Margaret Wyckoff. Can you imagine being half way through a ski trip and being able to completely change the destination for the second half? Especially when they had to go half way across France to find decent snow. Could that have happened in some other clubs where people are "rewarded" for service and given a chance to run a ski trip on their first ever trip to Europe? Margaret (obviously due to a language problem) may not be able to catch a plane in Germany (see the January Kneedle of the Month) but she can surely get 30 people through France. Aren't we all glad we're in PVS!

Personal to President Marilyn Clark: whatever happened to the dignity of the presidency? The idea of printing Core Knee (say it fast) knee puns on the front page of this publication is appealing - er - appalling. Even the Knee would not revert to two word puns sad as that. I'm shocked.

While I have no children, if I had a boy, I'm sure he'd be bright. I'd call him Son Knee (say it fast).

I have a name for all the people who join Core Knee. I'll call them "the truly kneedy." I stole that from our (other) president - Ronknee Kneegan. You know his wife Nancknee. I borrowed lines from other presidents, too. There was Kneexon, Kenkneedy, and, of course, Franklin D. Rooskneevelt.

Everyone has been skiing. Aside from those on our scheduled trips, Thelma Belloli and Mike Rysavy spent a couple of weeks in Val D'Isere and Tignes. David and Rachel Abraham visited friends in Europe and skied in Arosa, Switzerland which, they

report, has the only regularly scheduled horse racing on ice. Nice. No, that's in France.

Closer to home, Hank and Aina Thomas skied 21 straight days in Alta, Utah. They were joined for a week by Dick and Julie King. I understand the two men had such a hard time in the buffet supper lines that they often had to return for a rerun - or two. Especially the night they had all-you-could-eat Alaska King Crab Legs.

The Fruchts, the McKinleys and Charlotte Reith spent two weeks in Aspen. The Kings (you remember them from the last paragraph) drove from Denver one Sunday to join the group. Did Dick end up on King Crab Legs?

Words often heard in Aspen lift lines: "Single!", "Single!" and an occasional "Divorced!"

Received three communiques from Bob Grasknee - er- Grasley: two from Morocco where he was completing arrangements for his 1982 ski trip and one from France which was my favorite. It said simply "Kneece is knice."

On Norm Engleman's western trip, Vince and Judy Macaluso's son was a casualty. He injured his thumb. I hope it wasn't thumbthing bad. Most improved skiers were the Kuffs. Angea did her first ever "cross country" and skied 2 mountains in one day. And Mort came along so well they have removed the training wheels from his skis. Next year he's going to try it without the "Blind Skier" sign. (Mort, it's not nice to make funnier jokes than the Knee.)

Speaking of beards (which I was last month) Bob Barry was sporting an elegant new one at the March PVS meeting at his house. He and Vivian kept separated all evening the Knee noted. Otherwise we would have had Barry Barry. I realize that wasn't a barry good line. I think I'll dig a hole and barry it. For those, you can give me a rasbarry.

Finally, the Knee's Behind the Knews. Last month I reported that a certain Knee had written Aspen for press credentials. Well, I arrived, went to press headquarters, and my credentials were ready.

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THE KNEE (continued)

There were passes to watch the races, attend the pre- and post race press conferences and to use the press room (for pressing business, I presumed). I tried to have a suit pressed. They weren't impressed. There were passes to the press lounge (complimentary wine and beer) and to the awards ceremonies. Also, invitations to daily breakfasts, lunches, a cocktail party, a champagne brunch and several early afternoon Happy Hours.

I didn't do any of it.

The reason: included in my press kit was a free 7-day lift pass good at all of the areas. (Worth \$120!) So I skied for seven days and passed up the eating, the drinking, the press conferences and the races.

On arriving home, I felt really guilty. They were so nice to me (or is that kneece?) I figured I owed them an article on the World Cup. But I had no notes to write from. So I made up a story.

That's right, the article that appears elsewhere in this issue is a total fabrication. I made up the winners, the losers, the times, even the days and snow making equipment. No, that's not totally honest. I didn't make up all the names. Ingemar Stenmark is my dry cleaner.

KNEE FOOTNOTE: The McKinley home and garden will be on the McLean Women's Club Spring Garden Tour on April 25th. Avoid the rush and entrance fee and come and see it free at the PVS Meeting April 21.

EXCOM NOTES

Adele Waggaman hosted the March ExCom meeting providing mucho vino and fine cheeses while officers weighed weighty matters most of which are reported on elsewhere in this issue of TOOT.

PVS SKI AUSTRIA by Bob Wyckoff

Mark your calendars and plan along with us for a ski trip to warm (the people, that is) and wonderful Austria. Plans for the first week are reasonably firm and the whole trip will be firmed in June.

Tentative plans are to leave Washington Thursday, Jan 21 and arrive in Munich Friday. On Saturday afternoon we'll drive to MAYRHOFEN where we'll ski the first week. On Saturday, Jan 30, we'll head for a second spot: VAL GARDENA, ZURS, or some other exotic spot. Your suggestions are still welcome. On Saturday, Feb. 6 we'll head home.

MAYRHOFEN, from reports of several trusted scouts, is a charming village with plenty of "gemutlichkeit," and a good variety of skiing. It is about an hour and a half from Innsbruck. Each couple miles on up the valley from MAYRHOFEN is another village with its lifts for us to try - FINKENBERG, LANERSBACH, and HINTERTUX with glacier skiing 1/2 hour from MAYRHOFEN for insurance.

Larry Pease has skied the area and feels it is well worth returning to. He promises to show us some slides at the PVS April meeting.

Margaret and I tentatively plan a trip over in June to make hotel and bus arrangements and to zero in on our destination for the second week.

SPAIN/NORTH AFRICA 1982

Bob Grasley has reported back on his February trip to Morocco. The itinerary was NY-Casablanca - Fes - Marrakech (for skiing).

He brings news of lots of snow in the High Atlas mountains of Morocco.

Consideration is being given to running the Grasley/Wyckoff 1982 trips back to back so that skiers can do both at reasonable cost.

CALENDAR OF FUTURE EVENTS

- April 11 ... Hike the Billy Goat Trail 10:30 a.m.
- April 21 ... Annual Meeting/Party at the McKinleys 8:00 p.m.
- April 28 ... ExCom Meeting at the Wyckoffs 7:30 p.m.
- May 9 ... Hike in Shenadoah Natl. Park 8:00 a.m. Call Lu Beale.
- May 19 ... Monthly Meeting at the Kuffs 8.00 p.m.
- May 26 ... ExCom Meeting at Gell/Pease 7:30 p.m.
- May 30 ... International Dinner

SKI TRIPS

PVS SKI AUSTRIA WITH THE WYCKOFFS late January ,early February 1982
SPAIN/NORTH AFRICA 1982 WITH THE GRASLEYS

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