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President's Message: The Passing of the Torch

On April 20, 1993, I will call to order my final meeting as President of the Potomac Valley Skiers. Yes, in less than one hour's time I will become a has-been, as the Torch will be passed to a new President and a new Administration. As my term of office draws to a close, I admit I view it with mixed emotions. While I personally am breathing a sigh of relief; I also feel a bittersweet sadness that my two years as President are over. I can only feel tremendous pride in having served as President of such a dynamic, talented, dedicated and fun loving group of great people. I sincerely thank you all for giving me this honor to serve as your President. I hand over the presidency knowing that I have been but one small part of a vital organization and I am happy that I have had this chance to serve.
Thank you ALL.

Bill Bill Anderson, President



WHEN: TUESDAY, APRIL 20, 1993 8:00 P.M.
WHERE: HOME OF BARBARA AND FRED LEONHARDT
9419 JONGRONER COURT
POTOMAC, MD. (Telephone: 301-279-9056).

WHAT: Annual revelry plus some serious business (Elections!) all accompanied by comestibles and fine spirits, liquid and otherwise. The Leonhardts are building a new home in the Gaithersburg area so this may be our last chance to party on Jongroner Court.

Directions: From Maryland, take #270 north to first exit (Old Georgetown Rd.). Bear right and go to first traffic light (Tuckerman Lane). Turn left and proceed 3.8 miles to Falls Rd. (Rte 189). Turn left at light and then take first right onto Winterset Dr. Go 2 blocks to end of street, go right onto Winterset Terrace and then right onto Jongroner Court. Second house on left is 9419. Enter here.
FROM VIRGINIA, take beltway to River Road exit. Go north to Potomac Village (about 3.5 miles). Turn right onto Falls Rd. (Rte 189). Go 2.5 miles to Winterset Dr. (one block after light at Glen Rd.). Turn left and proceed as above.

DINING OUT GROUP - April 13, 1993

Join us for dinner on Tuesday, April 13, 1993. This month, we will meet at THE TEMPO RESTAURANT 4231 DUKE St., Alexandria, Va.

(NOTE: This is the part of Duke St. far West of Old Town Alexandria). We will meet for dinner at 7:00 P.M.. THE TEMPO is a very interesting Continental restaurant.



Directions: From Maryland - take the Beltway (Rt. 495) across the American Legion Bridge to Virginia, go South on the George Washington Parkway to the center of Alexandria (You will be on Washington St.) Turn right on Duke St. and go 3.0 miles to the traffic light at Gordon St. The Tempo restaurant is on the right.

From Virginia -- From the Duke St. exit on Rt. 395 (Exit 3A), go East 1.7 miles on Duke St. The Tempo restaurant is on the left.

Parking is available in front of the restaurant.

So that we may know how many to expect, please call Pat Tengel or John Smith at (301) 299-8376 by Sunday, April 11.

SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 1993 - HIKE THE BILLY GOAT TRAIL 10:00 A.M.

Rain date: Sunday, April 25. 10:00 A.M.

Time once again to change ski boots to hiking boots and join fellow PVSers for the annual 4 mile trek on the Billy Goat Trail where the going is sometimes tough, sometimes easy, always fun.

BRING LUNCH AND WEAR STURDY SHOES!!!

Leader: Frank Shelburne (202)331-9492. No reservations necessary but call Frank if you need info or the weather is "iffy."

DIRECTIONS: Meet in the parking lot opposite Old Angler's Inn at 10801 MacArthur Blvd. Take Beltway Exit 41 for Carderock /Great Falls. Go towards Great Falls to the end of the parkway, turn left on MacArthur Blvd. and proceed a couple of miles to Angler's Inn. Parking lot on left of boulevard.

Saturday, May 8, 1993. ANNUAL FUN RUN AND BRUNCH WITH THE CLARKS

9 A.M. RAIN OR SHINE!! Reserve your place now on this popular event which includes a five mile trek around Lake Accotink and delightful brunch at the Clarks'. Limited to 24 for brunch. No limit for hikers only. Cost: about \$4. Call Marilyn or Dick now (703)978-9435.

DIRECTIONS to trailhead in Wakefield Park: Take Beltway Exit 5 (Braddock Road) in Virginia. Go West 0.1 mile to light and well-marked Wakefield Park sign on right. Drive to the main parking lot (as far as the road goes) and meet by the small bridge immediately on your right as you enter the lot.

SPRING FLING AUCTION at U. of Md. Saturday, April 24, 1993. 5:30 P.M.

11th annual auction sponsored by the BRSC and benefiting the handicapped. \$25 entry fee includes buffet dinner and auction. Call Charles Huggins for info (301) 424-5725.

COMING EVENTS

SATURDAY, MAY 22, 1993 ... LUAU AT THE WALNS' -- 6 P.M.

This third annual Polynesian evening with Chris and Janet Waln is limited to 34 and is already wait-listed. Please call the Walns if you would like to be on that list as there are usually last minute cancellations. Telephone number: (703) 912-7289. Deadline: Tuesday, May 18. Island music, leis, photo ops and a lavish feast provided by the gracious hosts. Dress: casual Hawaiian or an approximation thereof. Cost: Approx. \$14 a person. Directions in May TOOT.

SPRING BIKE OUTING - Saturday, May 29 - High Noon. (Rain Date - Sunday.)



Route: St. Michaels to Tilghman Island (13 miles) a stop at the outdoor patio at the Bridge Restaurant for refueling (?) and return. Flat terrain.

Après: Reservations will be made at the Town Dock Restaurant for five o'clock.

Directions: Rt. 50 to Bay Bridge, continue 28 miles, right on Rt. 322 for 2 miles, right on Rt. 33 for 9 miles to St. Michaels, right on Mill Street, immediate left into parking area.

Call Myron Marguardt (301 460-3269) to let him know you are coming.

Wolf Trap - Friday, July 9

Join fellow PVS ers at Wolf Trap on Friday evening, July 9th for the National Symphony all-Tchaikovsky Festival (including Symphony No. 6 and the "1812" overture with cannons). Bring your own picnic supper. Cost of \$25.00 includes a front orchestra seat as well as dessert and beverages supplied by your hostess. Call Barbara Leonhardt, (H) 301-279-9056, for reservations, tickets limited to 25. Please reserve soonest as Barbara must put up the cash now.

Tidewater Summer Picnic and Barbecue

June 26 (limit of 30) at the lovely Lancaster County waterfront home of Charles and Alexa McGrath. Come at 11:30 AM, and we will have lunch at 2PM. Eat all the crabs and barbecued chicken you can for under \$10; plates and utensils will be provided, but bring a salad, dessert, or snack as assigned, and don't forget your bathing suit. The McGraths have a swimming pool, a power fishing boat for 6, and a pedal boat. If it rains, we move indoors.

Van drivers and others, please let me know if you would be willing to carpool for this 2½-hour drive. -- Coordinator: Karen Felker (703) 931-6843.

PAST EVENTS

AFFAIRS OF STATE (A tour of the State Department Reception Rooms on March 10)
by Irene Farrell

"You had to be there" as our Toot Editor would say, and, you REALLY had to be there to appreciate the one hundred million dollar collection of furnishings of the 1745-1810 period at the State Department. Twenty three members of PVS (plus a few holdovers from Senator Thurmond's 90th birthday party the night before) were escorted through the Reception Rooms on the eighth floor. Our amiable guide gave us a brief background of each piece and added a few tid bits about the lives of the great statesmen of that period. The majestic banquet hall with its beautiful, deep rose carpet (105'x50'), splendid Irish crystal chandeliers, marble fireplace was awesome (note to the Knee - just the place for an annual meeting - but they don't serve red wine).

While some went on to their appointed tasks, sixteen of us met for lunch at Elackie's. Servings were generous - Lu Beale, Dot Mills and Margaret Wyckoff had to ask for Sock Sacks.

Our thanks to Bob Harmon for a very enjoyable day. Perhaps, we should nominate him for our Cultural Attaché and Plenipotentiary.

WINETASTING by Bill Anderson

... As the Psalmist said: Wine that maketh glad the hearts of men... (traditional translation)

The palatial 19th Century, restored, Olde Towne Alexandria home of Don and Pat Cope was the gathering place for 15 PVSers on Saturday, March 20, for the Annual Wine Tasting. Don's selection of exceptional French wines was complemented by Pat's poached salmon with rémoulade, beef tenderloin with green peppercorn sauce and Danish Jarlsberg and English Stilton cheeses, plus a variety of snacks. After sampling the seven different wines which amounted to approximately one and a half quarts per person, we were drawn to the over-sized kitchen by the aroma of freshly brewed coffee. Yes, it was truly a Saturday night to remember, but Oh what a Sunday morning!

MARCH MEETING by Lu Beale

Despite the Blizzard of '93 and its aftermath of snow-clogged streets, more than 40 skiers made it to the March meeting at first-time hostess Olga Gilloegly's home in the rolling hills of Bethesda.

Somewhat stir-crazy after 4 days of confinement, many guests cheerfully abandoned their cars at the bottom of the hill to herring-bone the last 0.2 miles to the party. (For Charles Huggins, Myron Marquardt, Nancy Laymon and Janet Waln who had spent the day at Whitetail, it was no challenge but merely the tag end of a full day of skiing.)

For all, it was worth the effort. Olga, who had already worked a full session as a VA physician, still managed to lay out a large assortment of goodies which included Russian caviar and, in honor of St Patrick's Day, Limerick ale straight from the old sod itself.

Among the seldom-seen who had braved the elements to attend were Maryjane Harper, Carol Bridgers, the Blums and Maryse Delavaux. An even braver group included Jan Marx (on crutches), Joan Flake (on crutches) and Liz Triau (just off crutches).

A thousand thanks to Olga for making the stormy days a little brighter for all of us.



THE KNEE

by
Ray McKinley

PVS: skiin's our name and snow's our game. Well, maybe not always--at least at home. The Blizzard of '93 took its toll on PVS.

The Steamboat Post Trip Party was canceled on Blizzard Saturday. The same day, Ned and Jackie Flaherty were flying back from additional skiing at Steamboat. They finally got home on Tuesday. Unfortunately, Charlie Gordon flew in from Texas solely for the party.

The Stowe Post Trip Party, the night before at Betty Lawrence's, was not canceled, was a success, and all arrived home as the first flakes started to fall. Charlie successfully crashed that party. No one came by train.

By PVS meeting time on post-Blizzard Tuesday, many roads remained unplowed--including the steep hill at hostess Olga Gilloegly's home. Several PVSers had to hike up the final two blocks. Worse, Olga's sister had prepared some Estonian treats for us which were snowed out of the party. Boo!

Speaking of the Baltics, Aina Thomas is spending a week in Latvia preparing for their first true elections. She'll return there in June for the election.

From the Knee's Ubiquitous PVS (Utah version) File: Several of us had gone out to Charlie Farwell's condo in Utah the first week in March. Waiting in the maze for the Snowbird gondola, in front of us stood Roy and Malda Elrod. Malda, sporting a cast on her broken wrist, skied wonderfully despite using only one pole. Her wrist was broken earlier while skiing at Shawknee in Pennsylvakneeia.

Later at Solitude (which was expanded considerably and should no longer be considered only for back-up days), Norm Engelman and Charlie

Huggins appeared at lunch. Norm spent the entire lunch raving about his 9 inch wide powder demo skis. Wonder how they do on Blue Knob ice?

Several others tried demos. Jean Heitchue really liked a pair of Kneissl Vertical Assault Extremes. "Vertical Assault Extremes??"

Despite what was arguably my best ski week, the Kneedle of the Year goes to Utah. The Park City area provides the state's greatest tourist revenue. Yet the only access road was just two lanes and loaded with heaves and potholes. It looked like a mogul field. Yuck.

From my Knees and Knots File: the latest on nasties and nuptials. Besides Malda Elrod's cast, Joan Flake is on crutches with pulled muscles from jumping off a chairlift too late. Glade, pressed into his first grocery shopping in years, thinks the supermarket bar code scanners are "Kneet."

Janet Marx is still on crutches from her broken ankle. Liz Triau broke her ankle the first day back from Dina Taylor's Montana trip. Applicant Mary Riley fell and damaged knee cartilage on her first ski day. The Knee is never sexist (he often skis on both knees), however, PVS women appear more accident prone than men.

On the matrimoknee front. Both the Wyckoff's and Jack Peoples daughters, both named Patty, are getting married May 22. And both Flake daughters are planning weddings the following summer.

A tip of the ol' Knee Cap to Charlie Huggins. He's done a great job organizing mid-week ski trips.

Quickly, from my TOOTS sweet file on the power of TOOT. The Steamboat Post Trip party was moved forward to 6:30 because the editor thought it a better time. And Pat Cope had to ask when TOOT said the Wine Tasting should start.

All of the ties at the Wine Tasting were red. Obviously so as not to clash with Burgundy drips.

SKIING AT BIG SKY by Bob Harmon



I believe I can speak for all 31 participants when I say we had a really great 8 days in Big Sky, Montana -- a new destination for all of us except Joe Blum, I believe. There were plenty of excellent trails to suit everyone, and our hotel, Huntley Lodge, was just a short walk from the lifts. Weather and snow conditions combined to give us great skiing.

Aina Thomas and Gladys Youngblood certainly deserved the Heroic Feats Award for bombing down a black trail which they got onto by mistake when they veered off from a catwalk too soon. The trail (according to Aina) descended at a fearsomely steep pitch, and was covered by humongous moguls (she said). Furthermore (she added), to make it even more challenging, it was thickly punctuated by menacing trees! Now, even if we allow for just a tiny bit of understandable exaggeration on Aina's part, it still must have been a formidable bit of terrain, and let not the fact that the descent was all unintended diminish by a whit the glory of these ladies' achievement!

Mary Jane McCarthy qualified as the biggest ham in the group when she was called on for a bit of song and dance in Chet's Bar, downstairs in our hotel. It was reported that she took shameless liberties with the lyrics of "New York, New York," substituting the phrase "queen of the hill" for "king of the hill."

It seems that Betty Lawrence attracted a mysterious admirer who came knocking at her door late one night after she had attended the Dirt Ball in the hotel. Since the knocker declined to identify himself, and after ascertaining that roommate Ann Cokely had not invited any guests, Betty called the desk and someone apparently escorted him away. Poor fellow!

One memorable episode was that of Dot Mills groping around for a lost ski pole under the chairlift. Until she finally retrieved it, the parade of passing skiers in the chairs above must have been wondering what in the world ever possessed that woman down there to try to cut through that long stretch of nearly unskiable gunk! The moral: Don't gesture with your hands when riding the chairlift.

There were a couple of non-skiing highlights on our schedule, the first of which was a sleighride one evening at nearby Lone Mountain Ranch, followed by a gourmet prime rib dinner, easily worthy of three Michelin stars. It seemed to this participant that the dinner was a kind of reward for enduring the sleighride, though I don't suppose that was the intention.

Most of us also took one day off from skiing to visit Yellowstone Park. Myron Marquardt and Dean Worcester proved to be the only hardy, venturesome souls in the group, electing to make the trip by snowmobile while the rest of us wimped out and went by "snowcoach." (Though, after a few miles, Dean realized the error of his ways, abandoning Myron and the snowmobile to join the rest of us in the snowcoaches!) The snowcoach is an odd kind of vehicle like a van with runners and tank-like tracks, which accommodates about 10 passengers. We saw many bison and elk at close range, as well as a couple of coyotes and bald eagles. All about us was fascinating terrain with hot springs, geysers, fumaroles, and bubbling hot pools, with water vapor and gasses spewing forth everywhere, creating a most surrealistic, inferno-like effect. Our excellent driver-guides seemed to know everything there was to know about the park, and made the trip a very educational one for all of us. (Except Myron!)

Many thanks to our "ringleader" (as she was called by one of our flight attendants), Dina Taylor, for an excellent, well-run trip.

!! SKI TRIPS !!

POSTIVELY THE LAST SKI TRIP OF THE 1992-93 SEASON!!!!
August 15 - August 31, 1993 -

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A trip you can't afford to miss! See the flier in this TOOT and call leaders Ray McKinley and Nancy Sexton NOW. (703) 527-7126.

*****ATTENTION TRIP LEADERS***ATTENTION TRIP LEADERS***ATTENTION TRIP LEADERS*****

Prospective Ski Trip Leaders,

We need your SKI TRIP proposals for the 93-94 ski season!!!!!!!

Please submit 3 copies of your trip proposal to the Ski Trip Committee by May 18, 1993. The Committee will review the proposals during the remainder of that week and plans to meet with the prospective Trip Leaders the following Sunday May 23, 1993 at Charlie Huggins home. We are hoping to present the Trip Committee's recommendation to the EX-COM at the May 25, 1993 meeting.

Send the proposals to:
Dick Comerford
307 Lounsbury Ct.
Leesburg, Va 22075

Summary key dates:
Submit Proposals 5/18/93
Trip Leader Meeting 5/23/93
Ex-Com Trip Presentation 5/25/93

SKI GROUP 93

Anybody interested in planning a successful ski trip for the 93-94 season should attend the free show at the Embassy Suites-Crystal City, Thursday April 22nd, 5-8 P.M. Exhibitors from U.S., Canada, Europe, South America, and the Pacific representing major ski resorts, ski areas, domestic and foreign government tourist offices, air and ground transportation suppliers, tour wholesalers, and resort/lodging associations are there to assist you in planning your ski trip.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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- Ap. 13 ... DOGS. See page 2.
- Ap. 20 ... Annual Meeting at the Leonhardts'. See page 1.
- Ap. 24 ... Billy Goat Trail Hike. See page 2.
- Ap. 24 ... Post Montana Ski Trip Party at Dina Taylor's.
- Ap. 24 ... Spring Fling Auction at the U of Md. See page 2.
- Ap. 27 ... ExCom at Mary Jane McCarthys'. 7:30 P.M.
- May 8 ... Fun Run/Brunch with the Clarks. See page 2.
- May 11 ... DOGS.
- May 18 ... May meeting at Charlotte Eddy's.
- May 22 ... Luau at the Walns'. See page 3.
- May 25 ... ExCom at Ward's/Slack's .
- May 29 ... Bike Trip. See page 3.
- June 5 ... Spring Hike. Bob Marx leading.
- June 15 ... Monthly Meeting at Betty Lawrence's.
- June 22 ... ExCom at Bob Harmon's. 7:30 P.M.
- June 26 ... Picnic at the McGraths' Northern Neck home. See page 3.
- July 9 ... Evening at Wolf Trap. Barbara Leonhardt coordinating. See page 3.
- July 17 ... Steak/Swim at the Elrods'. Limited to 40. McKinley/Sexton coordinating.
- July 27 ... ExCom at the Browns'.
- Sept. 21 ... Monthly Meeting at the Harpers'.
- Oct. 2 ... Oktoberfest at the Ward/Slack home.

MEMBERSHIP NOTE: Add Joy McKnight to applicants to be voted on at annual meeting.



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