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President's Message

March, the month that ushers in the first day of Spring and other lesser festivals such as St. Patrick's Day. It also means that the day is fast approaching to pack the old ski gear away for a long hot summer.

Our Club's 28th Annual meeting is scheduled for April 20, and I remind all sponsors of our applicant members to please submit their names to the membership chair, Marilyn Clark, one month prior to this meeting, at which time full membership will be voted on by the general membership.

Remember, requirements for full membership are:

1. Attend at least three Club Meetings
2. Ski at least three days with a club member, or members
3. Pass the USSA Uniform Basic Ski Test or display equivalent skiing ability. (By-Laws, Sec. I, B, 2)

See you around,

Bill
Bill Anderson

MONTHLY MEETING

TUESDAY MARCH 16, 1993 8:00 P.M.

Where: Home of Olga Gilloegly
6308 E Halbert Road. Bethesda, Md. 20817
Telephone: (301) 229-2733

First time hostess Olga Gilloegly opens her home to us for a mid-season get-together. It will be a reunion, of sorts, for recent trip returnees and bound to be fun. Y'all come!

Directions: Take Beltway Exit #39. Go 1.2 m. towards D.C. and turn right on Wilson Lane. Go 0.9 m. to left on MacArthur Blvd. Go 0.2 m. to left on Bannockburn Dr. Go a few yards to first right on E. Halbert Rd. Go 0.2 m. to top of hill and 6308 on the left. If coming from opposite direction on MacArthur Blvd, go 0.3 m. past Glen Echo Shopping area to right on Bannockburn Dr, right on E. Halbert and continue to #6308 on the left.



COMING EVENTS



DINING OUT GROUP - March 9, 1993

Join us for dinner on Tuesday, March 9, 1992. Meeting and greeting at 6:30, Dinner at 7:00 P.M. This month dinner is planned at O'DONNELL'S, 8301 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda. O'DONNELL'S is a moderately priced seafood restaurant that features delicious rum buns with dinner.

Directions: From the Capitol Beltway (Rt. 495) in Maryland, take the Wisconsin Ave. exit (Rt. 355) South for approx. 2 miles. O'DONNELL'S restaurant is on the left side (East) side of Wisconsin Ave. O'DONNELL'S parking lot just adjacent to the restaurant on the corner and is clearly marked.

Coming up Wisconsin Ave. from D.C. - O'DONNELL'S is on the right about 1/2 mile beyond the intersection Wisconsin Ave. and Georgetown Road (Rt. 187) where the Bethesda METRO is located.

So that we may know how many to expect, please call Pat Tengel or John Smith at (301) 299-8376 by Sunday, March 7.

TOUR OF DIPLOMATIC RECEPTION ROOMS

Wednesday, March 10

This event is now filled. The 23rd St. entrance will be open for us at 10:00, and please remember that we are requested to be in the lobby there not later than 10:15. Remember too to bring a photo ID, such as driver's license or passport. For further information concerning parking, lunch at Blackie's after the tour, etc. see last month's TOOT or call Bob Harmon (703) 820-6561. Please let Bob know if you plan to lunch with the group. For those using Metro, Foggy Bottom is station nearest the State Department.

GOURMET WINE TASTING AT THE COPE'S' - March 20th. 8:00 P.M.

There are still a few places left for this annual event limited to 20.

This year will feature fine French wines and the usual specialities of the house hors d'oeuvres prepared by the master chef herself. Call Pat and Don now to make your reservation. (703) 836-5436

Directions:

Take the George Washington Parkway past the sailing marina to the first right turn which is marked Slaters Lane, to the parallel service road. At the first signal, make a right turn onto Slaters Lane. Follow Slaters Lane through an angled left past the warehouses and make the first right turn. Go over the railroad bridge and turn left onto Monroe Ave. (The Monroe Ave bridge is Rt. 1). Go through 2 signals and the Cope Home is the big, white house on the right before the 3rd signal. --- 117 W. Monroe Ave. --- Alexandria, Virginia.

COMING EVENTS

GALA SPRING DINNER - March 27,1993. 7:00 P.M.

Limited to 40, this very special event will be held in the party room of the Colonnade apartment building, 2801 New Mexico Ave.N.W. where Bette Walker lives.

Marilyn Clark is memu coordinator and will notify participants of menu assignments and provide recipes. Price will be approximately \$20, minus the cost of your contribution to the feast.

Please BRING YOUR OWN SILVERWARE, PLATE AND WINE GLASS!!!
Cut off date for reservations and cancellation is March 23rd.

DIRECTIONS: Take Beltway Exit #39 on River Road for Washington. Go 4.1 miles to right on Western Avenue. Go 0.7 miles to Westmoreland Circle where take Massachusetts Avenue left towards D.C. off the circle. Go 1.2 miles to next circle (Ward Circle) where turn right onto Nebraska Avenue and go 0.2 mile to first light where turn left onto New Mexico Avenue. Proceed 0.8 Mile to 2801 New Mexico Avenue.If lost,call Bette Walker (333-0766).

PAST EVENT

FEBRUARY FUN FOR THE STAY-AT-HOMES by Jessma Blockwick

In a perfect setting for PVS & Skeeters, about 30 members gathered in the loon-filled home (ceramic,wooden, painted, woven)of Jan and Bob Marx for the February meeting. Despite amazing handicaps (Jan on crutches, Bob occupied with replacing a busted hot water heater), the Marxes managed not only to host the evening but to prepare and serve many delicious goodies for the group.

The small number attending was due to the departure early the next day of 33 lucky PVSers headed for Big Sky, Montana. At least two of those heading west, Shirley Rettig and Myron Marquardt) were well enough prepared to be present.

During the brief business meeting, Marilyn Clark reported on upcoming dues-paying time and Shirley Rettig gave an update on her Salt Lake City trip. Reports on the Blue Knob weekend differed markedly re conditions: A number reported blue ice such as hadn't been seen for a long time; others skied merrily on whatever was there. All reported a good time.

The same good time report could be said for the evening and we thank Jan and Bob for all their efforts and for their very warm hospitality.

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SPRING FLING AUCTION - Sat. April 24 at the University of Maryland Student Union.

This annual event is sponsored by the BRSC and supports ski training programs for the handicapped. The auction begins at 5:30 P.M. and, as usual, will feature fabulous PRIZES AND TRIPS. Tickets are limited to four hundred and are sold on a first come, first sold basis.

Call the Auction Committee at (703) 557-9432 to reserve. PVS's own Jack Peoples, (301) 881-6220, can also supply information and guidance.

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**ADVANCED RESERVATION REQUIRED
TICKETS ON SALE
\$25.00 per person includes:
BUFFET DINNER & AUCTION**

AUCTION BEGINS AT 5:30!!

SKIING STATISTICS



58.1% and women, 41.9% of Alpine skiers but men over the age of 65 skied more days than any other age group (average 17.2 days per season.) Women account for 65% of all people over the age of 17 who try Alpine skiing for the first time.

As you might expect, 77.8% of all snowboarders are under 25 (53.7% are under 18) and 45.5% come from households that make less than \$35,000 per year (their incomes or their parents'). Only 19.8% of snowboarders are women while men account for 80.2%.

48.3% of all cross country skiers come from households that earn more than \$50,000 per year and 57.5% are between the ages of 25 and 55. Women outnumber men 53.2% to 46.8% in X-country skiing.

Ski club members account for 12.5% of all skiers on North American ski slopes according to each of the USIA Skier Opinion Surveys from 1988 to 1991.

Some figures about the ski industry, courtesy of the United Ski Industries Association:

There are 10,427,000 alpine skiers, 4,371,000 cross country skiers and 1,577,000 snowboarders in the United States as of 1991.

58.8% of all Alpine skiers earn over \$50,000 per year and 65.8% are between the ages of 18 and 44. Only 2.7% of Alpine skiers are over 55 and 6.6% are under 12. Men account for



THE KNEE

by

Ray McKinley

For those who have asked, a bit of historknee. The Knee is fourteen! The column started in January 1979--well after most of us could vote. There were two reasons for the name. I had just twisted my knee in Aspen and there was a column in the Washington Star called the Ear. I figured this column would be at a lower level.

The first year the Knee was akneenomous, by Big Foot. Was that my pen name? No, my pen name was Mont Blanc. (Actually it was Bic, but Mont Blanc was better for a ski column--and it was eruditer!) Big Foot was my pseudokneem.

Note to Bob McNeill and Jim Wingrove. First reference to Ski Liberty was December 1979. The Knee described conditions, "very good to excellent with some grassy patches."

Note to Pres. Bill (Anderson, that is). Fourteen years of columns and nary a one on BRSC. But I am working on a detailed history of the Pennsylvania Ski Federation.

Did you know that our own Jack Peoples is extremely active in the local Lions' Eye Bank? Recently he won kudos for negotiating some \$60,000 off the price of their new Mobile Health Unit. Right on.

A few words on the Blue Knob Ski-o-ree. Ice Ice Ice.

Trip leader Jack chipped in he had skied 90 areas and never seen ice like it. How icy was it? It was so icy the Knee kneeded both ski poles to cross the icy parking lot. It was so icy that half of the 30 PVSers didn't ski. It was so icy that hostess and 20-year winter resident Betty Lawrence slipped and injured her Knee...er knee.

Betty opened her A-frame to PVS and many spent the afternoon enjoying the view through her wall of windows. Betty described the

sights, punctuated with "On a clear day you can see Altoona." She did not explain why you would want to.

To find out, Dina Taylor and Mary Jane McCarthy drove to Altoona. Dina had the third best time and that evening won a Bronze NASTAR medal.

This was Joan and Glade Flake's first ever PVS trip although not their first to Blue Knob. Glade and the late Hank Thomas started the Blue Knob Ski Patrol in 1962--also after most of us could vote.

Caution, the following item is not about skiing. After Kimba Wood withdrew her nomination, the NY Post headline read "Alien II."

Trudy Santoro suffered a 'minor' knee twist at Sutton 6 years ago. It caused osteoarthritis and recently two surgical procedures. Ouch. A knee is a terrible thing to waste. Ahem.

Will David and Rachel Abraham be PVS' only European skiers this winter? They are off to Davos. On the other side of the world, June Reed is back from Hong Kong and Adele Waggaman from Vietnam.

Wedding bells are ringing for Reg and Jean Heitchue. They're just back from weddings of Jean's sister and a cousin. This summer a son and their daughter will tie knots. Reg and Jean are also taking vows: "No more weddings."

On Inauguration Day, the Heitchues celebrated by skiing--in tuxes.

The February PVS meeting at the Marx's was our smallest in a while. Probably because 35 were leaving on Dina Taylor's Big Sky trip the next day--only Shirley Rettig and Myron Marquardt attended. John Smith had already left via a business trip to Florida.

Finalknee, some of you with nontechnical backgrounds have asked the Knee to explain how the new detachable high speed quad lifts work. Quite well. Quite well, indeed.

SKI TRIPS

YOU HAVE A FRIEND IN PENNSYLVANIA by Genee Boykin

My husband Charles and I eagerly headed toward Pennsylvania on Friday afternoon anxious to join our PVS friends for the January Ski-O-Ree at Blue Knob. The Friday night festivities were delayed but Glade Flake gallantly came to the rescue, inviting us to join Joan and him for cocktails in their room. This impromptu gesture turned into a lively and congenial cocktail party as other PVSers joined us. After depleting the Flakes' private bar, we hungry PVSers departed for the "official" party where we feasted on cold cuts, pizza, and beer. We said farewell for the evening and headed up the mountain where we found Betty Lawrence administering cold packs to the knee that she injured from her day's "skiing" on Blue Knob's ice.

The following morning several of us foolhardy PVSers tried to ski the Knob although the slopes were still dangerously icy and the high winds kept blowing the newly-made snow off the mountain. The majority, however, decided that it would be better to save themselves for Big Sky and Utah. When John Smith got to the top, he remarked that he knew he was in trouble when he saw the wind knock down a man of his size. Only the die-hards stayed on the mountain. Fortunately, Betty Lawrence saved the day; she was indeed our friend in Pennsylvania. She opened the doors of her chalet--conveniently located off Bunny Hop run--to all PVSers who wanted a respite from the icy trails and fiercely howling winds. A crock of savory chili and steaming mugs of glühwein and cider were waiting for us at lunch. Others entertained themselves at outlet malls and quaint antique shops in neighboring villages.

On Saturday evening, the group attended the awards banquet at the Imler Fire Hall. Here, the local citizens served us a delectable ham and turkey dinner and we danced to music played by D.J. Andy Cool. George Hicho was quite a PVS Party Animal and entertainer (move over Jack Peoples) with his interpretative dancing and infectious laugh. Mary Jane McCarthy and Joan Flake were the best "twist" dancers although I tried hard to win the honors. But the "creme de la creme" for the evening came when Dina Taylor was awarded a "bronze medal." Since Dina got lost on her way to the slope that morning and eventually found herself shopping in Altoona, we knew the medal was not for her skiing. Perhaps the medal was for putting Altoona back on the map? Cheers for Dina! And cheers also for Jack Peoples for orchestrating a fun, adventurous weekend for all.

YOU ALSO HAVE A FRIEND IN POTOMAC by Lu Beale

Kudos to Charles Huggins who, in February, initiated and led a number of mid-week local ski trips to Round Top (120 m.), Liberty (75 m.), and Whitetail (80 m.). All were on fine sunny days with superb skiing conditions.

A dozen or so PVSers joined Charles for at least one trip (some for all!), and skied non-stop with practically no lift lines. John Newdorp and Norm Engleman expressed full satisfaction with the adventures while Janet Waln, Lu Beale, Dean Worcester and the leader, himself, were so carried away by the fun of it all, they entered Nastar races at Whitetail and had a ball, never mind the results.

Many thanks to Charles for orchestrating the trips. We hope he will continue, if not this spring, then next year. In the meantime, keep in touch with Charles if you want to be a part of this exclusive group that just plain loves to ski and can't always make the BIG trips.

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

- Mar. 9 ... DOGS. See page 2.
- Mar. 10 ... Tour of State Dept. Reception Rooms. See page 2.
- Mar. 12 ... Post-Stowe Trip party at Bette Lawrence's. 6:30 P.M.
- Mar. 13 ... Post-Steamboat Springs Trip party at Ray McKinley's. 6:30 P.M.
- Mar. 16 ... March Meeting at Olga Golloegly's. See page 1.
- Mar. 20 ... Gourmet Wine Tasting at the Copes'. See page 2.
- Mar. 23 ... ExCom at the McNeills'. 7:30 P.M.
- Mar. 27 ... Spring Dinner. See page 3.
- Ap. 13 ... DOGS
- Ap. 20 ... Annual Meeting at the Leonhardts'.
- Ap. 24 ... Spring Fling '93 at Maryland U. See page 4.
- Ap. 24 ... Hike the Billy Goat Trail. Rain date: Sunday, April 25. See April TOOT.
- Ap. 27 ... ExCom at Mary Jane McCarthy's.
- May 8 ... Fun Run/Brunch with the Clarks.
- May 18 ... May Meeting at Charlotte Eddy's.
- May 22 ... Luau at the Walns'.
- May 25 ... ExCom at Slack/Wards
- June 15 ... June Meeting at Bette Lawrence's.

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