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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Another ski season is being kicked off. Our trips are filling up, some wait-listed, and it's time to start getting in condition. But I think many of our members may be in condition year round - eh?

Dina Taylor and yours truly attended the annual BRSC annual meeting on September 18 at Solomon's Island. It was well attended by 8 ski clubs. SCWDC continues its efforts to attract younger skiers.

Proposed sites for the 1996 Western Carnival were received, discussed, and voted on. Steamboat, CO, with its low bid of \$1,000-\$1,060, was the selected site.

This is the time that local ski shops sponsor ski swaps. Proceeds fund ski patrol activities at various local ski resorts. Remember-- your swap can help!

Our recently formed ski trip committee headed by Glade Flake is performing spectacularly. Ski notes in this and upcoming TOOTs display the results.

*Mary Jane*

Mary Jane McCarthy

### COMING EVENTS

#### Oktoberfest

This annual festival takes place on Saturday, October 8, 1994 at 3 p.m. Rain or shine.

This is a limited event, but to check on whether there are still places, call Margaret & Bob Wyckoff at 301-589-5532. Cost will be approximately \$14. Please bring your own eating utensils and plate.

The September TOOT carried the directions to Mary Ward and Jim Slack's Termineigh Horse Farm & Nosh Bar, 4580 Sudley Road, Catharpin, VA.



BIKE TRIP -- OCTOBER 8, 1994

Marvin Hass has volunteered to lead a bike trip in the Haymarket-Gainesville area on October 8 immediately preceding the Octoberfest at the Slack-Ward farm. Meet there at noon. (For directions, see the Octoberfest announcement.) For further info or just to let us know you're coming, call Shirley Rettig at (703) 836-0147.

DINING OUT GROUP - Oct. 11, 1994

Join us for dinner on Tuesday, October 11, 1994. Meeting and greeting at 6:30, Dinner at 7:00 P.M. This month dinner is planned at ANITA'S 147 WEST Maple Ave. (Rt. 123) Vienna, VA. ANITA'S is a very interesting, moderately priced Mexican restaurant.

Directions: From the Capitol Beltway (Rt. 495) in Virginia, (near Tysons Corners) take exit 11B, Chain Bridge Road (Rt. 123) South for approx. 3 miles. Chain Bridge Road becomes West Maple Ave. ANITA'S is on the right side AT 147 West Maple Ave. From Virginia Rt. 66, take exit 16 (Rt.123) North onto Chain Bridge Road. approx. 3 miles. Restaurant is on the left.

So that we may know how many to expect, please call Pat Tengel or John Smith at (301) 299-8376 by Monday Oct. 10.



MONTHLY MEETING AND TALENT SHOW

Come one and all to this very special event to be held at Clubhouse No. 1 in Leisure World. 8 p.m., October 18.

There'll be food and drink as well as a chance to cheer for PVSers displaying their talents. AND there's still time to sign up with June Kelsay (301-493-5839).

DIRECTIONS: Leisure World is 3 miles south of Olney, MD on Georgia Avenue which is Route 97. Off 495, you may take either the Connecticut or Georgia Avenue exits. Head north, and when Connecticut intersects with Georgia, bear left and continue on Georgia Avenue. Pass one light, and watch for a huge sphere marking the Leisure World entrance on the right.

Tell the guard you are with Potomac Valley Skiers. Once past the guardhouse, turn left and then immediately turn right into the parking lot. Clubhouse I lies directly beyond the gatehouse. PVS will be in the Bicentennial Room.



MORE COMING EVENTS

CATOCTIN MOUNTAIN MID-WEEK HIKE: Thursday, October 20, 9:30 a.m.

Jackie Wilson and Mary Riley will lead a fall foliage hike in Catoctin Mountain Park. Upon completion of the hike, we will lunch at the Mountain Gate Restaurant in Thurmont. Interested mid-week hikers should call Shirley Rettig (703-836-0147) for 8:30 car pooling from the Fair Lanes Bowling Alley on Shady Grove Road to Catoctin Mountain Park. Those going straight to trailhead will meet at Catoctin Park Visitors' Center at 9:30 a.m.

Take I-270 north to US 15 near Frederick and proceed north to Rte 77 near Thurmont. At exit, turn right and go west about 3 miles to Visitors' Center on right.

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FALL HIKE & DINNER AT THE MILLERS' -- Saturday, October 22

RAIN OR SHINE! We will make the annual hike along the Massanutten Ridge Trail in the George Washington National Forest and then have dinner at the historic home of Jamie and Sharsad Miller in nearby Strasburg. Of course there is no limit on the number of hikers, but the dinner will be limited to 40. To sign up, call Bob Harmon (703) 820-6561. I'm hoping to find a volunteer to lead a shorter version of the hike, which several participants chose to take last year. (Any volunteers?? It's very simple!)

We will meet at the Cooper School just inside the Beltway at Exit 13, Rte. 193 (Georgetown Pike) at 9:30 to arrange car pooling. The school is on the south side of Rte. 193 on Balls Hill Rd. If you do not plan to meet us here, please let me know.

Bring: Lunch & beverage, an extra layer of clothing and maybe rain gear, and bug repellent!

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COMING NEXT MONTH FOR SURE:

COOK'S CORNER!

BLOB'S PARK. October 28, 1994.

A great way to get into shape for another ski season. Some good fast polkas and waltzes. Admission is \$4.00 per person. Food and drink are available after 7:00 p.m. Either eat there or before you come. The music starts at 9:00 p.m.

To get there, go north from the Beltway on the Baltimore/Washington Parkway. Get off the Parkway at Highway 175 to go east. At highway 175, stay next to the right side of the road. Turn right again at the flashing yellow light in front of the Shell station. Go about 100 feet and turn right again which will take you in front of a fire station. Continue on the road until you get to Blob's Park, about a 1/2 mile out in the country. For more information, call Myron Marquardt at 301-460-3269. Call by Oct. 21 to reserve a place at our PVS table.



A polka is nice,  
A waltz will be great.  
Call Myron right now,  
Before it's too late.

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ANNUAL CHILI HIKE, Nov. 12, 1994. This trek through the woods and hills near Great Falls welcomes unlimited numbers of hikers. Chili-eaters, however, are limited in numbers, so please call Ray or Nancy McKinley (703-527-7126) for a reservation.

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FOURTH ANNUAL ARTS CLUB DINNER  
SATURDAY NOVEMBER 19, 1994

By popular demand, this optional black tie event is being held for the fourth consecutive year at the former home of President James Monroe. The cocktail reception will begin promptly at 7 p.m., followed by a full course dinner including wine, dessert and after dinner coffee with cordials.

Total cost per person is \$50.00. Please make check payable to Bill Anderson and mail to 4711 De Russey Parkway, Chevy Chase, Maryland 20815. The Arts Club requires payment 24 hours prior to the event. This event is limited to 50 people, so get your checks in early.

## P A S T   E V E N T S

### CRAB FEST

The annual crab feast at Betty Lawrence's lovely home in Potomac took place on a wonderful day. It was cool, but Charlie Huggins and Tom Aguilar were not deterred from enjoying the pool. Two other athletes--Jaclyn Flaherty and Helen Price-- played tennis while other, more sedentary party-goers enjoyed the wealth of hors d'oeuvres spread out.

When crab time came, they proved as delicious as ever. There seems some question as to whether Jan Marx or Jack Peoples took the crown for maximum consumption of crabs this year. After all that, came a tableful of delectable desserts.

Kudos again to Betty and her family for the wonderful hospitality. Even the youngest member--Taylor--was there to greet PVSers.....Nancy Laymon

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### SEPTEMBER MEETING

Between 40 and 50 PVSers met at the home of Marijane and Don Harper in Fairfax Station, VA on September 20 to open the fall season. The program focused on the ski trips being offered for the upcoming season.

Folks from Maryland commented on the distance to the meeting. Folks from Virginia commented that it is the same distance only in reverse when our meetings are in Maryland.

Marijane served lots of goodies in her normal fashion, with sweet and sour meatballs, marinated artichoke hearts with feta cheese, veggies and dip, brie and more. Marijane and Don were gracious hosts as they always are, and we thank them very much for having us in their lovely home.....Nancy Garrett

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IN MEMORIAM: John (Jack) Fox, nicknamed "The Sarge", died of cancer on June 29th at age 65. He was an honorary lifetime member of the Amateur Ski Instructors of America and a fully certified instructor with the Professional Ski Instructors, Eastern and Western Divisions. He was a former president of the Ski Club of Washington, D.C. After serving in the Air Force and working with IBM, Jack moved to California, where he was a ski instructor with Heavenly Valley and Monmouth Lake.



# !! SKI TRIPS !!

ASPEN CO. - Jan. 13 - 24, 1995. This trip has been sold out. It looks like a wonderful group of 36 participants, including two cross-country skiers.

Anyone else interested in this trip may get on the waiting list. There is always the possibility that someone will have to cancel. For more information, please call Dina Taylor. (O) 301-427-3240 or (H) 301-663-6089.

SKI WHISTLER AND BLACKCOMB, CANADA. Feb. 18 - 26, 1995. Another full house! For more information, call Nancy or Ray McKinley at 703-527-7126.

Trip-goers! Remember the pre-trip party on Jan. 28, 1995.

WATERVILLE VALLEY, NEW HAMPSHIRE. Mar. 19 - 26, 1995. Still space, still time to register for this great trip! The package includes everything: a charming inn, excellent snowmaking, beautiful cross-country skiing, enticing food and drink, 7-day lift ticket.

If you'd like information or Waterville Valley brochure, call Jack Peoples at 301-881-6220. He would like to close out registration by the end of October.

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# THE KNEE

by

Ray McKinley

Perhaps we should have the "S" in PVS stand for "Seekers." It seems to Knee that that's what we really do. We are always seeking the best ski areas, the most efficient equipment, the newest techniques. And, most important, the best food.

Of late, PVSers have been seeking treatment. Here's the skinny on our recently wounded. Dick Clark had his gall bladder removed. (I always thought Dick had a lot of gall, and he isn't even French.) Within a week of his surgery, he was out on the town.

Both Jessma Blockwick and Charles Huggins had heart attacks and full recoveries are expected. It brings new meaning to the term heart throb.

While at a stop sign, someone rammed into Dorothy Mills' car, totally destroying it. Dorothy, however, came out completely unscathed. Right on.

While riding her horse, Mary Ward was thrown when the horse spooked in some deep grass. Mary's on her back for 4-7 weeks with badly pulled back muscles. (It's hard to imagine goodly pulled muscles, isn't it?) Mary hopes to be up by Oktoberfest. Noted Genee Boykin when she heard about it, "It's clearly bad to be horsin' around!"

A tip of the ol' Knee cap to all of the recuperatees. The Knee, by the way, had a hang nail.

The Stechers were in town briefly for the 85th birthday of Bill's mother.

Are you into color? Some of us aren't. In particular, my better half, Nancy, and Marilyn Clark. They are always wearing beige and black. It blends, they say. Boring, I say.

Shortly after returning from Polyknesia, our world traveler Suzanne Boisclair hopes to visit Japan.

Perhaps she'll meet Myron and Fumiko Marquardt's nephew (it would be punnier if it had been their kneece).

He's returned to Japan after a whirlwind tour of Nebraska, Kentucky, Niagara Falls, and a PVS outing. Myron is now recuperating (having cuperated earlier) at an Elderhostel in the Galapagos.

Also, Bob Harmon and Irene Farrell will soon be off "Elder-barging" near Paris and into Dijon, where they hope to pass the Grey Poupon. Our final Elderhosteler is Eleanor Peterson. With two freshly replaced hips and knees, Eleanor is off for a week's polar bear seeking on Hudson's Bay in Canada. Right on.

Our Nancy Garrett was not the Nancy Garrett mentioned as recently retired in the Washington Post. She and hubby Ray are just back from St. Kitts which they found "really, really ok."

It was, however, our Bob and Vivian Barry who made the Wall Street Journal in an article on CIA "spooks" after retirement. Thereafter, they heard from lots of old co-workers, and were featured on Canadian radio.

At the October Talent Show, Reg Heitchue and Bob McNeill will show off their beer drinking talent.

When Don Harper arrived home just before our great September meeting, Marijane wanted the lawn mowed. After protesting that it would be dark, Don mowed the lawn. It was dark, but the lawn was probably well coifed.

At the Harpers' meeting, Bill Anderson set a personal best. Riding with Dot Mills and Rosalie Ciccotelli, Bill was only lost for 30 minutes!

Are our ski trips confusing? One anonkneemous skier signed up for Dina Taylor's trip using Jack Peoples' application.

Ski news. Glade and Joan Flake report that Killington has bought Sugarloaf, Maine. Last season, ski equipment sales were up almost ten per cent, yet ski visits were flat--obviously more expensive snow bunnies.

Finalknee, from my healthy President file, Veep Serge chided "Mary Jane is our President and she has no health plan." Having tortured earlier, Mary Jane retorted "Yes, and I'm going to the DOGS without it."

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- Nov. 8 ... DOGS: *see Jky's & Pat's (in Maryland)*
- Nov. 12 ... Chili Hike. Limited for supper; anyone can hike. *Call McKinleys. 703-527-7126. Full Sunday USX*
- Nov. 15 ... Monthly meeting at Jaclyn & Ned Flahertys'.
- Nov. 19 ... Fourth Annual Arts Club Dinner. *Bill Anderson*
- Nov. 22 ... ExCom. Home of Bill Anderson.
- Dec. 20 ... Christmas Party at the Heitchues'...
- Dec. 27 ... ExCom at Marilyn & Dick Clarks'.

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