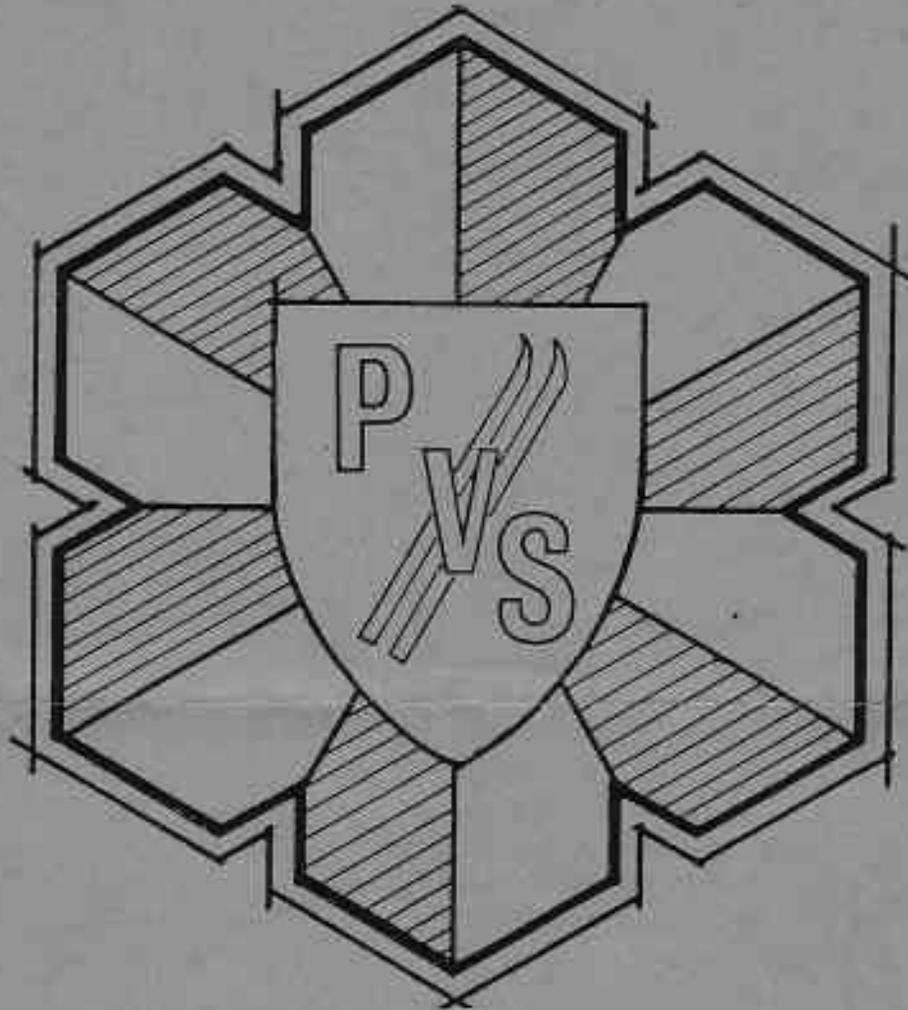


Potomac Valley Skiers



*35th
Anniversary Celebration
November 4, 2000*

Founded November 7, 1965

THE 35TH ANNIVERSARY!

IMPORTANT...REALLY!!!

All persons going to the Anniversary Dinner--not just the driver-- must carry a picture ID. If the base is on high alert, nobody gets through the gate without a photo ID. Please remind others.

Also, bring money if you wish to use the cash bar, which will also be open during dinner.

The committee has been working hard to give you a great evening!

REFLECTIONS ON THE START OF POTOMAC VALLEY SKIERS

A little over thirty-five years ago a group of skiers from the Washington Ski Club sat around the bar in my apartment in what was then called the Arlington Towers looking out at the Potomac River and started discussing our favorite topic -- skiing -- and its part in the Washington Ski Club. We all came to the same conclusion that although we all enjoyed the Washington Ski Club it was not really devoted to skiing but to many other activities and many of its members were not skiers. After further discussion, it was suggested that we should put together a group of our friends and start ski club devoted to skiing. This was the birth of the Potomac Valley Skiers. Those that I now recall were at that first meeting included, but not limited to, Bill Stecker and, Hank Thomas. I know there were others but much time has past since that meeting and the memory has faded with the years.

However, as a result of that meeting - it wasn't a meeting but a party - the seeds of PVS was born. It was not then called PVS - this came later. Each of those at the so-called meeting discussed the idea with their friends and, within a few weeks, it was concluded that it could be done. Thereafter, there were meetings - these could be called meetings - at which there were discussions of the formation of the future club and the conditions of being a member of this future ski club - one of which was that the members had to be a skier. This resulted in the requirement of having to pass a ski test to be qualified for acceptance into the club.

After this start PVS was created, it was incorporated, it was expanded from the original group, and it grew. After the initial formation of PVS, I was married to Joan, was transferred to Korea (at that time I was in the U. S. Army), and had a family - as a result I was not too active in PVS but I did keep in touch.

After the initial formation, meetings were held in hotels or restaurants, one of which I remember was upstairs in the Old Europe, but later were held in homes of members - which worked out much better. As the Club grew it did have some ups and downs but through it all has remained the best ski club in the Washington area.

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