

USEASA Convention Highlights

Four Potomac Valley Skiers (Brooke Armat, Mike Rura, Jack Lilley and Ron Fett) attended the annual USEASA Convention at the Concord Hotel, Kiamesha Lake, N. Y. on 5 - 7 May. The occasion was both serious and festive, wet and dry, relaxing and fatiguing. The weather cooperated fully: after a one inch snowfall on Saturday, a cold, hard rain set in which dampened the enthusiasm of the golf and tennis buffs but hardly fazed the revelers inside. The serious convention business lasted two full days and the four PVS delegates and alternates split up in order to attend as many special panel sessions as possible on Saturday prior to attending the two full convention meetings on Saturday and Sunday.

While the Convention was a success by most counts, PVS suffered a most unfortunate loss. The perky green and white PVS banner, which had hung proudly for 24 hours at the main entrance to the Concord dining room, disappeared. We would like to think it was only "borrowed" but efforts to recover it thus far have failed. The Miramar Ski Club banner suffered the same fate.

Despite this regrettable loss, the Convention had some interesting and pleasant highlights. USEASA President John Newdorp and his wife Eloise played host in a combination cocktail and convention caucus to which the PVS contingent was invited. On Friday evening we joined with the SCWDC delegation over drinks and discussed some of the convention matters at hand, especially as they involved the southern region.

Space limits any substantive discussion of convention issues here. All the proceedings at the meeting were tape recorded and a full convention report will be circulated to all participating clubs as soon as it is printed.

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The April 19th election of PVS officers yielded the following new slate: President - Brooke Armat; Executive Committee members - Doris Hege, Bruce Harstad, Dick Harsh, Russ Kinaman. Acting in his new role of PVS President, Brooke Armat has meanwhile augmented the officer and committee chairman roster with the following tentative appointments: Vice President - Mike Rura; Secretary - Agnes Gavin; Trips Chairman - Packard Anderson; Entertainment Chairman - Jack Lilley; Membership Chairman - Billie Pease; Alpine Officials - Hank Thomas. For the summer activities program the following have been selected: Sailing - Russ Kinaman; Water Skiing - Bill Stecher; Programs - Lilo Kinaman; Tennis - Max Bunnell. There are still several positions to be filled: the post of Treasurer; Racing; Public Relations; Fun Racing; Instruction; Pre-conditioning, and Programs. Although not in the nature of an official appointment, Lilo Kinaman is now co-editor of TOOT.

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The trip to Tuckerman's Ravine takes place this coming weekend (12 - 14 May) with Dick Harsh in charge. Dick will be pleased to know that winter is still very much around in the Presidential Range and that Tuckerman's has a new mantle of heavy

snow as a result of last week's generous fall. In fact so good is the skiing up there that the Wildcat Ski Area gondola was in full operation during the 5 - 7 May weekend and it is expected that there will be more skiing for at least one more weekend.

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NOW HEAR THIS!! Captain Russ Kinaman, skipper of the "SS PVS," tells us it's time to trim the jib and haul in the main. PVS sailing enthusiasts (and landlubbers) will be pleased to know that the sailing schedule for 1967 is as follows:

<u>Sailing date</u>	<u>\$7.00 due</u>
June 24	June 16
+ July 22 - 23	July 14
+ August 19 - 20	August 11
September 16	September 8
October 14	October 6

* These dates intentionally coincide with the PVS water skiing trip to Lewes, Delaware (Delaware Bay).

Money deposits must be sent in advance to Russ Kinaman, 5513 Sanger Avenue, Alexandria, Va., 22311, by the date indicated. The boats are day-sailer types and include the 24 foot Rainbow (6-7 persons), 17 foot Mustang (4-5 persons) and 14 foot Flying Tern (3 persons). Bring your own lunch and drinks (remember, boat space is limited) and lots of sun tan lotion; also, foul weather gear, poncho, or plastic raincoat along with a change of clothes (to be left in car). Meeting place is the Holiday Inn at Routes 50 and 301 in Maryland. We will carpool there and head for Annapolis at 9:00 a. m. sharp. Jib ho!!

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Where do we meet? The move to the lawns for summer meetings is now confirmed and the first of these events will be held at Mike Rura's (Rural Acres, of course), 1930 Upshur Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. To get there Mike suggests taking 16th Street (NW) to Upshur (just three blocks beyond the Woodner Hotel), turn left, go three and one-half more blocks and there on the left (red brick house) is the site of the PVS jamboree. Greeting time about 7:30 and you can stay until the eatables and potables are gone. Beer, mixes, and a charcoal grill (with live coals) will be on hand. If you need any other spirits but your own, bring them along. We repeat, the next PVS meeting will be on Mike Rura's lawn, 1930 Upshur St., N.W., Washington, D.C. Date and time: 17 May, 7:30 p.m. Club business will be held to a strict minimum. In case of rain, we move inside.

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