

POTOMAC VALLEY SKIERS

TOOT

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P.O. Box 402, Arlington, Virginia 22210

MAY MEETING...

We'll meet at Rosemary and Tony Soler's at 612 Winona Court, Silver Spring, Md. on Tuesday, May 20.

The main order of business is to vote on "Geoff" Wade's membership. The Executive Committee says that he has fulfilled all the qualifications for membership.

To get to Soler's via the Beltway: Get off at the North Georgia Avenue Exit; go to next intersection (traffic light) which is Forest Glen Road - turn right and go past Holy Cross Hospital to Sligo Creek Parkway - Turn left, continue to dead-end at University Blvd.; turn right - get into left lane immediately, go about 2 blocks to light at Arcola - turn left, continue on Arcola to Lamberton Drive, turn right - go 2 blocks; turn right on North Belgrade Rd.; continue to Winona Court (about 2 blocks) and turn left into Winona (a cul de sac).

APRIL MEETING...

The annual April business meeting was held on the rainy 15th. But in spite of the weather, over half of the members showed up.

The main order of business was the election of the President and 4 new Executive Committee members. Hank Thomas was unanimously elected president. Don Cope, Jack Lilley, Jim Key, and Barbara Iams were elected to the Committee. After Larry's farewell speech the two remaining board members, Max Bunnell and Aina Hertelis, and ex-board-new-prexy Hank greeted the new committee members.

Larry Pease, in his farewell speech, said that the president's job held lots of work and lots of headaches and then he thanked various people for their help.

Peggy Lacey as Secretary; Brooke Armat as Treasurer; Doris Hege as Vice-President and outgoing board-members; Bruce Harstad, Dick Harsh and Hank Thomas - also remaining board members; Max and Aina who'll serve another glorious year on the Ex. Comm.; Dick King and Janet Marx for their work on the membership committee; Mary Iams and many others for TOOT; Bill Goodell for Uniform Tests; Doris for the chalet at Davos; Jim Key for his exhausting hikes; Jack Lilley for refreshments; Carol Parmenter as Historian; Dick King, Brooke Armat, and Bill Stecher as nominating committee; official hostess Barbara Iams for the leg show; and the various members who offered their houses for meetings.

Guest Geoff Wadey was put to work at the reception desk because the official hostess was late. We were happy to see six other guests there: Chuck Sweeney, Pat Allen, Othmar Meier, Jane and Murray Lyon, and Mary Joyce.

PENNSYLVANIA SKI FEDERATION...

Larry Pease, Aina Hertelis, Hank Thomas, Dick King and Barbara Iams represented PVS at Charnita in April. PSF is making a Safety-Recreation Study - cards have been made up asking your opinions and comments on various areas. Cards available from Larry if you'd care to comment.

LARRY PEASE DIRECTOR!

At the recent USEASA meeting held in Atlantic City, our past president was elected Director of the Board. Congratulations Larry!

Aina Hertelis, Pat Calef, Don Cope, Dick King, Larry Pease, and frequent PVS guest Pat Allen attended the meeting - the shortest in 5 years. They attended meetings and panel discussions, walked on the board-walk to keep warm, and Pat bought a floppy hat.

Other officers from Washington are John Newdorp - elected to the Board; and Bill Rackow appointed Member at Large to the Board.

A list of the other officers will be in the next TOOT.

APRIL SKIING IN VERMONT... by Peggy Lacey

Although 32,315 (by actual count) Yankees drove to Washington on the weekend of April 12th for the cherry blossom festival, at least 5 FVSers thought snow and headed for Vermont for two more days on the slopes. Pat Calef, Don Cope, Brooke Armat, Charles Gordon, Peggy Lacey were the reluctant dragons (on Monday) who had two beautiful days of skiing with which to end the season. (This writer is aware skiing is yet possible at Tuckerman's Ravine, she also knows her capabilities and endurance limitations.)

As the sun rose in a cloudless sky Saturday morning, the car with 5 sleeping bodies was found by a filling station attendant awaiting service at Warren, Vt. With replenished fuel, it was just a short drive to Sugarbush. Skiing Sugarbush presented real challenge - some icy conditions, very well defined mogels, a great number of too narrow and too steep trails - to certain skiers who had had too little sleep the night before. However, the lift lines were tolerable and ideal temperature really helped to encourage one. Recently, Sugarbush held a contest for the most original designs to be painted on their gondolas, and the results are very imaginative and colorful. One disappointing factor was that the previously planned rendezvous with Tony and Rosemary Soler and friends never did materialize.

Saturday night the weary skiers drove to Manchester. In spite of several no vacancy signs, very nice accommodations were found a short distance from Manchester Center. An excellent dinner was enjoyed at the Quality Restaurant, beneath the original Norman Rockwell painting, and yellow turtle-neck shirts appeared to be the required attire for the men. A safe trip back to the motel, and shortly thereafter, all were fast asleep in real beds.

Sunday dawned as another bright, clear day, with promise of even higher temperature. Stratton, too, had lots of snow, which quickly became corn snow. It was fantastic to see such good skiing conditions and so few skiers. The absence of quantity was equated with quality, however, as more than 500 certified ski instructors from all over New England were enjoying a holiday at Stratton. It was pure joy to watch them maneuver down the mountain.

Brooke's wish to ski with shorter poles was fulfilled on Sunday when an additional pair of ski poles appeared in the bundle of poles. However, he was able to prove his honesty later in the day by returning a ski he had mistakenly picked up as his own. Pat's zany Zebra skis make conversation anywhere on the slope and when she takes off on them, she's far ahead of everyone else.

The final run was finished, the last ski shop was visited (Charlie kept his reputation of leading the troops to tempting sales but not spending money himself), and it was time to admit skiing was over for this season.

A record must have been established for getting home at a reasonable hour and by 12:30 a.m., we were back in Washington.

A lesson relearned on the trip is that there are certain PVS members who know and can talk all there is to know about automobiles except that it takes gas to make them run. NEVER trust this type to watch the gas gauge, to these Sports, "E" means "eventually."

PLEA FROM THE HISTORIAN...

Carol Parmenter wants pictures! Can you send or lend her pictures of FVSers and their friends skiing, after-skiing, summer-activitying. Please identify people if it is diplomatic to do so. You can send them to Carol at the P.O.Box or to her home.

TUCKERMAN'S RAVINE...

Bill Rakow of SCWDC will be the trip leader for the June 4-8 long week-end. They'll leave the evening of Wed., June 4 and return the afternoon of Sun., June 8. If you want to go, get in touch with Larry or Bill Rakow. There will be carpooling and communal food, and there is an over two-mile hike to the camping area - although there are motels and things in the area. When TOOT went to press, the bowl had 40 feet of snow and it wasn't melting fast.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES...

Max says the tennis season is in full swing. Sunday mornings at Haines Point at 10:00. You can show up and take your chances that a fourth is needed, or you can let Max know you're coming and he'll arrange for matches with people of your own ability.

Your FVS program committee would like to be apprised of your interests - such as: suckling-pig roasts; wine-tasting; lobster feasts (as usual); schooner-cruises; water-skiing; beach-parties; nature-walks?; rock-climbing; name it. What would you come to? What would you like to get in on the arrangements of? Any suggestions.

Are you tired of reading about the same people month after month? Why don't YOU let Mary know what you are doing? TOOT wants to know what each member is doing. Some of you are too modest! She is desperate for copy, please help! It's your newsletter. She can't edit if there's no copy to edit.

The Club too, needs your help. Particularly those of you who don't participate much: join a committee, participate in activities, come to meetings. FVS is a club, and in order for it to be a good club we need 100% participation, enthusiasm, and helping hands and heads. For far too long it has been the same people who join committees, have meetings at their homes, go to meetings and participate in activities. So lend a hand.... FVS is your Club!

CLIP and TURN IN AT THE MEETING or SEND TO DON COPE

I am interested in:

Tennis	()	Beach parties	()	Other: _____
Water-skiing	()	Picnics	()	_____
Hiking (strenuous)	()	Boating	()	_____
Hiking (nature walks)	()	Skiing	()	_____
Swimming	()	Rock Climbing	()	_____
First Aid Class	()			

NAME _____