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# POTOMAC VALLEY SKIERS

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

P V S is a successful Club. We have lasted ten years; we ski together and we have fun at our get-togethers winter and summer. However, we have a problem that we should work on. It is not critical now, but it could become so. The problem is that not enough people know we exist.

A number of people I have talked to were surprised to learn that there is a real Ski Club in the Washington area. I don't suggest that we put on a real campaign to increase our membership, but I do think that we have an obligation to give skiers in the area an opportunity to join us. With some justification, we have been accused of being too exclusive — perhaps we have just been thoughtless. How can we let skiers know that there is a P V S? Our notice cards in the ski shops have helped. We have P V S bumper stickers which will be available at meetings. Think about the problem — and let an EXCOM member know your ideas.

*Geoff Wadey*

Geoff Wadey, President

### APRIL MEETING

#### OUR ANNUAL MEETING!

**When :** April 20th, Tuesday, 8:00 P.M.  
**Where :** The Brook Farm Restaurant  
 7101 Brookville Road in  
 Chevy Chase, Maryland  
**Time :** Meeting at 8:00 P.M. in a separate meeting room. Drinks in the Rathskeller and dinner upstairs at 6:00 P.M. for those who choose to come early. We recommend and encourage this choice!

**How to get there:** From Chevy Chase circle: north on Brookville Road (Rte 186) to # 7101 AND YOU ARE THERE.  
 From the Beltway: At Exit 20, go south on Connecticut Ave (Rte 193) and cross East-West Highway (Rt410), left on Thornapple, right on Brookville AND YOU ARE THERE, TOO.

Come early for a good dinner and social hour.

### COMING EVENTS

- April 20 - Annual meeting. See separate meeting notice.
- April 24 - Blue Ridge Ski Council Annual Meeting.
- April 27 - EXCOM meeting. 8:00 P.M. At President Geoff Wadey's house. Members welcome.
- April 30 - Eastern Ski Association Annual Convention, Holiday Inn, Portland, Maine.
- May 1-2
- May 22 - P V S May meeting; Seventh Annual International Dinner.
- June 8-12 - USSA Convention, Copley Plaza Hotel, Boston, Massachusetts

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EXCOM MEETING - February 24, 1976

This meeting was called to order by host Ray McKinley with EXCOMers Aase Berling, Bob Gell, Ray, and Art Topping in attendance. Also present were Secretary Joyce Sundry and Nominating Committee Chairman Dick Clark. The following business matters were discussed:

1. The Nominating Committee, appointed by President Geoff Wadey, was made up of Chairman Dick Clark, Marilyn Clark, Aase Berling, Don McBride, Carol Parmenter and Larry Pease. The slate of nominees which was published and distributed to Club members last February is as follows: President: Geoff Wadey; EXCOM: Pat Core, Gerry Deighton and Penny Richards. A discussion followed regarding the slate and then a vote was taken and the slate was accepted by EXCOM. Acting President Ray McKinley thanked the Nominating Committee for the work done.

2. A current report on the Bob Wyckoff led European trip now had 33 skiers ready and anxious to go!

3. The International Dinner will be scheduled for May. Details to be arranged and announced in the April TOOT.

4. Gail Gell has agreed to accept the Club position as Membership Chairlady. That's good news, since this is an important and detailed job which is most necessary to the smooth running of the Club. Gail will be ready to go to work at her new task when she returns from her European ski trip with the Wyckoffs.

5. Art Topping has heard from the Baltimore Ski Club. They have discount tickets for the Jack Frost Ski Area of Pennsylvania available which are good thru the end of the 1977 season. \$9.00 tickets available for \$6.50. Contact Art for further information.

6. The E S A annual Convention is in May in Portland, Maine. We should appoint our Delegates early for this event. Anyone going to the Convention please contact President Geoff Wadey right away so he can certify our official Delegates.

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**PLEASE WEAR  
NAME TAG  
AT MEETINGS**



EXCOM MEETING - March 23, 1976

This meeting was hosted by Secretary Joyce Sundry. President Geoff Wadey and TOOT editors Dick and Julie King were the only attendees as all other Club officers had conflicting schedules. Given the lack of a quorum, no votes were taken but the following business was discussed:

1. Membership. The fact that Gail Gell is taking over this responsibility from Penny Wiederhold is greatly appreciated. A letter on this subject from Gail was turned over to Geoff and some organizational efforts will follow on this subject.

2. TOOT was discussed with an expression of appreciation for the value of the newsletter. But still, there is a need for a specialized TOOT TIDBITS editor. We need someone who will take an interest in Club members doings, and will take the time to put it down in an interesting form. Anyone interested in helping in this manner please contact President Geoff Wadey or TOOT editors Dick and Julie King. This is the most interesting column in TOOT and it deserves the attention of a full time editor.

3. The Club needs publicity. It is a Ski Club for Skiers; but nobody can find us - even if they learn about our existence. We need to spread the word about our Club.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE # 1

The Seventh Annual International Dinner!

That's right, it's time again to enjoy this most popular P V S event. Don and Pat Core again will host this special event in their home at 117 West Monroe Avenue, Alexandria (Tel. 836-5436).

The date is Saturday, May 22nd and there is a seating limit of 34 people. So, if you are interested, get your reservations in early and don't miss out on this most successful annual event.

IMPORTANT NOTICE # 2

TOOT takes a moment to express P V S official condolences to the families of Richmond Ski Club members Grant Eddy and Meade Broaddus. Grant, who was most active in RSC and BRSC activities, and Meade, who was very active in ski racing, both died early in February while enroute to the Wintergreen ski area in Virginia to help out with a scheduled ESA Schaefer Series ski race. The untimely deaths of these two young and vigorous skiers is a significant loss to all whose paths they crossed.

IMPORTANT NOTICE # 3

Blue Ridge Ski Council Annual Meeting. Hosted by the Baltimore Ski Club, this meeting will be held at the Gettysburg-Sheraton Inn in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. This new Inn, with its adjacent multitude of miscellaneous small shops at the International Village is worthy of a full weekend visit. The Inn is on Steinwehr Avenue, about 4-5 miles south of Gettysburg center. The meeting is Saturday, April 24th, beginning at 10 A.M. Luncheon arrangements have been made and reservations are required. Contact C. Edward Crawford, BSC, 6611 Collinsdale Road, Baltimore, Md. 21234 (Tel. 301/296-6657).

IMPORTANT NOTICE # 4

Pennsylvania Ski Federation Spring Meeting. Hosted by the Baltimore Ski Club, this meeting will follow the BRSC meeting in Gettysburg. It will be held April 25th at the Gettysburg-Sheraton Inn beginning at 10 A.M. Luncheon reservations (and some overnight space) available, also by contacting Ed Crawford. Ed wanted all reservations by April 10th (you will receive TOOT on/about April 12th; so call right away and see if Ed has any space left. Those interested in a bus tour of the Gettysburg battlefields can contact Ed relative to a group tour (possibly 3-5 P.M. on Saturday).

IMPORTANT NOTICE # 5

ESA Southern Election Area meeting. To be held in conjunction with the BRSC meeting. The meeting is to elect the two ESA Directors to the ESA Board of Directors from our area. Only "100% or Active" clubs and unattached members of ESA may participate and vote in this meeting.

IMPORTANT NOTICE # 6

The Eastern Ski Association Convention is being held this year April 30, May 1 & 2 in Portland, Maine. Reservations are available at the Holiday Inn in that city. Full details have been printed in recent issues of The Skier.

IMPORTANT NOTICE # 7

The USSA Convention will be held this year from June 8 to 12; location Copley Plaza Hotel in Boston, Mass. No details available as of this printing; but early reservations would undoubtedly be accepted by the hotel and this might be an exciting convention in this Bicentennial year!

March Meeting Report

Only a small nucleus of members showed up at Dick and Marilyn Clark's home for the March meeting so no formal meeting was held. A social hour ensued with no formal entertainment. Unfortunately, no March issue of TOOT was published to notify the members again of this meeting and the absence of TOOT may well have contributed to the small turnout.

Blue Knob Trip (Feb 13-16) Report

by Trip Leader Bill Anderson

Heavy Fog closed in on the top of Blue Knob on Friday night to greet the first contingent of P V Sers for the George Washington Birthday weekend. After several attempts were made to find the road leading to the "A Frame", we cautiously slid to a stop at the front door. Shortly thereafter, Bob Gell, accompanied by son Greg and daughter Angela, arrived with wife Gail's fantastic Saturday night dinner of lasagna, three bean salad, home made bread and delicious chocolate cake (Gail was laid up at home with the flu). Some of the group decided to walk to the top of the hill to guide subsequent arrivals to the cabin. In this effort, Betty Bayhille made a beautiful "three point landing", and in the fog, yet! Congratulations, Betty. We all then gathered by the fire to relax with wine and cheese fondu; and everyone took turns reclining (?) in the vibrating easy chair.

Saturday and Sunday were fair to good ski days with good snow and some sun and the slopes were not too crowded. Art Topping, for some reason, wondered why Saturday morning rolled around entirely too soon! We had twelve full time guests, five one nighters, and two guests for meals only. Norm and Penny Richards (of Blue Knob ski patrol fame) joined us for meals. Bob Lowe (Past President of SCWDC) and his group came for dinner and ended up staying the night as their car was stuck on the ice. Barbara and Steve Vincent found two old Mt. Snow friends on Bunny Hop who also spent the night. Thanks to the icy roads, family and friends, the trip made a profit! (Of \$5.41!). Sunday night's dinner featured Trip Leader Bill Anderson's first attempt at cooking a fourteen pound roast... and it worked! -- with the help of five gallons of wine! By Monday afternoon, the rains came, so we all packed up to leave beautiful Blue Knob. As the last car started down the mountain, the heavy fog closed in - and stayed with us all the way to Breezewood. Happy Birthday, George!

SKI-O-REE, Feb 27-29

P V S coordinator, Art Topping, reports that SKI-O-REE was cancelled this year due to that scourge of all skiers - NO SNOW! Let's hope that next year brings better luck and good snow conditions to this intra-club activity which has been an enjoyable event during those years when the slopes have been open.

SKIING THE WASATCH (in Utah, that is)

Last month Dick and Julie King and Geoff' Wadey had a great time skiing in Utah. Snow conditions were good although the snow depths were less than usual for February - March. They compared the skiing at Park City, Park West, Alta and Snowbird. Park City has the greatest variety of skiing (and the U. S. Ski Team serves a roast beef sandwich you wouldn't believe for about a buck). Park West (which is little known and uncrowded - named in jest by Geoff' as Wisp West) has some of the longest and most demanding slopes. Alta has unbelievably superb snow and delightful skiing conditions, but gets crowded on weekends. Snowbird has all first-class facilities (and prices!), but the big tram is a bit of a delusion, since the best skiing is off the chairs. Some of the best slopes at Snowbird were all chopped up into deep-gullied short-ski moguls that were no fun unless you like to jump all the way down.

Dick preferred the soft snow while it lasted. Julie worked on her technique with lessons and practice until she sprained her knee. Geoff' had fun on the steep mogulled slopes but had trouble with deep cut-up snow. He also got a bad sunburn in the clear skies and high altitude of Alta until he learned about PreSun, a preparation containing polyamino benzoic acid, which almost completely blocks ultra-violet light.

Dick got a real bargain on a pair of Fischer Skis (Wolfe's Sports store in downtown Salt Lake City) while Geoff' found a good bargain on a ratchet wrench at Sears (also in downtown Salt Lake City). All in all, it was a great trip - with 14 days of a steady schedule of eat, ski sleep...eat, ski, sleep... with only two days off during the trip to 1) rest; and 2) wait out a storm which dropped a new 6-8 inches of snow on the beautiful Wasatch Mountains. Skiing in Utah is highly recommended!

SKIING THE ARIBERG (Austria, that is)

Joyce Sundry returned from her trip to St. Anton and Bad Gastein happy, tanned, and just at the point of getting her "heel thrust" working well when she had to return to the lovely spring climate of the eastern U.S. of A. on February 23rd, following two weeks of marvelous snow conditions and great skiing. Joyce has a great story of a cancelled charter flight, adapted to by a persistent desire to go to Europe at the right time with ultimate success achieved via a truly inexpensive Icelandic Airlines package deal (all it takes is minimum cash plus lots of patience!). Would you believe \$420.00 with transport, lodging and food included for the whole two weeks? That's the story. See Joyce for details. In addition, Joyce had snow and sun, sun and snow. In fact, at one point, Bad Gastein closed down their lifts because of - that's right, TOO MUCH SNOW! Joyce recommends Austria very highly.

SKIING VAL THORENS (France) AND COURMAYEUR (Italy)

The full trip report is not yet in but TOOT understands there was excellent snow and great skiing. TOOT will publish the full report when received from Trip Leader Bob Wyckoff. Bob himself ended up hospitalized with an appendectomy two days before departure. Following successful surgery, Bob got the doctor's permission to travel so he and Margaret joined his tour in Val Thorens for the bus trip to Courmayeur and thus was able to enjoy the benefit of the travel although unable to ski due to the oh-so-recent surgery. We wish Bob a full recovery without complication and look forward to hearing the full story of Val Thorens & Courmayeur '76.

TOOT TIDBITS

A bit-o-boy joy arrives at the Wiederhold household. Master Theodore Lincoln Wiederhold arrived March 2, 1976; weight 7 pounds 13 ounces; length 19½ inches; health and appearance - beautiful! TOOT extends congratulations to the proud new parents, Mike and Penny.

A bit of news from New Jersey: Jack Fox achieved a long time goal by passing the instructors examination at Whiteface Mountain in March and thus became a certified ski instructor with the Eastern Professional Ski Instructors of America (EPSIA). Congratulations to this newest member of EPSIA and we selfishly hope Jack will return to our area so we can again enjoy his happy countenance and presence here (and on subsequent ski trips). Editor's Note: Jack achieved Qualified Amateur Ski Instructor (QASI) status several years ago and his recent accomplishment is typical of the life of this Bon Vivant of living!

Bing Poon, another professional ski instructor who is an active P V S member is off to Utah on the 10th of April for a week to ten days of great skiing. Bing is taking both his long and his short skis so that he will be ready for ALL conditions. Good Luck, Bing, and keep that powder flying!

Brooke and Mary Armat are due back from their long adventure travelling to California and back again via boat and the Panama Canal. We look forward to seeing their collection of slides and hearing their tales of great adventures in the land of California and the jungles of Panama.

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