



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

No words of good advice this month. This is the season we have been waiting for! Let's just get out, spread our boards on the snow, and have fun. The fun includes our On-the-Snow Meeting, of course, and any other snow we can find. Beat the heat - go skiing. See you on the slopes.

Geoff Wadey

Geoff Wadey, President

FEBRUARY MEETING

Come to our On-the-Hill Ski Meeting!

Where: Ski Liberty (formerly Charvita), just a few miles west of Emmitsburg, Maryland across the state border into Pennsylvania: Routes 270 and 15 to Emmitsburg, west from Emmitsburg to Route 116 to Ski Liberty.

When: Tuesday night, 6:00 P.M. to 10:00 are the skiing hours on February 10th. Join P V Sers for an evening of skiing with a following social hour in the lodge. Arrangements are being made for P V S members to take the Eastern Ski Association Basic and Standard tests. Come and join the fun and qualify for your ESA pin by taking these fun tests.

What: No business meeting this time; no movie either; JUST SKIING AND FUN!

For the latest details, call the Activities Answering Service, 362-4724 if you have any questions. See you there - look for President Geoff Wadey sliding, slipping, and SKIING on the hill!

COMING EVENTS

- Feb 10 - February PVS meeting. See separate notice, next column.
- Feb 13-16 - Weekend PVS trip to Blue Knob, Pa. Trip leader Bill Anderson (654-4711). See full notice under Ski Trips.
- Feb 27-29 - PVS Ski-O-Ree trip to Canaan Valley, West Virginia. Trip leader is Art Tapping (521-6215). See full notice under Ski Trips.
- Feb 24 - EXCOM meeting. At Ray and Malle McKinley's home. 2405 Carey Lane, Vienna, Virginia, Tel. 938-0693.
- Mar 11-28 - PVS sanctioned European trip to Val Thorens, France and Courmayeur, Italy. Trip leader is Bob Wyckoff! (589-5532). See full notice under Ski Trips.
- March 16 - PVS meeting. At Dick and Marilyn Clark's house, 8953 Falling Creek Court, Annandale, Virginia. Take the Beltway (495) to Exit #5, west on Braddock Road (620) about 2 miles to the Red Fox Forest entrance on the right, turn right three short blocks to Falling Creek Court, find 8953 and YOU ARE THERE!

THIS WILL BE YOUR ONLY NOTICE OF THE MARCH MEETING!

EXCOM MEETING

The monthly EXCOM meeting was held at the home of Ray and Malle McKinley. Attending were President Geoff' Wadey, Vice President and EXCOM member Ray McKinley, EXCOM members Peggy Burns, Brooke Anmat and Art Topping; Trip leader Bill Anderson, and TOOT editors Dick and Julie King. Our hostess Malle, ^{provided} wine and snacks to warm our bodies and souls. Business discussed was mostly trip planning and Club objectives.

1. President Wadey is eager to learn from Club members what THEIR desires are in and from the Club. Please put your thoughts together on this and anticipate some lengthy queries on this matter. We want to know what you, the member, expect out of the Club. We also welcome what you, the member, will do to keep the Club vibrant and alive.

2. The PVS trip to Mount Sutton, Canada in March has been scrubbed due to lack of response. Trip leader Gerry Deighton has reported no reservations to date; thus a cancellation has been decided upon before a financial obligation has been incurred.

3. A report on the weekend trip to Wisp last weekend was submitted by trip leader Ray McKinley. A small profit in excess of \$6.00 was made. A full trip report is elsewhere in this issue of TOOT.

4. Bill Anderson reported on his PVS trip to Blue Knob. See full report in Ski Trips column.

5. Art Topping reported on his PVS trip to Canaan Valley as Ski-O-Ree coordinator. See full report in Ski Trips column.

6. Brooke Anmat reported that the A A S (Activities Answering Service telephone number) will be inactive during March and the first week of April. Brooke and Mary are travelling to California and return (via the Panama Canal) at that time. TOOT wishes them Bon Voyage and Safe Return home!

7. TOOT editor, ^{Julie King} announced for absentee Membership Chairlady Penny Wiedenhold that Penny would have to resign effective immediately her position as Membership Chairlady. Penny will submit her resignation via a letter to President Geoff' Wadey this week. Thus, PVS has another important job reflecting the Vacant sign. Both Membership and Program Chairman need filling by willing workers.

8. TOOT editors will be SKIING the first two weeks of March. Thus, they will not be able to produce a March issue of TOOT. Thus, members should anticipate no March issue this year.

9. Art Topping raised the point made in the

Club By-Laws that a Nominating Committee must be created three months before the annual meeting in April and a slate of officer nominees prepared for publication two months before that annual meeting. President Geoff' Wadey will take the necessary action on this matter. See separate notice regarding his follow-up action. The EXCOM members who complete their two year election period this April are Peggy Burns, Bob Gell (filled in for Geoff' Wadey when Geoff' accepted the Presidency), and Art Topping (who filled in for Ralph "Andy" Anderson when he retired and moved away from the area). Hopefully, all these capable and willing individuals will continue to contribute their quality efforts in some capacity for PVS.

10. The format of our meetings was discussed. An environment where members can circulate and visit with other members during "the social hour" seems most desirable. In the event of future meetings at restaurants, such an environment will be arranged. That is, if we meet in a restaurant, we will arrange for a separate meeting room to adjourn to AFTER having dinner in the restaurant. Here is where a Programs Chairman can be most helpful to our President who is carrying a H E A V Y load filling this job in the absence of a willing volunteer. Any and all volunteer help will be MOST appreciated.

IMPORTANT NOTICES

IMPORTANT NOTICE # 1

President Geoff' Wadey has asked member Dick Clark to act as Chairman of the Nominating Committee and Dick has accepted this important assignment. Dick will select his full committee and arrange the required slate of nominees in accord with our By-Laws. Written notice of the slate will be forwarded to the membership with the next issue of TOOT. If you are called by the committee, please think carefully and positively regarding their request to serve. The membership MUST remember that running PVS takes many workhours to make PVS work!

IMPORTANT NOTICE # 2

PVS member and guest speaker at the January meeting Larry Pease was received with much acclaim. So much so, future such guest speakers will be scheduled. Larry's topic was Safety In Skiing. Other topics will be considered and guest speakers invited. Membership reaction to this concept is desired and will be welcomed.

IMPORTANT NOTICE # 3

A TESTIMONIAL TO A DEDICATED MEMBERSHIP CHAIRLADY.

As noted elsewhere in TOOT, our highly capable and competent Membership Chairlady is submitting her resignation from that task this week. As is so often the case in volunteer organizations, much dedicated and competent work is done by hard working believers. Penny Wiederhold is and has been the epitome of that type of devoted member and worker for P V S. Many many hours were spent recording names, addresses (and birthdates! - for Eastern!) by our former Chairlady. All of the detailed paperwork which makes P V S a 100% Eastern club has been done by her. This is particularly burdensome at renewal time in the summer and fall when FEW people are thinking about skiing or ski clubbing. Penny did it all. In addition, Penny's home phone number has been advertised around town on ski bulletin boards and in news articles resulting in a multitude of calls from curious potential members, each one loaded down with sensible and not so sensible questions. Penny handled ALL of these with patience and concern. Her husband Mike often reported ringing bells in his ears but faithfully endured these frequent invasions of the Wiederhold household to the eventual benefit of P V S. EXCOM officially extends its sincerest THANK YOU for a job WELL DONE to Penny and her faithful and loving spouse Mike. Such devoted effort to the Club can only be greatly missed and appreciation for it expressed in the most sincere terms. We wish Mike and Penny happiness and good health in future years and we look forward to continuing happy association with these good people at future P V S activities.

IMPORTANT NOTICE # 4

Members should make a special effort to attend the February 10th On-the Hill P V S meeting. This is particularly true of new members. One qualification for full Club membership is to have skied with other P V Sers. This is a good way to fulfill this qualification. That, in addition to the FUN of skiing. Also, special arrangements are being made to have members who desire to do so take the ESA Basic and Standard tests. These tests must be given by a Qualified Amateur Instructor; and such instructors will be present at Ski Liberty the evening of February 10th. Advance enrollment here is appropriate so if you are interested (not only is it FUN, but also you will be awarded an official ESA pin for passing the test you choose to take); call Geoff' Wadey right away (320-5459) and tell him you want to take either the Basic or Standard test. To give you an idea of what is required, the following lists of tasks are inclusive in the two tests:

Basic

Walk on skis on the level.
Kick turns on the level
Side step up an incline
Herring Bone up an incline
Snowplow stop
Snowplow turn
Sidestep on an incline
Three linked stem turns with
traverse.

Standard

Four linked stem turns with traverse
Stem Christies, right and left
Four linked Christies
Kick turn on the level, right and left
Kick turn on a slope, right and left
Side slip, right and left
Run a preset slalom course, must achieve 30%
of a forerunner's time.

Don't forget: this is truly a FUN activity. A good way to meet and ski with other P V S members; a good way to affirm your basic skill as a skier (another qualification for membership in P V S); and a good way to earn your first medal from Eastern Ski Association. Have your Eastern membership card with you so you can confirm ESA membership to the instructor. SEE YOU ON THE HILL! As of now, we are full steam ahead on planning this On-the-Hill meeting. In the event of adverse conditions, check the AAS (362-4724) for the latest word in planning.

JANUARY MEETING REPORT

Some twenty-two members and one lovely guest met on a cold and slippery evening at the O'Scorpio Restaurant in Arlington, Virginia for dinner and the P V S monthly meeting. The food was good and the atmosphere warm for both dinner and meeting. Our guest speaker was PVS member and National Ski Patrol Regional Director for the Southern Appalachian Region Larry Pease who spoke with much knowledge and sincerity about the need and advantages of ski safety. Common sense, consideration, and control in skiing have much to do in achieving Safety in Skiing and Larry stressed these and other facets of the subject. Supplementary to Larry's talk was a new style "break-away" ski pole handle grip displayed and demonstrated by Ken Daniels. This demonstration complimented Larry's topic very well and Ken's thoughtfulness in bringing the new feature to this meeting was much appreciated. An excellent movie of Skiing At The Big Five (four areas in Canada - including Mt. Sutton - and one in Vermont) was shown by President Geoff' Wadey and was much enjoyed by those there. When it was all over, the predicted storm had not materialized and we all had a safe drive home following our pleasant and successful meeting.

WISP TRIP REPORT

During the past weekend, twenty happy P V Sers travelled to western Maryland to spend a couple or three days skiing at Wisp. January 23rd dawned crisp and cold and four early starters headed for the hill to do some Friday skiing. A great time was had by all on this trip, lead by our Vice-President Ray McKinley and his charming wife Malle. They and Ginny Larson and Geoff' Wadey were the earlybirds, arriving at Wisp Friday morning. Ray and Malle started up the hill just in time to see Geoff' "crash and burn" right under their chairlift chair.

The rest of the gang arrived Friday evening, including the Cope and Gell families, complete with youngsters. Skiing was good in 11° cold on Friday. On Saturday it warmed up, which softened the icy backs of Wisp's steep mogul slope and made it the best skiing of the day. Carol Parmenter, Peggy Lacey, Don McBride, and Pat and Don Cope displayed their skills among the moguls to the wondering eyes of the non-P V S Lodge sitters and ski flounderers.

Timberlake Lodge is a very comfortable and convenient place to stay and everyone seemed to sleep well (including the Lodge's big black dog, Sam). Saturday morning Geoff' Wadey introduced the crew to baked bacon and scrambled eggs, which drew kind words, and were particularly appreciated by Ray McKinley. Saturday night all feasted on Malle's spaghetti and meat sauce with lots of Penny Wiederhold's famous formula gluewein. The youngsters particularly enjoyed the games provided at the Lodge.

Sleep was somewhat disturbed by Sam's growling and rousting of intruding burglars (?), racoons (?), or who knows what. Sunday, Pat and Don Cope stuffed everyone with sausage and pancakes, but the day dawned warm and wet. As a result, all but the hardiest (National Ski Patrolman Dick Clark had to work, regardless of weather) left early for home - tired but happy and thankful for clear roads.

It was a fun trip for all and augers well for the Blue Knob and Canaan Valley Ski-O-Ree trips that will be upon us soon, soon, soon! Ski Heil!

P V S SKI TRIPS

Feb 13-16 A three day holiday weekend car pool trip to Blue Knob Pennsylvania. Trip leader is Bill Anderson. Reservations still open - call Bill at 654-4711 (home) or 986-4274 (office). The A-frame Lodge is a great place only twenty feet from the slope so you don't need your car after you arrive until you are ready to pack to leave! In fact, experienced travellers to this Lodge will advise you to park your cars in the "upper" parking lots since, if it snows hard while you are there, it is truly hard to get your car up the difficult grade leading away from the Lodge. Bill has ten people signed up now and needs five or six more. The cost for the

three nights for lodging and food will be \$60.00 per person. Bring your own bedding and towels. Bill plans to have a cheese fondue cooking Friday evening (early arrivees will get first choice at this), three meals Saturday and Sunday, and breakfast and lunch on Monday. The Lodge has two large fireplaces and a lovely sundeck overlooking the ski slope! Reserve early so you don't miss out on this excellent weekend package.

Feb 27-29 Ski-O-Ree at Canaan Valley, West Virginia. PVS coordinator and trip leader is Art Topping. Call Art at 521-6215 (home) or 436-1700 (work) for reservations. As reported in last month's TOOT, there are various food and lodging arrangements available. You may discuss the alternatives with Art when you call for reservations. PVS is currently in the process of reducing our commitment for this event in order to economize due to the need for confirmed financial down payments by an early date for all scheduled events and package arrangements. So, call Art NOW to make reservations for this truly fun filled weekend and enjoy meeting members from other Blue Ridge Ski Council Clubs. The races Saturday and Sunday and the Saturday night dance are unfailing success events year in and year out!

March 11-28 A PVS sanctioned ski trip to Val Thorens, France and Courmayeur, Italy. Trip leader is Bob Wyckoff at 589-5532 (home) and 282-0900 (office). Bob has full details published on a flyer and is happy to send it to any interested skiers. Val Thorens is a new area with great potential, according to Bob (and Skiing magazine which gave it a big spread early this season). Courmayeur is an old and beautiful area on the Italian side of Mt. Blanc, one of the highest mountains in the Alps. So, call Bob and sign up for this outstanding trip led by one of the area's BEST trip leaders.

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