



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

There are a number of Applicant Members who are now qualified for full membership. Let's bring up their names at the next meeting to be voted upon. Sponsors or the Applicant Members who wish to be voted upon should contact our Membership Chairlady, Gail Gell. This is an important matter of business that we should complete sooner rather than later.

We could all get more out of the Club if there were more participants and participation in Club activities. Our Vice President, Ray McKinley, is organizing a telephone survey of the membership to find out what you would like to participate in, with emphasis on summertime activities. Think about it; and be prepared with your ideas to discuss them when you are called. We will act on YOUR ideas.

Gerry Deighton, as the appointed Chairman of the Nominating Committee, is preparing nominations for President and the three Executive Committee positions that become open this year. The nominations will be presented at the February meeting and voted on at the Annual meeting in April. If YOU have nominations or suggestions for these four offices, call Gerry and let him know. The more suggestions, the better the Club will be.

Geoff Wadey

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President

FEBRUARY Meeting

A dinner meeting - come early and join the PVSers who enjoy dining out before meeting.

Place: O'Scorpio's Restaurant
815 North Stafford Street
Arlington, Virginia

Time: February 15th, at 8:00 P.M. For those choosing to dine first, come early and enjoy a fine meal before the formal meeting begins.

How to Get There: In Arlington at Hecht's Parking: Stafford Street ends at the Wilson Boulevard entrance to Hecht's Parking, across from the South Pacific Polynesian Restaurant; O'Scorpio's Restaurant is one-half block from Wilson Boulevard. SEE YOU-ALL THERE!

Movies: Yes; Jim Pintham on Training For Handicapped Skiers.

COMING EVENTS

Feb 12-13 - Ski-O-Ree at Canaan Valley. PVS coordinator is Bill Anderson.

Feb 15 - PVS February meeting.

Feb 22 - EXCOM meeting, at the Cope's home. 8:00 P.M. at 117 W. Monroe Ave, Alex.

Mar 15 - PVS meeting. Place to be announced.

Mar 22 - EXCOM meeting.

Mar 5 - 12 - Aspen trip, Ray McKinley trip leader.

Mar 27 - Apr 2 - Mt. Sutton, Canada trip, Gerry Deighton is trip leader.

With
HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY
to ALL PVSERS



EXCOM Meeting

On Tuesday, January 25th, EXCOM met at hostess/EXCOM member Aase Berling's home. An abundant supply of refreshments and h'on d'ouvres were available to those present; who were: President Geoff Wadey, Vice President and EXCOM member Ray McKinley, EXCOM members Gerry Deighton and Pat Cope plus the hostess; and TOOT editors Dick and Julie King. Several items were discussed. These were:

1. Response to scheduled P V S events. Some concern lingers from the small turnout to the outstanding Pot Luck Supper/Live band event held in November. P V S Membership participation is R E Q U I R E D to make P V S a going organization. This led to some stimulating discussion regarding what leads to successful events; and the conclusion is - success comes from active stimulation by members and sponsors interested in any special event. Thus, more active participation during the planning stages of each event will be sought. This can lead to a "snowballing" effect and more participation by the general membership.

2. Along the lines of # 1 above, our Vice President, Ray McKinley, is organizing a telephone survey to contact ALL members regarding planning of summer events. We hope to be informal, but stimulating. Right now, things like tennis, camping, canoe trips, rafting, a car rally - are suggestions. What is YOUR interest?? Think about it; and be ready to discuss it when the telephone survey touches base at your home.

3. President Geoff' Wadey is very interested in learning if any P V S member is a member of the Appalachian Mt. Club. If you are, please contact Geoff' via phone or in person (come to the next meeting!).

COMMENT from our Vice President, Ray McKinley

Members of EXCOM will be contacting as many Club members as we can over the next few weeks. We are currently interested in and considering setting up a schedule of summer activities/events and we want to be responsive to membership desires. What do YOU want to do this summer? Possible activities are sailing, bicycling, hiking, canoeing, bridge games, picnics, and etc. Think about YOUR interests, and let us know what your ideas are. WE are interested in YOUR interests! Contact me, or any EXCOM member. Remember, it is YOUR Club.

NOTICES

1. Connie Jo Worley's address is in error in our Membership listing. Her correct address is:
2030 North Adams Street
Arlington, Virginia 22201

2. From the Eastern Alert:
Binding Release Checks Offered
The National Ski Patrol System (NSPS) offers free access to release binding test equipment in 13 of its 15 Eastern regions. NSPS representatives will bring the binding test equipment to your club meeting at your request. In order to schedule a test, get in touch with the regional NSPS Director from your area. The NSPS Eastern Division regional Directors are listed on page 31 of the 76-77 Eastern Division Directory, and their addresses are in the back of the book.

Vermont Ski Trip Report by Geoff' Wadey

The first week in January, Tom Aguilar, my son Bryan and I skied five areas in Northern Vermont -- Smugglers Notch, Mt. Mansfield, Spruce Peak, Bolton Valley, Glen Ellen and Mad River Glen. We had intended to ski Sugarbush, too, but conditions there were poor. Although there was a lack of snow at the time, we can compare the areas fairly, I think.

We stayed at the Carpenter Farm Lodge in Waitsfield within half an hour's drive of Glen Ellen, Mad River Glen and Sugarbush - and about an hour from Bolton Valley, Mt. Mansfield and Smuggler's Notch. The lodge was economical and comfortable with lots of good food.

Perhaps the prettiest place - but the least demanding - was Bolton Valley. The skiing is among the trees on many runs and the slopes were well groomed. They have a few short steep runs. Smuggler's Notch is a large area with three mountains and a variety of runs. It tends to hold the snow since it faces north. It is possible to ski from there to Spruce Peak, although we did not do it. Mt. Mansfield and Spruce Peak are operated by the Mt. Mansfield Company on the same lift ticket. Spruce is good intermediate skiing; Mansfield is mostly intermediate to the toughest of Eastern skiing. The nearby town of Stowe, Vt. is "Aspen East".

Glen Ellen, Mad River and Sugarbush are only a few miles apart. Sugarbush is large with everything from kiddie slopes to real toughies. Glen Ellen is smaller but very well groomed. I saw Patrolmen there - snowplowing down the slopes to smooth them. It has good demanding slopes, as well as lower intermediate. I had the best time

there, partly because of the snow conditions and the good use they made of what snow they had. Mad River Glen is my favorite (and Tom's, too) for demanding Eastern skiing. It is spectacularly beautiful in spots and the trails wind down through craggy rock outcroppings and are good and steep. It is a no-nonsense, real skiers place --- somewhat like Alta in the west.

Prices varied widely from a top of \$13.00 at Mt. Mansfield/Spruce Peak, \$12.00 at Smuggler's Notch, \$10.00 or less at Bolton Valley, \$10.00 or \$11.00 at Mad River Glen; to a low of \$5.50 student's rate (for Bryan) at Glen Ellen on a weekday. In general, when we were there, there was an inverse relationship between price and the quality of the skiing! With good snow, it would be different; but, under any conditions, Glen Ellen would be hard to beat for first class economical skiing - and Mad River Glen is right next door!

Wisp Trip Report

The seventeen or so P V Sers (including two families with youngsters, the Cells and the Clarks) who made the Wisp trip January 22 and 23 had a great time. We arrived in a snowstorm on Friday night. Saturday dawned cold and windy, but the snow conditions were good - except for some ice on the steepest slope. Sunday dawned calm - and it steadily warmed up during the day to provide some of the best skiing we have had locally. Food and housing were good at the lodge after an initial adventure with frozen pipes on Friday night. We managed to overcome this problem, thanks to the help of our resourceful Ski Patrolmen (Kirk Burns and Dick Clark) and a local plumber (name unknown, but with talents fully appreciated!).

Kirk and Dick provided NSPS sanctioned binding checks for the public and several members of our group took advantage of the opportunity to determine the state of their safety equipment and to reassure their confidence in it. For unexplained reasons, the place seemed to be alive with Ski Patrolmen (and women). None were needed by P V Sers. Jim Pinkham, the trip leader, met several of his handicapped skiing friends (known as "three track" skiers) there and lectured everyone in sight on the virtues of one leg, one ski, and two outrigger skiing! We share Jim's enthusiasm for the constructive effort on the part of these handicapped people. Some of the P V Sers (including Pedric and Shirley Frucht) used this trip as a "warm-up" for Bob Wyckhoff's European trip which left January 27th.

Editor's Comment: Our appreciation goes out to President Geoff' who has taken time to provide the above two trip reports. Besides being of general interest to the Club membership, the current reporting of different areas and accommodations in the east are ALWAYS of interest to our avid skiers. We wish ALL members would provide TOOT with a short (or long) report on their skiing trips, with emphasis on area conditions and places to stay. This can, when done to abundance, be an added benefit to you all, as members of P V S (a benefit from members, to members - so to speak!). So, let's see your comments on YOUR skiing adventures; and YOU'LL see them in TOOT!

TOOT TIDBITS A postcard from Mike, Penny and Ted Link Wiederhold from Colorado: "Hi. Finally got skiing again after a year off - and I hadn't forgotten how, thank goodness. Keystone was good "Eastern" conditions and fun, even if not glorious snow. Mike skied a whole week and is still WHOLE! Ted and I had a lovely visit with my parents --- we were on constant display! Beautiful weather here - seems odd to come to Colorado to warm up! Regards: M, P, & T.
P V Sers at Massanutten: On a one day trip, the McKinleys and the Kings were enjoying the skiing and a warm lodge lunch when a pretty ski bunny tripped over our chair. Who was it but former P V S ski-retary Joyce Sundry who was skiing a one day trip with some friends. All joined together for an enjoyable lunch before returning to the slopes for an afternoon of good local skiing. A note from the past: Dick and Julie King, while skiing Canaan Valley on Jan 23, met former PVS junior member, Debbie Smith. Debbie extends her best to all PVS friends.