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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"Are You Really a Complete PVSer?"

At the most recent Executive Committee (Excom) meeting we spent a considerable amount of time discussing membership. We discovered that many of you are not yet full members of PVS, even though you have been paying your dues for several years. You are still Applicant Members.

Our by-laws state that before anyone can become a full or "Active Member" of the club he/she must meet several requirements. First you must be invited to join by an active member. Then you must apply for membership and pay your dues. Then, apparently, comes the hard part. You must:

- a. Attend two club meetings.
- b. Ski with a club member three days.
- c. Pass the U.S.S.A. Basic Test or demonstrate equivalent ability.

We'll be publishing the requirements of the Basic Test in one of the next issues of TOOT, but fundamentally you must be able to control yourself on skis and do a stem turn. When you have met the requirements your name is brought up for a vote. Five negative votes are sufficient to deny full membership.

The purpose of these requirements is to assure that we remain "THE Club for Skiers"--the only local ski club you have to be a skier to join (we do realize that this is a revolutionary idea--we hope it will catch on. At a recent ski council meeting the President of a large local ski club told me that his club was not just a social group. He said "why, nearly half of our members have been on skis). Finally, we support skiing and skiers and feel that skiers should be compatible with other skiers. That's the reason for the final vote. I should point out that no one has been voted out of club membership in recent history.

To help the membership process, and our record keeping, we passed two resolutions at the last Excom meeting. As a result of this we will now be voting in new members at our April annual meeting. We will also have written ballots and the names of those who have fulfilled all of the requirements will be published in TOOT prior to the vote.

Are you uncertain as to whether you are an applicant member or have met the requirements? Call Gail Gell our membership chairperson (924-5000) to find out. If you are still an applicant, we urge you to try and meet the requirements for full membership by April.

I hope to see you all at the International Inn at Tysons Corner on the 20th. And applicants, don't forget, it can be one of your two required meetings.

Ray McKinley, President

MARCH MEETING

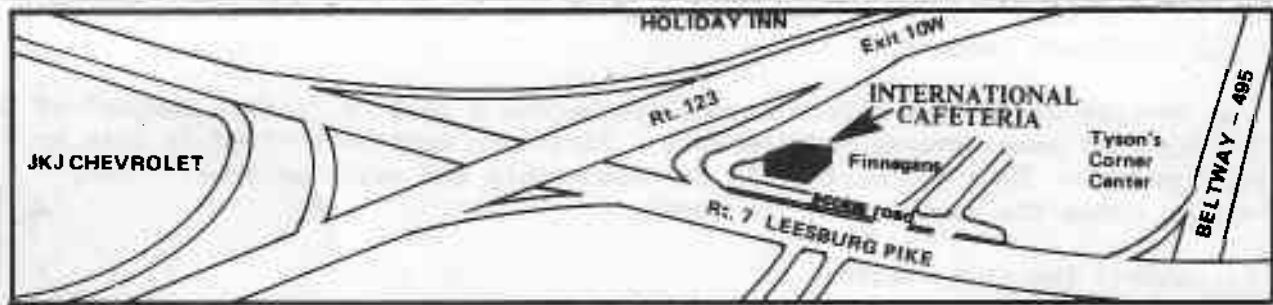
The International Cafeteria

Date: March 20, 1979

Time: 6:30 for Exotic Dishes
8:00 for Meeting & Movie

Place: The International Cafeteria - which is not a cafeteria but the food is international. We meet in the Magic Lamp Room to feast on Houmous, Baba Ghanouj, Kieta, and other Middle-Eastern delights - or Italian or American repasts. The price is right and the food is made to order. See you there!

Directions: Go to Tyson's Corner. At the very intersection of Routes 7 and 123, on the same corner as Tyson's Shopping Center, find Finnegan's Car Wash on Rt. 7. Go on the access road to the corner and there you will find The International Cafeteria.



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EXCOM REPORT

The February Excom meeting was held on February 22 at the home of Marilyn Clark. Members attending were Ray McKinley, Geoff' Wadey, Jim Slack, Mary Ward, Marilyn Clark, Gail Gell, Larry Pease, Keith Lyon, and Alice Swalm.

1. President McKinley expressed the appreciation of all the Excom members to Geoff' Wadey for the beautifully written memorial to Brooke Armat. A recommendation was made by Excom that bylines be used for any articles published in TOOT unless the author specifically requests otherwise.
2. A motion was made and carried that effective immediately new members be voted upon by secret ballot at the annual meeting and that a list of eligible applicant members be published in TOOT prior to the annual meeting.
3. The March Excom Meeting will be held on March 27 at the home of Mike and Judy Mealey, 1457 Waggaman Circle, McLean, Va. 790-8227. 7:30 p.m.

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PVS SKI AUSTRIA 1979

by Rosemary Soler

The Wyckoff Ski Austria trip ended on a wildly ironic note when the last leg of our flight from Kennedy to Washington was cancelled due to the GREAT BLIZZARD of '79. One-thirty a.m. Feb. 19 found us scrambling frantically for the almost nonexistent cabs at Union Station, having caught the last Amtrak down from New York that night. The appearance at the station of Ray and Malle McKinley must have seemed like angels to some of the Virginia contingent they took home. We could have used alot of that now at Innsbruck!

The trip began with a day of rest in Munich with the usual visits to the Hofbrau Haus, Glockenspiel, Rathaus, etc. Then it was on to Innsbruck, the ancient city of the Tyrol, where its tolling bells awoke us every morning in time to meet our bus and take us to the ski area of our choice. The areas were varied in their degrees of difficulty and snow conditions. Our favorite was Axamer Lizum with its famous Olympic run, where because of the high elevation the snow conditions were superb. Others visited were Patscherkofel, the scene of another Olympic run, which was pretty "patchy" on the lower slopes, Mutters, a family area with gentle runs, but because of lower elevation was hard packed and icy and Seegrube, which according to the more adventurous members of the group (Larry Pease, Werner Koch, Connie Worley and Gail Gell) was icy and forbidding in its steepness. The last day in Innsbruck most of the group skied on a glacier which proved to have long beautiful runs, although light conditions were not the best, a condition we were slowly getting used to (ha! - do you ever?). Kitty Foy took advantage of some of the cross country ski tours and reported they were delightful.

Our hotel, the Grauer Bar, was strategically located right at the opening of the "old city" for shopping and right across the street from the Folk Art Museum, with its fantastic displays of all the implements of living of the peasants of the Tyrol and the Valley of the Inn River, going back to the 14th century and beyond. Numerous side trips were available of which the Bavarian Castle Tour of "Mad" King Ludwig was the most popular. Special parties in the evening consisted of a sledge ride, beer party, Tyrolean evening of yodelling and schuplatting.

The second week was spent in the most loved of all hotels and ski areas, the beautiful Alpenrose in Zurs. To those of us new to the area it was no disappointment. The hotel, with its fabulous artifacts was an antique lover's dream, not to mention the quality of the food with its interchangeable luncheon chits redeemable in the hotels of other ski areas. The snow conditions were as usual sehr gut! The runs over to Lech and Ober Lech, although on intermediate trails, were a bit tricky on the bottom due to ice. The return was easy, the skiing in Lech pleasant and the lunch at the Hotel Schneider lived up to its high recommendations. Two negative sides to the Arlberg scene, however, were the battle of the flat light by day vs. the feather puffs by night, and they came close to doing some of us in. When the sun did shine though, the slopes were pure gold.

Norm's Nomads (Norm Engleman, Alice Swalm, etc.) ventured out on a sunny day on a trek to St. Anton. On the first run from the top Norm spilled and when he collected himself he only had one of his new Blizzard skis with brakes yet! It was like the other had disappeared in thin air. All of us behind him saw nothing as we picked our way down - weird. Jac Hadler and Tony Soler worked their way down about 300 ft. to the side of the trail which fell off into a ravine of deep snow and it was by the tiniest telltale sign on top of the snow that Jac spotted it. Tony, after sinking to his knees, fished the completely submerged ski out. Meanwhile Norm, hopping around on one foot, perched on a mogul high on the Valluga slope, looking like "Big Bird" from Sesame Street, was still muttering "its weird". I guess this is a warning to all aficianados of ski brakes, that they can get you into deep trouble.

The trip's wundakind, Jan and Julie Wolfe, Patty Wyckoff and Johnny Steece had a blast and are all developing into great skiers, particularly Jan, who already skis like the wind.

The last day, after starting with an ominous cloud cover, became crystal clear and we all raced off to the Muggengrat Chair area where there is something for everyone, the snow is lovely, the scenery divine, and Lois Rose led us all a merry chase.

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Ski Austria Continued

Some of the group left us at Zurich for a later return (Steece, Roses, Betty Walker) and missed all the fun at Union Station. Adele Waggman and Kitty went on to Gstaad - egad! Some people know how to live.

We were all sorry to hear of the passing of Margaret Wyckoff's father during the first week, necessitating her return to the States. However, she rejoined us the second week in Zurs.

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PVS CANAAN VALLEY TRIP By Malle McKinley

"C" is for Canaan and for COLD! Even so, 15 of us tried to get in some serious weekend skiing on February 9 and 10. A hardy, warm breakfast prepared us for the cloudy, -5° and 20, gusting to 40 mile per hour winds on Saturday. A few well-dressed souls spent the entire day out on the beautiful snow, but the rest of us took a run or two then ran inside to warm up. Long lift lines added to the cold.

After freezing our bodies to the bone, we all got together at the Canaan Valley recreational center/lodge for a warming fire and a drink or two and, of course, a good story. Later, an impromptu party in the room of Reg and Jean Heitchue added to our warmth.

Sunday was much warmer (+5°), bright and sunny, but the long lines persisted. All in all, though, the skiing was fun and the company good.

New PVSer Margaret Bittenger should be saluted in her efforts to find functional, warm lodging and dining facilities. Good job! We hope to go back to Canaan Valley, West Virginia next year -- and to have a little more warning that the trip is coming.

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On a Sad Note. .

Larry Pease has informed us that PVS member Don Meek is ill. Anyone wishing more information should contact Larry at 949-9036.

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PVS SKI MT. SUTTON, CANADA By Janet Marx

This years Sutton trip had ice, sleet and snow; wind, calm and sunshine. Early in the week the Copes provided a chance for the whole group to chew the fat--or rather the cheese and crackers--washed down by Don's well chosen wine in an apres ski get together.

The top unit was treated to cooking ranging from sublime to subhuman(?) Mike Wiederhold won the prize for his "hot dogger" scrambled eggs and his left-over foo yoong. Carol Parmenter brought the spread.

All the kids took lessons and proved their hot dogger skills by the medals they won; Brian Marx - Gold; Keith and David Lyon and Robin Wingrove - Bronze; Eric Marx, Steve Anderson and Jason Lyon were next in line.

Dick, Vince and Cam Clark ate up the mountain and were rarely seen on the slopes because they skied faster than light. Marilyn and her knee kept the home fires burning, while Bob Marx tooted off to Louisville, Ky. for three days. We were sorry the Copes were unable to be with us longer.

Jan Marx is skiing like the wind--to keep up with her two hot doggers. Penny took Ted out for a few runs and Ted wouldn't quit. Penny is now in a permanent snow plow position. Ted and Brian were known by everyone on the mountain by the end of the week. Participants in the human slalom were aged three to ? ? ? and all survived.

PVS guests Judy and Neal Johnson and their family, Harvey Steinfeld and his nephew Steve, Jack Turek, George Krampetz and son Dennis were delightful additions to this trip.

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A belated but nonetheless sincere welcome to new applicant member

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THE KNEE

By Big Foot



(Ouch!)

The Knee is in its third month and now we are organized! Last month we noted that our "knee" logo was rotated about a quarter of a turn so it was as if we were - ah - laying down on the job. We loved it! And we're er - ah - "prone" to leave it that way.

I understand that PVS President Ray whats-his-name went to Canaan Valley with the club and only skied one day. We've heard of people getting cold feet, but his excuse was cold hands! (but presumably a warm heart). Speaking of excuses for not skiing, Vice President (and Presidential candidate) Marilyn Clark found an even better excuse for not skiing at Mt. Sutton Canada. She arranged to have her knee (not associated with this column even though the name's the same) put in a cast after a day and a half of a one week trip. Sorry 'bout that Veev.

Speaking of the Sutton trip, we understand that Bob Marx had to leave for three days in the middle of the trip. I understood that he heard we were going to try to put this issue of TOOT together there and he wanted to keep his record clean. (See The Knee for January for more of BM's travels).

We understand that the Wyckoffs trip was loaded with losers. Kitty Foy lost her skis in Innsbruck. Gorman Young lost his passport and gloves and Margaret Wyckoff lost her hat and gloves. However, all items were recovered later. Norm Engleman broke a binding while skiing and was loaned a ski by 16 year old Jan Wolfe (a prospective PVSer from the Wyckoff trip). Norm skied down on two unmatched skis--it went perfect with his unmatched style. And Jan came down like a water-ski slalomer--on one ski.

Is It True Department. Is Bob Wyckoff really a Dirty Old Man? If not, what was he doing in the ladies sauna in Zurs? Some misunderstanding. Can Alice Swalm really ski deep powder and yet not walk without falling down?

Speaking of Alice, can it possibly be true that she just retired? We don't believe it. But why did she volunteer to run six ski trips next winter? Other retirees are alive and well in Colorado. Dick and Julie King are living just south of Denver. But we understand that they have yet to ski--they apparently can't find anything as challenging as Ski Liberty.

We understand that the Wyckoffs daughter Patricia was wooed and won by a local in Austria. She has just eloped and is now living in Peru as a llama farmer!

The event that resulted in the Kneede of the Month is easy. However, it's hard to figure out who to blame. I find it rather strange that a ski club meeting could be delayed by snow. But the February meeting at Presidents McKinleys was. Holy White Stuff! (as Batmans friend Robin would say). Big Foot was the only one to show up at the appointed meeting time (apparently the Telephone Tree worked)--and it took snow shoes on my Big Feet to get there.

Enough of this. I've got lots of exciting gossip to tell you but it's time to practice my Happy Hour Technique. . .

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FEBRUARY MEETING

The PVS monthly meeting was held on Feb. 27, postponed from the 20th due to snow, at the home of Malle and Ray McKinley in McLean, Va. Wine and assorted good things to munch on were served and Blizzard '79 stories and ski trips stories were swapped. An excellent talk by Kirk Burns on the importance of proper dressing for cold weather was enjoyed by all. Kirk demonstrated the layered approach to warmth and stressed the necessity of protecting the head and neck.

A good movie capped the evening. Special thanks to Kirk and to Malle and Ray for sharing their home once again.

By Judy Mealey

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PVS PROFILE

Marilyn Clark

Marilyn Clark was introduced to skiing by her husband-to-be Dick, using wooden skis, cable bindings and square-toe leather boots. She married him anyhow and became quite an accomplished skier in the bargain! So good, in fact, that last year she passed the required tests and has become an Auxilliary Patroller at Massanutten, Virginia. Along with Dick, a Patroller, son Vince, a Junior Patroller, and youngest son Cam, Marilyn spends about five weekends a season at Massanutten. The Clarks also spend alot of their skiing time at Mt. Sutton, Canada on PVS trips. It was there that Marilyn broke her ankle in 1975, and there again this year that she tore the ligaments in her right knee. Everyone agrees that they miss her on the slopes, but that she tends a great fire and can cook a fabulous meal with a cast on.

Marilyn joined PVS in 1965 and has been active in coordinatinng many of the events, namely the International Dinner and the Steak & Swim. She is currently the PVS Vice President, and has been nominated for President for 1979-80.

Marilyn was born and raised in Randolph, New York and attended the Institue of Technology there, earning a degree in Retail Distribution. She worked in this field for about five years before starting her family. After her sons were both in school she went back to work as an interior decorator and currently works for Boat/U.S. as the store accountant and training director.

When Marilyns leg is not in a cast, she jogs an average of 8 miles a week, enjoys sailing on the Chesapeake in the summer, ice skating and skiing in the winter and sewing the year round. Both she and Dick sing in the choir of the Georgetown Presbyterian Church.

They have made their home in Annandale, Virginia for 15 years with their two sons and three cats.

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- March 11-17 - Ski Killington, Vermont. In progress. Norm Engleman Trip Leader.
 - March 20 - PVS Monthly Meeting. The International Cafeteria, Tysons Corner, Virginia. See Seperate Notice.
 - March 27 - Excom Meeting. Judy and Mike Mealeys home, 1457 Waggaman Circle, McLean, Va. 790-8227.
 - April 17 - PVS Annual Meeting at Peggy and Kirk Burns home, 6503 Waterway Drive, Falls Church, Va. 256-4443.
 - April 24 - Excom Meeting. No location yet.
- May will bring the International Dinner. Watch for further details.

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CLUB OFFICERS

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- Vice President Marilyn Clark
- Secretary Alice Swalm
- Treasurer Margaret Wyckoff

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- Bob Marx
- Keith Lyon

- First Term Gail Gell
- Geoff' Wadey
- Mary Ward

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