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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

We have a new gathering place for our annual meeting this year so, please, join us. We'll be electing new Excom members and qualified applicants to full membership.

Please note elsewhere in Toot, the passing of one our founders.

Also note the recall of certain models of Tyrolia bindings which will be replaced for free before April 30.

I offer a continuing Toot to Ray for lining up a multitude of spring and summer events for us to enjoy.

Jan

Janet Marx, President



ANNUAL MEETING - Tuesday, April 19th. 8:00 P.M.

WHERE: Columbia Country Club, Chevy Chase, Md.

WHAT: Election of officers... Election of applicant members qualifying for full membership..
Movie... Wine & Cheese ... Socializing

NOTE THAT THE MEETING WILL BE HELD, FOR THE FIRST TIME, AT A CLUB AND NOT IN A PRIVATE HOME, AS IS CUSTOMARY. FOR THIS REASON THERE WILL BE A \$3

* CHARGE PER PERSON PAYABLE AT THE DOOR.



DIRECTIONS TO THE COLUMBIA COUNTRY CLUB AT 7900 Connecticut Avenue Chevy Chase, Md. on the corner of East West Highway and Connecticut Avenue. From the Beltway, take the Connecticut Avenue exit for Chevy Chase and proceed about one and a half miles south to club on the right hand side. From the city, take Connecticut Avenue north one and a half miles from Chevy Chase Circle at the District line to the club on the left hand side of the avenue.

Coming Events

SATURDAY HIKE BILLY GOAT TRAIL

When: Saturday, April 16th. 10:30 A.M. (Rain date: Sun. Ap. 17th)

What: The annual FVS spring hike on the Billy Goat Trail along and above the shores of the Potomac River where every step is a challenge and every rock scaled a victory, where grown men groan and little children scamper. C'mon! Try it!

Place: Meet in the parking lot opposite Old Angler's, at 10801 MacArthur Blvd., Potomac, MD. (near Great Falls Park). It's a 4½ mile hike with 2½ miles of rocky trail above the Potomac.

Reminder: Wear sturdy shoes and bring your lunch.

Leader: Lu Beale (363-3521). No reservations necessary. Just come and enjoy.

Directions: Take the Beltway Exit 41 for Carderock-Great Falls. Go all the way to the end of parkway, turn left on MacArthur Blvd. and proceed a couple of miles to Angler's Inn. Parking lot on the left of road.



WINE, CHEESE AND THEATRE PARTY

What: A performance of THE FOREIGNER a long-running, award-winning New York comedy by Washingtonian Larry Shue. Charlie, a shy Britisher petrified of conversing with strangers, is passed off as a foreigner at a rural Georgia inn. As the friendly locals hilariously try to teach him English, the hostile ones try to take over the inn until Charlie saves the day.

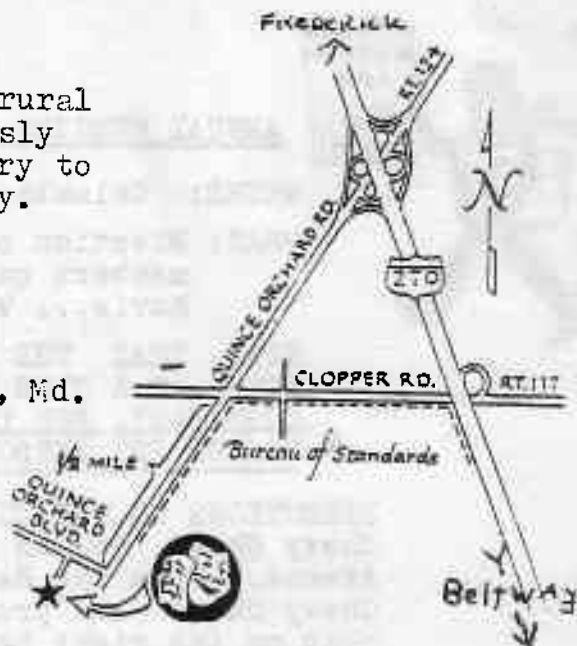
When: Sunday, May 1st, 1988

Time: 6:00 P.M. for our party in a corner of the theatre lobby.
7:30 Curtain time.

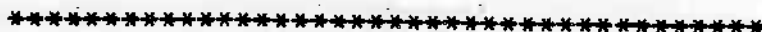
Where: Montgomery Playhouse in Gaithersburg, Md.

Cost: \$8.00 per person. Send reservation checks to coordinator Sara Huggins, 9916 Bettiker Lane, Potomac, Md. 20854.

For more information, call Sara at 424-5725.



Directions to the Playhouse: Drive north on Rte. 270 to the Bureau of Standards exit, Rte 124 west (Quince Orchard Rd.). Follow to Quince Orchard Blvd. Turn right. The Playhouse is the first left turn.



Coming Events

SEVENTH ANNUAL FUN RUN AND BRUNCH WITH THE CLARKS

When: Saturday, May 7th. 9:00 A.M. Rain or shine.

Sorry - the BRUNCH, limited to 24, is already fully subscribed. However, if you want to run, jog, or stroll with leader Dick Clark on the lovely wooded trail around Accotink Lake, come along and meet at the trailhead at 9 A.M. There's no limit and the company, as always, is super. For brunchers, there will be a modest fee.

If more information is needed, call the Clarks (978-9435).

DIRECTIONS: Take Beltway exit 5 (Braddock Rd) in Virginia. Go West (outside beltway) one tenth mile to light and well-marked Wakefield Park sign on right. Drive to main parking lot (as far as road goes) and meet by the small bridge immediately on your left as you enter the lot.

SATURDAY, MAY 14th - OLD RAG HIKE

Put this one on your calendar now and start getting in shape for THE BIG ONE by working out on the Billy Goat Trail on April 16th.

Rated strenuous, the 8 mile circuit hike up and over Old Rag is for the stout-hearted and agile and always worth the effort.

Look for details in the May TOOT. For advance information call Lu Beale (363-3521)

LONGWOOD GARDENS WEEKEND - May 21 - 22, 1988

Coordinator and leader : Marilyn Clark (978-9435)

As a new event, PVS plans a car-pooling trip to Longwood Gardens in Kennett Square, Penna (about 3 hours drive) staying Saturday night at the Hotel Du Pont in nearby Wilmington. The hotel cost of \$79 per person, double occupancy, includes a \$25 certificate towards dinner, fruit and wine on arrival, complimentary coffee service, free valet parking, and late check out (until 4 p.m.) on Sunday.

The group will meet at Longwood Gardens at noon on Saturday, lunch at the lovely restaurant on the grounds and tour the gardens and conservatory. Then, on to the Hotel Du Pont where, after our wine, we will dine in the Christina Room.

On Sunday we will breakfast in the elegant Green Room after which there is a choice of tours: Brandywine Museum, Nemours mansion and gardens, Winterthur mansion and gardens, or Rockwood mansion and gardens.

* RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY APRIL 7TH TO INSURE PLACES AT THE HOTEL Du Pont. CALL MARILYN IMMEDIATELY TO RESERVE A PLACE AND FOR MORE INFORMATION. *****

Coming Events

INTERNATIONAL DINNER - Saturday, May 28th.

This wonderful gourmet affair held annually at the Alexandria home of Pat and Don Cope is limited. To reserve a place for yourself at the fabulous dinner call Marilyn Clark NOW (978-9435).

SAIL AND SWIM AT JACK HADLER'S HOUSE ON THE BAY - June 11, 1988

Limited to 40 guests. Larry & Gail Pease coordinating. Tel: 620-4573

RAFTING ON THE YOUGHIOGHENY - Saturday, June 25th - Sunday June 26th.

Coordinator: Dina Taylor

Office: 427-3227. Home: 301-663-6089

It is time again for an adventure-filled weekend. On Saturday there will be hiking in Swallow Falls Park or a visit to Frank Lloyd Wright's Falling water. Dinner at the Penn Alps. This will be topped off on Sunday with a full day of rafting seven miles down the famous "Yough" through the scenic beauty of the Laurel Mountains. The cost for rafting will be \$38 and includes use of raft, life preserver and paddle, lunch and shuttle bus back to the parking lot. A limited number of spaces have been reserved. For more information and to save you a spot, call Dina now.

PICNIC/SAIL at DEAN WORCESTER'S ANNAPOLIS HOME - Saturday, July 9th.

Limited to 30. Heitchues coordinating. Call them at 860-9190.

Dean has access to lots of boats!

PICNIC/SWIM/SAIL AT THE FLAKES - Saturday, July 23rd.

Limited guests. Charlotte Reith coordinating. (765-1810).

(Renovations completed!)

-CALENDAR

- Ap. 16 ... Hike the Billy Goat Trail. See page 2.
- Ap. 19 ... Annual Meeting at the Columbia Country Club. See page 1.
- Ap. 26 ... ExCom at Aase Berling's home. 7:30 P.M.
- Ap. 30 ... Ski Auction at U. of Md. Benefit handicapped skiers.
- May 1 ... Montgomery Playhouse for wine, cheese, and theatre. Page 2
- May 7 ... Fun Run/Brunch with the Clarks. See page 3.
- May 14 ... Climb Old Rag. See page 3.
- May 17 ... Monthly Meeting at the Hensleys. 8:00 P.M.
- May 21 - 22 ... Weekend Visit to Longwood Gardens. See page 3.
- May 24 ... ExCom
- May 28 ... International Dinner at the Copes. See page 4.
- June 11 .. Picnic at Hadler's beach house. See page 4.
- June 21 .. June Meeting at Grosvenor Place, courtesy Aase Berling and June Kelsay.
- June 25 - 26 ... Rafting the Youghiogheny. See page 4.
- July 9 ... Saturday at Annapolis with Dean Worcester .
- July 23 ... Saturday at Annapolis with the Flakes.
- Aug. 6 ... Les Miz
- Aug. 20 ... Steak & Swim at the Elrods.

* May 1 ... BRSC MEETING

PAST EVENTS

WINE TASTING WITH THE COPEs by Dick Clark

On March 5th, a small band of wine aficionados joined Pat and Don Cope for some serious sampling of the grape along with generous samplings of Pat's cooking. The evening began, in spite of the absence of one the stalwart regulars (aka Wounded Knee), with a RECEPTION consisting of a delicious Chilean champagne and Jarlsberg cheese.

As the FIRST COURSE of a fine California white (Burgess Reserve Chardonnay '85) began, Wounded Knee burst upon the scene replete with matching crutches (left and right), immersed himself in the festivities, and promptly gesticulated the second wine, a hearty French red (Pierre Morey, Les Tessonns, Meursault '85) over himself and our gracious hostess. Not to worry, as Pat keeps a charged seltzer bottle handy for just such occasions.

The other guests, quickly seizing upon the opportune diversion, moved in closer to the table and devoured Pat's succulent "mustard sesame chicken wings". As the noise noticeably increased another 10 decibels, Don produced two great reds to go with "beef tenderloin avec rouge vin", for the SECOND COURSE. The wines were a Cabernet Sauvignon '85 from Gravelly Meadow, Diamond Creek, and some of Don's private stock of Gran Coronac '78, Torres Reserva Black Label (not by Carlings).

For the GRAND CONCLUSION, we were served Stilton cheese and two wonderful Ports: a Vintage Port '77 from Smith Woodhouse, and a Vintage Port '63 from S.V. Borges. At this point, Wounded Knee, who had previously announced that he had cancelled a ski trip to come to the wine tasting, spilled Port on himself and the carpet (seltzer bottle to the rescue), blamed the host's dog Cocoa, and joyfully proclaimed this to be "another boring PVS event".

Translated, this meant a unanimous vote of thanks to Pat and Don for again showing us some of the finer examples of wine, food, and hospitality.

MARCH MEETING by Bette Walker

On March 15th, forty PVSers gathered at the warm and cozy Reynolds/Kicklighter home in Old Town, Alexandria to sip, sup and socialize.

An unusual event occurred: Departing from the accepted 3-minute meeting format, Pres Jan Marx held forth for at least 20 minutes - a one-time forgivable deviation considering the number of announcements and the fact that Ray McKinley had a bit of trouble jogging his memory to come up with the dates for the many PVS spring/summer events he had organized.

The evening ended with two appealing promotional videos provided by Rosie Soler, one on Mont Sutton (dear to the hearts of many PVSers), the other on nearby (to Sutton) Orford.

Thank you, Katherine and Reggie, for opening your lovely home to your skiing friends.



THE KNEE

by

Ray McKinley

The Knee has a complaint. As a temporary (hopefully) non-skier, I have been confined to the DC area for the last month or so. Let me tell you, it's virtually impossible to get hold of any club member during the month of March. Shame on all of you for skiing when I can't!

Speaking of injuries (indirectly) this just hasn't been a good ski season for PVSers. While Roy and Malda Elrod were skiing at Shawnee, Pa., a hot dogger skied over the back of Roy's skis knocking him down. Result - a dislocated shoulder. Cuch!

That didn't end the Elrods' skiing, however. Several weeks later they were in Snowbird, Utah - Roy, with one arm immobilized, using only one pole. Lots of skiers commented on his one-armed skill, including Kirk Burns and Charlie Farwell. Neither pair knew other PVSers were in the area! (Incidentally, Roy assures all of us thinking of the summer Steak&Swim that the pool will be ready in time.)

Fred Leonhardt twisted his knee, pulled ligaments and fractured a bone when he broke through the crust, helicopter skiing near Vail. (I had obviously forgotten to tell Fred that Vail now has a lift system.)

Anykneehow, Fred returned home leaving wife Barbara to ski a second week at Aspen. She fell there and dislocated her shoulder. Now they are both at home going to physical therapy together.

Finally, new applicant member Pat Tengel broke her elbow skiing at Steamboat. (Actually she didn't break her elbow skiing at Steamboat; she broke it falling at Steamboat!)

Sorry I neglected to mention last month that it was Pat's husband, John Smith, who pointed out that I should drive a Kneeson. Kneea culpa.

Did you see Dick and Marilyn Clark in the Alexandria St. Patrick's Day parade? They were in Dicks' restored classic MG - the one with the green tartan paint job. Or was it a Kneeson?

As warm as it was in early March, it certainly cooled off. The two cozy fires Katherine Reynolds had going upstairs and downstairs for the March meeting were welcome indeed.

Some of us - I mean you - did some late skiing. Patty Wyckoff lately back from Beaver Creek. Dean Worcester skiing weekends through the end of March at Mad River. (Why a retired skier would drive all the way from Annapolis to Vermont to ski for a weekend is beyond me.)

Glade and Joan Flake are back from a "truly great time" at Jackson Hole. (Joan says the Flakes' completely remodeled home (including new bathroom) will be ready for this summer's event.)

Gail and Larry Pease are also just back from a week in Taos, N.M. And Jim Arnold made the S'WDC Bulletin by just completing his 99th ski trip with them.

I will not comment on the individual who referred to Veep Dick Comerford as a "beached whale."

Could it be that Huey Roberts is retiring? Huey is a lot of things, but not retiring.

Who says you can't go home again? The Knee. I read last month that Knox Felker's greatest ski experience was hiking up Tuckerman Ravine. Starting this month you can take a cog railway to the top!

In the past several years, Betty Comerford, Rosy Soler, and Steve Grenleski all have had Nordic boots crack. Any others?

Alice Swalm came back from PVS's trip to Idaho with a cold. When asked about it she replied "It happened in Sun Valley."

Don and Pat Cope are off to a scheduled ski trip at the end of April. Water skiing in St. Barts.

When Mary Jane McCarthy, on the bus to the airport in Paris, thought her plane ticket was lost she kept saying "It's lost! It's lost! I know it's lost Ch, why couldn't I have lost weight instead!" (Incidentally, the ticket was later found in her luggage.)

I close with this bit of unrelated wisdom: old skiers never die; they just keep going downhill.

COOK'S CORNER



by

Nancy Garrett

DID YOU KNOW that in 1987, PVS participated in 8 ski trips (food was a major part of all of these trips.) PVS also sponsored 15

events which did not involve skiing (although it was discussed):

- 5 swim/sail/eat events
- 4 parties with food as the central theme
- 3 hikes with food after hiking
- 2 plain hikes
- 1 cultural affair (dinner afterward)

We are a diverse group and enjoy these activities which are fun, keep us in good shape for skiing and allow recreational time to get better acquainted with each other. What fun to belong to such a group!!!!

The following recipe appears by popular request from many of you -

JANET MARX' DATE BARS

Combine and set aside:

- 2 cups chopped dates
- 1 cup hot water
- 2 Tablespoons lemon juice

Sift together:

- 1 cup white flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda

Add to flour mixture:

- 1/2 cup packed brown sugar

Cut into flour mixture until the consistency of bread crumbs:

- 1/2 cup margarine

Add to flour mixture:

- 1 cup crushed corn flakes

Divide crumb mixture in half. Spread in greased 9 X 11 baking pan. Pour date filling evenly over top. Place remainder of crumb mixture on top. Press down.

Bake at 350° for 25 minutes, or until top is golden brown. Cool before removing from pan. Makes 24 bars.

An outstanding appetizer served at Wisp was the ARTICHOKE DIP brought by Helen McMahon. It is a bit different from the one in the PVS Cookbook and very tasty!!!

ARTICHOKE DIP

- 28 oz. canned artichokes, drained and chopped
- 2/3 cup mayonnaise
- 1 heaping Tablespoon Durkees Sandwich and Salad Sauce
- 1 1/2 cups grated Parmesan cheese
- 1-2 teaspoons dried chopped chives
- 1 bunch green onions, chopped

Combine all ingredients. Mix well and place in shallow greased casserole dish.

Bake at 375° for 30 minutes or until top is golden brown.

Serve with crackers.

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Jackson Hole, WY has some of the best restaurants in which I have ever eaten. The Blue Lion served an appetizer of Crab Stuffed Mushroom Caps. Below is my attempt at copying this delicious treat.

SEAFOOD STUFFED MUSHROOM CAPS

Wash 10-20 mushrooms and remove stems. Set aside.

Mix together:

- 1 3-oz. package cream cheese with chives
- 2 green onions, finely chopped
- Stems from above, finely chopped

Add:

- 1/2 teaspoon White Wine Worcestershire
- 1/2 teaspoon lemon juice
- Dash garlic salt
- 6 oz. frozen crab meat thawed OR
- 1 cup finely chopped imitation seafood

Mix all ingredients well. Stuff into mushroom caps. Sprinkle well with Parmesan cheese.

Drizzle approximately 2 Tablespoons melted butter over the tops. Bake at 350° for 20-30 minutes or until golden brown.

PVS FOUNDER DIES

On March 6th, 1988, one of the original founders of The Potomac Valley Skiers, Inc. died following an extended battle with the dreaded disease cancer. Mr. Michael J. Rura, long time resident of Washington, D.C. and, in recent decades, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania succumbed to what proved to be his fatal illness.

Mike will be remembered by many original PVS members as an interested enthusiastic self-starter and organizer who participated in, and contributed to the creation of the club and its first By-Laws in the formative period of the club itself. In particular, Mike supported the creation of a club newsletter and suggested the name it carries today: a bugle named TOOT. Mike was a lifelong skier whose favorite ski areas were in Colorado although in his latter years he spent most of his skiing time at Ski Liberty near his home and where his son-in-law Bruce MacPherson is today an active ski instructor. Mike is survived by his wife Margaret; three daughters Mary Frances, Margarite and Monica; and a son Mitch. Margaret Rura will be remembered as the Betsy Ross of PVS having voluntarily designed and created the very first PVS banner. That banner was on display at the PVS Twentieth Birthday celebration. It remains a symbol of the first twenty years of PVS history. Mike's fellowship and friendly presence will be a loss and a void to all of us who knew him.

A private burial service was held Thursday, March 10th, 1988. PVS wishes to extend its sincere expression of sympathy and shared grief to Margaret and her family.

by Dick King

MEMBERSHIP CANDIDATES

The following applicant members are now eligible for full membership status in the club and will be voted on at the April 19th Annual Meeting:

Ted Cardwell. Jerry Clapp. Carol Drohan. Helen McMahon. Bob McNeil. Burr and Byoung Schuler

TRIP EVALUATION COMMITTEE will meet on Friday, April 15th. All trip evaluation forms should be sent directly to Phil Ufholz, Chairman of the committee, by April 10th. (8611 Long Acre Court, Bethesda, Md. 20817)

SPANISH SKI SAFARI by Bob Grasley (Jefe de Grupo) & George Devorshak

It has been said that for excitement, the Persian Gulf tour is tops. We challenge this statement. Besides, our trip had more mountains and better food. Where else do you get skiing, muggings, and a group so surly that the exhausted trip leader had to take an extra 10 days in Europe to recuperate?

Here are the gory (some quite gory) details.

Twenty-three skiers met at JFK, involving representatives from Aspen, Roanoke, New York City, and Poughkeepsie. Absent were the **Thomas's** who were devastated by a death in the family. **Felkers'** and **Devorshaks'** joined the group in Baqueria-Beret.

Departure was peaceful enough, but crisis #1 was not long in coming. In Madrid, as we prepared to board the Malaga flight, **Gene Wojciechowski** reported that the trip leaders skis (supposed to be on the Malaga flight) were seen endlessly circling the Madrid carousel. By some kind of black magic, the problem was corrected and all baggage arrived in Malaga. Everything else was fine - until Sierra Nevada. As we approached our hotel, we looked up the hill to see the worlds largest traffic jam. Fifty busses, hundreds of cars, and people all over the place making it impossible for our bus to get up the hill. After some time, we eventually arrived by a circuitous route. A welcome aboard party with fantastic Sangria and great olives (with garlic) mended our shattered nerves.

SKI TIME! Plenty of snow was there, but it was a bit "boardy" (Pennsylvania Powder). Mid-week, the winds came up and closed the lifts for two days. We chose one of these days to visit the Alhambra. One of our skiers said the Alhambra trip was worth 3 days of skiing. Rain and fog messed up the latter part of the week, but we had a great party celebrating the birthday of our assistant trip-leader, **Myron Marquardt**.

Then we headed for our hotel in Torremolinos. It was routine until we hit the beach. It looked like D-day at Normandy. The sand had been piled-up into weird dunes - no doubt some kind of sand recycling.

On to Barcelona! Then by bus to Baqueria-Beret! Our bus drivers name was, of course, Jose. For lunch, Jose stopped the bus at a small restaurant in the middle of nowhere, but it was great. Later, as we exited the Viella tunnel on the route to our resort, we beheld the Valley of Aran through a mix of fog, rain, and snow (it was snowing on the slopes). Our hotel in Baqueria-Beret (BB) was great. It was very well run, and right across the street from the lifts. Detachment #1 of the trip (**Felkers'** and **Devorshaks'**) met us at BB. It was then that we learned that some of Spains major cities were fraught with danger (see a later article, "Mugged in Madrid").

An important factor in the lift system at BB was a high-speed quad-chair with a "slow-down" feature for loading. This got us from the hotel to the main ski area in a hurry. For hard-core Washington Redskins fans, there was a surprise. The Super-Bowl was televised live, with an excellent picture, and broadcast in Spanish!

We had lots of sun, snow, and really terrific skiing at higher elevations. There were guided tours of the area, and a nice picnic on the slopes. One very unfortunate event did occur in mid-week. Senor **Bob Grasley** was giving some ski instruction to **Myron** and **Fumiko Marquardt** when a Spanish skier ran into **Fumiko**, cutting her lip very badly and injuring her wrist. She bravely declined the use of a "bed" (toboggan) and walked to the lift and hence to the local clinic where a major job of suturing was done (without anesthetic).

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SPANISH SKI SAFARI (Continued from previous page.)

Life at our Tuc Blanc hotel was just fine. We had very ample breakfasts and dinners. On Wednesday and Saturday, the hotel served a magnificent buffet. As she did at Sierra Nevada, Nancy Monocelli hosted another birthday party, this time for Helen Johnson.

Departure day arrived and guess what? It snowed so hard that our bus driver, Salvatore, arrived 4 hours late. He was very upset having driven from 4 AM until almost noon under very bad conditions. We finally got Salvatore calmed down, and he did a fantastic job through winding mountain roads that were under construction but marked by fabulous scenery. He took us to the Monastery of the Holy Grail at Montserrat (spectacular scenery here) and we arrived at our Hotel Majestic around 8 PM. Salvatore had driven (beautifully) from 4 AM to 8 PM. His efforts were recognized with a generous tip.

Barcelona was wonderful, with a wonderful hotel (the Majestic) in spite of more mugging.

A few parting thoughts:

Next year we may ski the slopes by Beret, probably safer!

We all express our sincere thanks to:

Dr. Sal Barranco - expertise and advice on joints

Dr. Julio Perez-Colon - linguist and expert on prescription medication

Dr. Bill Johnson - psychiatric counseling (mostly for the trip leader)

Myron Marquardt - assistant trip leader "extraordinaire"

Bill Crawford and Jim Arnold - they volunteered for help

Gorman Young - for a terrific trip to the Alhambra at Granada

Bill Johnson - for judging the best snow

Charlotte Reith - for keeping the trip leader calm before the trip

Sr. Rafael Gavilan - who provided good music at SN (even the trip leader did a few measures)

We close by mentioning two future activities:

A post-trip party is scheduled at the Johnsons' home in Annapolis on Saturday, April 30th.

A sailing trip to the Greek and Turkish Isles is planned for the Spring of 1989.

MUGGED IN MADRID/ BURGLARIZED IN BARCELONA

by George Devorshak and Bob Grasley

During the Spanish Ski Safari two incidents occurred which should be brought to the attention of anyone travelling to Spain - or, for that matter, any major European city.

Knox and Karen Felker were attacked on the Gran Via in Madrid at 2:30 P.M. by four well dressed males who were very "professional" in their approach. Two took Knox to the ground and kept him occupied while the others went after Karen's "Fanny Pack" which contained her Danish passport and a credit card, among other things. In plain view of many people they tore off her pack. When she screamed they clapped a hand over her mouth - hard! Then they disappeared into the crowd. The credit card was used that same day for a \$500 purchase.

Gorman Young and Helen Price were walking near the Picasso Museum in Barcelona when 2 youngsters approached from behind and tried to snatch Gorman's camera case. He yelled and managed to fend them off with help from a shopkeeper.

On the same street, not 50 feet further along, two larger boys attacked him and managed to wrest the camera case away. It contained his camera, film, glasses and address book.

In Paris, Bob was mugged unsuccessfully and later had a bag stolen at the railroad station. A friend of Bob's lost \$900 and her passport - stolen by a motor biker who pushed her into the gutter in Sicily.

Moral: do not carry anything - camera case, fanny pack, purse - containing anything of value outside your person. Do not wear any gold items where they can be seen - unless accompanied by an armed guard!

SOLUTION TO

LAST WEEK'S

SWISS PUZZLER

by Mary Ward
and Jim Slack

A crossword puzzle grid with 23 numbered words filled in. The words are:

- 1. FISH
- 2. NICK
- 3. SHIRLEY
- 4. S
- 5. M
- 6. CHARLOTTE
- 7. KIRK
- 8. BETTE
- 9. JIM
- 10. A
- 11. BOB
- 12. J
- 13. B
- 14. PADDY
- 15. J
- 16. MARGARET
- 17. ALICE
- 18. H
- 19. ELEANOR
- 20. SALLY
- 21. JOE
- 22. RAY
- 23. NANCY

SKI THE FAMOUS WEST by Bill Anderson

If you happened to be at Dulles Airport in the early morning hours of February 13, you could find Dina Taylor (later to be called "Chicken" Taylor) and ten of her followers, including Bill Anderson, Susan Applegate, Norm Engleman, Felix Russo, Burr and Byoung Schuler, Gloria Stapf, Bob Weiler, Emile Sherrad and Jack Wichorek, all fully packed and ready to take off on the first leg of the trip to Lake Tahoe. After an hour delay, we were on our way to Salt Lake City where we changed planes for Reno. The short hop to Reno was enjoyable until we arrived and found our skies had not. We were met by Charlie Gordon, Karen Hamm and John Pearson. After standing in line to make claims for the skis, we bussed to South Lake Tahoe and the Tahoe Chalet Inn. Our skis were delivered at midnight, that is all but Norm's. (That's the breaks, Norm; them who has, gets it.)

On Sunday we headed for Kirkwood, 30 miles from Tahoe, a vast ski area of rugged alpine terrain with 75 ks of groomed trails. The sun was hot and the wind blew. By 4:00 p.m. we were ready to return to Tahoe after a fun-filled day exploring Kirkwood. Little time was lost locating the hotel's hot tub and sauna and selecting a good restaurant for dinner. We opted for Caesars, where they served a buffet to several hundred people at one time with no waiting in line. The catch was that we were given a number and were at liberty to gamble until our number was called. Several hundred bucks later, we were summoned for our dinner. (Some of us did partake of the FREE COCKTAILS while playing the slot machines.)

The next day we decided to ski Heavenly Valley, a 23-square mile area straddling the California/Nevada border. We skied the sunny California side in the morning and the Nevada side in the afternoon. We were all fascinated to watch several dare-devil young skiers jump from the highest peaks from a rock projection. Our leader Dina was tagged "chicken" when she refused to follow suit. As we watched, some of us dug our toes into the snow and many of us had to take an early nature call. Heavenly Valley had many great runs including Gun-Barrel, which Burr Schuler led the pack down. (Burr led those who did not take the chair down.)

Tuesday was the day for Squaw Valley, U.S.A., 8300 acres of uncrowded slopes overlooking Lake Tahoe. The bus ride to the ^{SLOPES} ~~top~~ was spectacular, observing the 23-mile lake, crossing a glacier bridge, and being informed of the history of the area by our bus driver, Dick. We saw magnificent vacation homes of the wealthy, including Henry J. Keiser's estate, which is now condominiums. We found that the winds had blown most of the powder from the top of the mountain, but there was plenty of well-groomed base. This proved to be another great day with lots of new and exciting experiences for all. We speculated on taking the Tahoe Queen, a Mississippi paddle-boat back to Tahoe, but high winds prevented the trip, so we returned by bus.

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SKI THE FAMOUS WEST (Continued from previous page)

Felix Russo, our contact man, along with Emile Sherrard made reservations for Harrah's where we had a great dinner and saw Scott Hamilton's festival on Ice, with Tai and Randy. When we arrived at Harrah's there was a great line of people waiting to be seated, but lucky for us, Felix had made a few contacts during the day, so we were escorted ahead of everyone and were given two tables up front. After the dinner and show, more slots . . . The final days were spent at Heavenly Valley and all too soon our week at Tahoe was over.

We flew to Reno and said farewell to Susan, Charlie, Karen, John, Gloria, Felix, Bob and Jack. Then off to Salt Lake, where we met our new ski pals for Sun Valley. Exiting the Salt Lake airport, we found waiting patiently on the bus, Jack Peoples, Alice Swalm, Elizabeth and Gerard Yoest, Richard and Barbara Sada, and Jacques Hadler.

The bus ride to Sun Valley went fast, stopping several times for rest and refreshments. We arrived at the Elkhorn Lodge in Sun Valley in the late afternoon and found the storybook ski lodge. Truly a beautiful place, with every amenity.

The Sun Valley Ski area celebrated their 50th Anniversary in 1986 and visiting the old famous lodge featured in the movie "Sun Valley Serenade" was really a nostalgic trip.

After our ski days, some of us participated in high tea in the main lodge, and on one occasion, eight of us had a spectacular dinner at the main lodge, served by waiters wearing tails and white gloves. Some class!

Reggie and Jean Heitchue joined the group, so off to Sun Valley for six more days of wonderful skiing. Jack Peoples could not get enough of Christmas Bowl, just ask him.

The weather stayed perfect for the entire week. Sun Valley was rightfully named. We thank P.V.S. for offering the trip, and for having a great trip leader like Dina Taylor.

A T T E N T I O N

TYROLIA SKI BINDING RECALL

There could be a toe or heel lug breakage problem with the following models: 480, 290, 280, 230, 220, 190, 180, 177, 170, 90Junior, 80Junior.

No bindings with red lugs are affected.

See your favorite ski shop for further identification. If you turn in defective bindings to a shop before April 30, 1988, they will be replaced for free.

CORRECTION - The March TOOT gave incorrect office phone numbers for Mary Ward and Jim Slack in California. Correct numbers are:
Mary at work - 408-447-8358. Jim at work 415-354-3354.
Correct home number: 415-968-6330

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