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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Welcome, everyone, to the real spring that the last two weeks has presented to us in PVSland. I am honored and pleased to be your next president and look forward to serving this cohesive yet diverse group of amazing and talented skiers.

Congratulations to our five new members. We're glad to have you aboard... (as in the boards we carry to the slopes?).

A special welcome to our three new EXCOMers, Rosemary, Huey and Phil. The nominating committee did a superb job and I am excited about working with this team.

The Trip Committee's Questionnaire was well received at the annual meeting. We thank those of you who took them home for returning them so promptly. For those who did not attend the April meeting, we are sending the questionnaire to you with this issue of TOOT and request that you complete and return it in the enclosed envelope by May 12, 1987. We will tabulate the answers, summarize the comments and publish a report in the TOOT.

Hope to see you at our many spring events.

Jan

Janet Marx, President



MONTHLY MEETING - Tuesday, May 19th. 8:00 P.M.

Where: Shirley Rettig's home
in Alexandria, Virginia
604 Princess Street

This is a new meeting place for a club gathering and we are looking forward to our visit to Old Town Alexandria.

SKI TALK SNACKS BEVERAGES AS USUAL

DIRECTIONS ON NEXT PAGE.



Directions to Shirley Rettig's house: From the beltway - take Virginia exit #1N which is the first exit on the Virginia side of the Wilson bridge. Stay on Henry St. (US 1) through 8 traffic lights. Princess St. is the first street after the eighth light. Turn right onto Princess Street and go four blocks to 604 on the right side of the street. Via the George Washington Parkway - take the GW Parkway south toward Mt. Vernon and continue past National Airport into Alexandria. Princess Street is the eighth traffic light in Alexandria. Turn left into Princess St. 604 is in the first block on the right side of the street. Parking is plentiful and unrestricted on Washington Street which is the Alexandria segment of the GW Parkway. If lost call, 836-0147.

☆☆ ACTIVITIES ☆☆

Special Event

HIKE IN SHENANDOAH NATIONAL PARK

Date: Saturday, May 16th. 8:00 A.M.

What: 5-7 mile round trip hike in White Oak Canyon - one of the most spectacular ravines in the park with emphasis on waterfalls, cascades and swimming holes. We will start at the bottom of the canyon and return by the same route so that those who do not wish to go the whole route may laze by a waterfall until the return of the more energetic.

Wear: Sturdy shoes. And bring lots of gorp, water and lunch. (And perhaps liquid refreshments left on ice in your car for relief at trail's end.)

Time: 8:00 A.M. Meet at the Cooper School just inside the Beltway at Exit 13, Rte 193, Georgetown Pike. The school is on the right of #193 on Balls Hill Rd. Carpooling will be arranged here.

Reservations: Please call leader Lu Beale (363-3521) by Thursday May 14th so carpooling and trail head parking can be arranged.

Special Event

INTERNATIONAL DINNER AT THE COPEs - MAY 30th

SOLD OUT. Call Coordinator Marilyn Clark (978-9435) for menu instructions.

DIRECTIONS: Take the George Washington Parkway past the sailing marina to the first right turn which is marked Slaters Lane, to the parallel service road. At the first signal, make a right turn onto Slaters Lane. Follow Slaters Lane through a angled left past the warehouses and make the first right turn. Go over the railroad bridge and turn left onto Monroe Ave. (The Monroe Ave bridge is Rt. 1). Go through 2 signals and the Cope home is the big, white house on the right before the 3rd signal.

Also Coming

SAIL AND SWIM AT HADLER'S COTTAGE ON THE BAY

Saturday, June 6th. Rain date: Sunday, June 7th.

This event is, as usual, limited to 40 people. The format of bring your own lunch and come as early as 10 A.M., if you wish, will prevail.

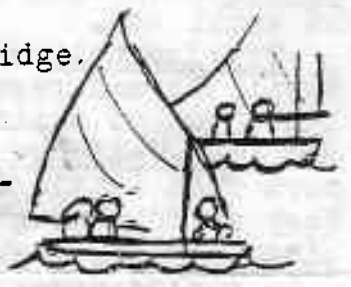
Each participant will bring a salad or dessert to share at the cookout beginning at 4:30 P.M. Hamburgers and hot dogs with all the fixings, beverages and munchies will be provided at the cost of approximately \$4.00 per person with a special rate for children under twelve. Call coordinator Gail Pease for guidance on salad or dessert contributions.

Reserve your place NOW by calling Gail at
H: 620-4573 O: 248-2100

If weather is "iffy" on Saturday morning call Jan Marx (451-9158) for a decision on Go or No Go.

Directions to Hadler's Cottage:

Go east from Annapolis on Rte 50 over Bay Bridge. At first traffic light after bridge, turn south on Rte 8 on Kent Island. The Matapeake Recreation Ground entrance is 3 miles south of Rte 50 (a public boat landing if you wish to launch your own boat). At the Kentmorr Airpark entrance, 5 miles south of Rte 50, turn right (back towards the bay). Take that road to Hadler's cottage. It's the only road - you can't go wrong. It's the blue (4th) cottage after the 90° turn.



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Special Event

PICNIC/SWIM/SAIL AT THE ANNAPOLIS HOME OF THE FLAKES

July 18th. Anytime after 1 P.M. Supper served around 5 P.M.

Reservations are limited.

Call Coordinator Rosemary Soler now (649-2155) to save places for you and yours.

See June TOOT for more details

SEPT
Special
Event

BEACH TRIP TO OCEAN CITY, SEPTEMBER 18-21, 1987

Price: approximately \$50

6 per condo at the fabulous beachfront "SEAWATCH" 115th St. Ocean Highway.

Available spaces are limited.

Call Dina Taylor: Office - 427-3227
Home - 301-663-6089

THE KNEE

by

Ray McKinley



It's bright, shining beautiful May.

Once again I am moved

to write poetknee. However, I was asked (told?) to keep it to one poem per year! So, it's on with other Maykneeia.

First and foremost: the skiing. Lots of PVSers beat my April 2nd in New Mexico (but I bet none had better conditions - no ice, no corn, just 20 inches of fresh powder - what a way to end the season!). Shirley Rettig came back from a week in Aspen on April 4th.

Ted Cardwell skied in Utah through April 12 and reported great conditions and no skiing at Brighton. Reg and Jean Heitchue have a similar report from Little Cottonwood Canyon. They skied through the 12th at Snowbird. By the way, Gail Pease, on a Utah business trip several weeks earlier, managed to ski the interconnect between Snowbird, Alta and Brighton. She reported "having a ball". A snowball, I presume.

Closer to home, Jack Peoples skied Elk Mt. and Camelback at the end of March and "the end of their season." Knox Felker was in Alta and skied until April 15. Was it taxing, Knox? Karen Felker is off visiting family in Denmark - but not likely to ski.

Dick Comerford missed our April 18th Billy Goat Trail hike in potentially inclement weather. It wasn't because of the weather. He was in Colorado and hoped to ski. More on this later.

Can anyone beat these dates? Let the Knee know. Larry Pease is going to try. He hopes to do Tuckerman's Ravine on Memorial Day. He was "warmed" out last year.

While a lot of us were skiing in April, Frank Shelburne was literally on the other side of the world - hiking the Milford Trek in New Zealand.

As a gravestone marking for any and all PVSers I suggest "Rest in Piste." And if one of our local suburbs creates a ski trail we could call it "Reston Piste."

I won't tell you which ex-president spilled a glass of wine at a recent event. It would embarrass Sheldon.

Lots of us had a ball with lots of help from the Macalusos and Sara Huggins at the play "The Butler Did It." During intermission, Dot Mills, Bette Walker and Jeanne Strickland recalled the butler's pantry at the Phillips Designer House last year with jars labelled "Poison". etc. on the shelves.

My Kneedle of the Season goes to several PVSers who didn't ski at all. Included on this egregious list are Jamie Miller, the Swabys and Maggie Jarrett. Tch, tch, tch.

At the other end, Jacques Hadler and Norm Engelman skied 11 Colorado areas in 18 days. Roy and Malda Elrod didn't expect to ski at all this season as they are building PVS a new Steak & Swim house and pool. However, they did manage to get in a few weeks in Utah. One morning brought 20 inches of new powder to Little Cloud bowl at Snowbird. (There seems to be a lot about Snowbird in this column. Maybe they will give me a perk!) Malda skied down the fall line and as she descended a passerby noted to Roy, "That lady is a credit to the sport." Right on.

Jim Wingrove is perturbed his one week (with an optional second week) trip planned for next year was not included in our trip list. He proposes a trip to his local patrol area. "SKI LIBERTY," his brochure begins. "Fly to scenic Gettysburg"

Dutch Mueller, long time president of Fagowes, had a heart attack while on one of his club's trips. He is recuperating but will not run for president again.

PAST EVENTS

TAOGYLLIB '87 by Chris Waln

April 18th, 19 PVS, 2 guests, and a ubiquitous Dachshund became the Potomac Valley Backtrackers as a "Pottowmack" River running +18 feet and rising cut off access to the 4.5 mile Billygoat and forced us to hike the 7 mile Toagyllib instead.

Taking full note of the "Dangerous Ice, No Skating, No Sledding" signs, we moved west in search of a way around the no longer dry creek beds. Conditions were so pleasant when we reached the entrance to the Toagyllib, we kept on going to the Great Falls Tavern for a contemplative look at nature in action. Here, the Rangers informed us that they had closed the park above Swain's Lock -- the river was only six inches below the tow-path -- and that they would be closing off areas downstream soon.

We hurriedly hiked downstream only to find that a bustling young Ranger had beat us to the Toagyllib with a staple gun and an "Area Closed" sign. A quick check with two nearby park police provided us permission to ignore the sign; so, down (or was it up) the Toagyllib we went. A short lunch on the rocks gave us the opportunity to watch West Virginia go by at a fair clip. Snags that would have given telephone poles an inferiority complex and oil drums in depressing numbers rounded out the spectacle. We all sat a little further from the edge than usual.

After lunch, we were cut off to the east by rapidly rising water and had to back our way out along a relief channel from the Widewater impoundment dam -- proving once again that blue blazes are merely a convenience to PVS not a necessity. After a short jaunt to the parking area we mutually agreed that this had been a outing of heroic uh, memorable proportions, and a well-deserved cheer for Lu Beale sent us on our way invigorated and ready for more.

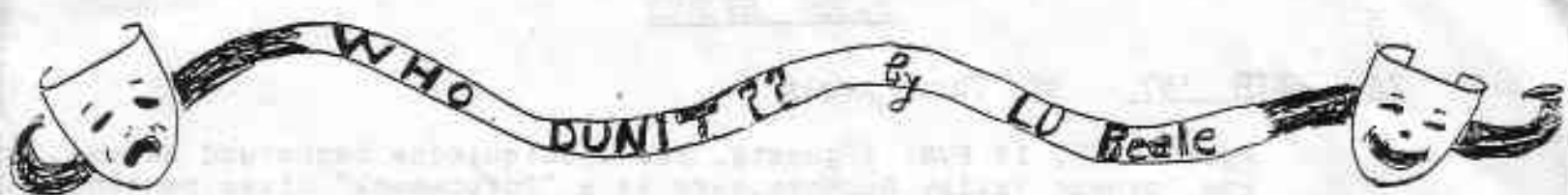


ANNUAL MEETING AT THE ENGLEMAN'S by Myra Evans



The monthly meeting at Norm and Mary Engleman's was a smash hit. The warm April weather brought out the flowers and all sorts of PVSer's to eat and exchange tales about this past winter's ski trips to Canada, Colorado, and Europe. As is the case at all PVS events, the food and wine flowed. The business portion consisted of approving club applicants and hailing and farewelling Sheldon Drews as outgoing president and Jan Marx as incoming president. A questionnaire was also passed out asking members some of their likes and dislikes and ideas about trips. It's a great way to get feedback on what the people want so make sure you send yours in if you didn't fill it out that night. The trip leaders for next season started discussing their tentative plans so keep your eyes on the TOOT for that info as it develops. Again, thanks to Mary and Norm for hosting such a big group of PVSer's and we all look forward to the summer and the activities ahead.

PAST EVENTS (CONTINUED)



The Montgomery Players acted it; Sara Huggins produced it; Vince Macaluso hosted it; the butler did it.

Such was the evening of April 5th when 26 PVS theatregoers travelled to the Montgomery Playhouse in Gaithersburg to view and applaud a mystery which sometimes seemed to be a play within a play within a play. All clues to unravelling the case pointed to Butler. But which Butler - that was the question. All we can say for sure is that (and we don't think we are giving away plot here) next December at the Heitchues' Christmas party we 'll view the mistletoe decorations with considerable apprehension.

Before curtain, Vince (with enthusiastic help from son Joel) presided over a lobby buffet of wines and fine cheeses which put the audience in a properly receptive mood for the upcoming show. After the final curtain, produceer Sara, who has worked in all phases of theatre production and administration, took us on a backstage tour to see the dressing rooms and the very impressive scenery and lighting facilities.

Before we departed, we noted a photograph in the lobby of Goldie Hawn and our own Norman Engelman who, as Montgomery Players, once shared the space behind the footlights of the Playhouse. Questions: Can Goldie ski? Can Norm act? Where was the butler?

We finally departed the scene with thanks to Sara and Vince and went home to bed to mull over these and other mysteries.

CALENDAR

- May 16 ... Hike in White Oak Canyon. (See p.2).
- May 19 ... Monthly Meeting at Shirley Rettig's house. 8:00 P.M.
- May 26 ... ExCom at Charlotte Reith's house. 7:30 P.M.
- May 30 ... International Dinner.(See p. 2).
- June 6 ... Picnic/Swim at Jacques Hadler's cottage.(See p. 3)
- June 16 ... Monthly Meeting at the Garretts. 8:00 P.M.
- June 23 ... ExCom at the Huggins. 7:30 P.M.
- July 18 ... Picnic/Swim/Sail with the Flakes in Annapolis.(See p.3).
- July 28 ... ExCom at Sheldon Drews' home. 7:30 P.M.
- Aug. 1 ... Bolshoi Ballet.
- Aug. 22 ... Steak & Swim at the Elrods.
- Aug. 25 ... ExCom at Aase Berling's home. 7:30 P.M.
- Sept. ? ... Crabfeast
- Sept.18-21 . Ocean City Weekend.Dina Taylor leading.(See p. 3).

!! SKI TRIP !!

A Potomac Valley Skiers Sanctioned Trip
Jackson Hole, Wyoming and Salt Lake City, Utah Areas
March 5 - 20, 1988
Your choice of any 1 of 3 different packages

Package #1: Jackson Hole - Saturday, March 5 to Sunday, March 13

- INCLUDES: 8 nights at the Sojourner Inn, a first class full-service hotel, located at the base of the lift system - facilities include pool, sauna, jacuzzi, two restaurants, cocktail lounge, and game room.
- Airport transfers by bus 30 minutes from airport
 - Roundtrip air - Washington, D.C. to Jackson
 - Does not include meals or lift tickets
 - Price - \$790.00 per person, double occupancy, in DeLux rooms
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Package #2: Salt Lake City - Sunday, March 13 to Sunday, March 20

- INCLUDES: 7 nights at Best Western's "Little America" hotel in downtown Salt Lake City, convenient to everything - a prestigious first class hotel with pool, exercise room, saunas and jacuzzi, two restaurants, cocktail lounge with live evening entertainment.
- Airport transfers - 15 minutes from the hotel
 - Roundtrip air - Washington, D.C. to Salt Lake City
 - Does not include meals or lift tickets or ski bus transportation to any of the 5 different ski areas. The UTA public ski bus system is just \$3.00 each way to Alton, Snowbird, Brighton and Solitude areas - all about 1 hour by ski bus. Park City area also about 1 hour by private bus system.
 - Car rentals are available but not necessary.
 - Price - \$625.00 per person, double occupancy, in DeLux rooms
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Package #3: Jackson Hole and Salt Lake City combined Saturday, March 5 to Sunday, March 20 (15 nights and 13 ski days)

- INCLUDES: The same hotel accommodations as packages #1 and #2 above.
- Roundtrip air between all points
 - All airport transfers
 - Price - \$1,125.00 per person, double occupancy in DeLux Rooms

NOTE: We are negotiating air fares and hope to have some reduction which will be passed through to participants.

★ A \$50 refundable deposit (make check payable to PVS JACKSON HOLE) will reserve you a place until distribution of flier in a later FOOT. ★

Please contact trip leader Gorman Young if interested.
Telephone: (202) 244-2319 (daytime or evenings)
Or write: 5187 Watson St. N.W. Washington, D.C. 20016

LETTERS

FOR EIGHT YEARS , THE EDITOR OF TOOT HAS VIGOROUSLY SOLICITED READERSHIP COMMENTS (PRO OR CON) REGARDING THE CONTENTS OF THE NEWSLETTER. ALL TO NO AVAIL UNTIL THIS MONTH A LETTER TO THE EDITOR FINALLY AND ASTONISHINGLY APPEARED IN THE EDITORIAL MAILBOX.

WE ARE VERY HAPPY TO PRINT THIS LETTER IN OUR HITHERTO VACANT LETTERS-TO-THE-EDITOR COLUMN BUT WHETHER IT IS A PRO OR CON COMMENT WE MUST LEAVE IT TO YOU TO DECIDE.

Dearest TOOT Editor;

We wish to protest the vicious, snide, intemperate, and altogether too accurate description of the lovely snow typical of the Lake Tahoe area as "Sierra Concrete" (C. Huggins, Tahoe Gathering of PVS Skiers, TOOT, April, 1987). The proper term is Sierra Cement. Yes, concrete is cement mixed with rocks. Yes, the snow has been sparse this winter. Yes, we used our rock skis most of this winter. Sigh.

It was a pleasure to ski with so many PVS'ers here this year. Those who plan to ski in the Tahoe area in the future should let us know and we will try to meet them there - come concrete or cement.

22 Apr. 87

600 Fairmont Ave.
Mountain View, CA
94041

Sincerely,

Jim
James R. Slack

Mary
Mary Ellena Ward

P.S. Mary's horse had a filly (that's pink horseshoes) named Sunrise on 4 April.

NEW MEMBERS

The following applicant members were unanimously elected to full membership at the Annual Meeting, April 21st.

Emile Sherrard
Eugenia Ufholz
Janet and Chris Waln
Wayne Yessler

WELCOME, ALL!!

Over 60? NEVER MIND. There
OVER 70? Are rewards. Sort of.

PVS's young Charlie Huggons notes
some of them in the list below.

Members of PVS who will join the senior citizens club in 1987 should keep in mind that reduced rates are available at the ski areas. Both the age and benefits vary from one area to the next. The following are some of the prices which were available to members during the 1986-1987 season:

- SKI LIBERTY OR SKI ROUNDTOP, PA. (65-69) \$13. OVER 70 FREE
- SQUAW VALLEY, CA. (65-69) \$5.00. OVER 70 FREE
- BRECKENRIDGE, CO. (60-69) \$12.00. OVER 70 FREE
- STEAMBOAT, CO. OVER 65 FREE
- VAIL, CO. (65-70) \$22.00. OVER 71 FREE
- WINTER PARK, CO. (62-70) \$12.00. OVER 70 FREE
- SUN VALLEY, ID. \$20.00
- TAOS, NM. OVER 65 \$15.00
- BRIGHTON, UT. (60-65) \$5.00.
- DEER VALLEY, UT. OVER 65 \$18.00
- PARK CITY, UT. (65-69) \$13.00. OVER 70 FREE
- SNOWBASIN, UT. (65-70) \$9.00. OVER 70 FREE
- PARK WEST, UT. OVER 65 FREE
- JACKSON HOLE, WY. \$13.00
- BLACKCOMB, B.C. OVER 65 FREE
- WHISTLER, B.C. \$20.00

If you have not received a Trip Questionnaire.... call Jan Marx

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- Aase Berling
- Bette Walker
- Margaret Wyckoff

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- Huey Roberts
- Rosemary Soler
- Phil Ufholz

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- Sheldon Drews

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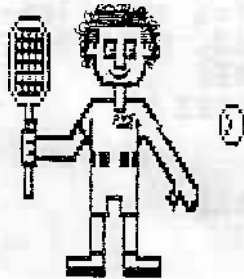


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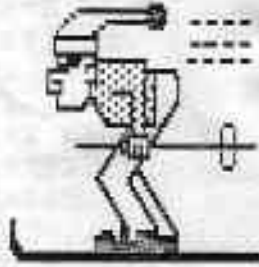
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