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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Have you felt that cold nip in the air the last week or two? Have you read about the foot of snow in the midwest and the several inches in parts of Pennsylvania and New England? Do you know they have been making snow for nearly a month at Killington? And that Mont Tremblant guarantees skiable conditions by Thanksgiving? Is your blood rushing as fast as mine at thoughts of the coming season? I hope so because all predictions are for a GREAT winter!

By now I know that many of you have made all of your "major" skiing plans for the season, some of which include the PVS "Big Trips." I hope you also have considered the other trip offerings we have for this year (see list elsewhere). It is the most extensive offering we have had in some time. Do take advantage of it and help our trip leaders out by signing up soon. Last one to the slopes has to buy the next round!

See you soon.

Bob

Happy Thanksgiving!

Bob Marx, President



NOVEMBER MEETING

When: Tuesday, November 16th. 8 p.m.

What: Regular third Tuesday monthly meeting, this time featuring a discussion of the latest ski equipment led by the Ski Center's Brian Eardley. Plus a movie, refreshments and good company.

Where: At Charlotte Eddy's house, 3413 White Oak Court, Fairfax, Va. Telephone: 385-1022.

Directions: From Beltway #495, go West on Rte. 50 to Fairfax Circle - (approximately 3 miles). Go three quarters of way around circle and go West on Rte 237, pass shopping center to first street (note Great Oaks sign) where you go right and continue one block to a right on Great Oaks Way. Continue one block to right on White Oaks Court to Number 3413 - Charlotte's abode.



Bole

Special Events

GREAT FALLS HIKE

When: Saturday, November 27th. 11 a.m. (Rain date: Nov. 28th)
What: A hike in Virginia's Great Falls Park to view the falls and some of the old canal ruins.
Where: Meet at the McKinleys' at 11 a.m. We will hike into the park from their house. Bring your own picnic lunch. After the hike we will return to the McKinleys' for hot mulled wine and snacks.

Reservations: Limited to 30. Call the McKinleys (759-4432) by November 22nd.

Directions to the McKinley House: Take Beltway Exit #13 for Great Falls via Rte 193 (George Washington Parkway). Go about 6 1/2 miles (0.4 mile beyond the light at Great Falls Park) and turn right on River Bend Road. Go 1.8 miles to right on Maria Avenue. The McKinley house is at 9201 Maria Ave.- the 4th house from the corner on the right.

HARVEST DINNER Saturday, December 4th at 7 P.M.

Don't miss this second annual PVS Harvest Dinner at Skyline House East, Bailey's Crossroads, Va. Enjoy a spectacular view, a sit-down, gourmet dinner with wine, and the special camaraderie that is part of every PVS event.

Reservations are limited to 49. Call Marilyn Clark by Monday, November 29, to sign up. Marilyn and Karen Felker are coordinating the menu and Marilyn will tell you what to bring. EVERYONE bring his own plate and flatware!

DIRECTIONS TO SKYLINE HOUSE EAST: From I-395 (Shirley Highway) take Rte 7 Exit West to left on George Mason Drive. Take 2nd left from there into Skyline House parking area and get a parking permit at the desk there (they tow without a permit) or park without a permit on George Mason Drive or in the Skyline Shopping Mall parking lot.

In the Skyline House East building, take elevator to Penthouse floor and the party room.



PAST EVENTS

SECOND ANNUAL REHOBOTH BEACH WEEKEND by Bob Barry

The Powers-That-Be up there in the great Snowy Mountains in the Sky smiled benignly for the 2nd straight year on the annual PVS Rehoboth Beach Party weekend, September 24-26. Despite a somewhat iffy weather forecast, nearly perfect early fall weather prevailed from Friday night through Saturday and even allowed a few sunburned KNEES (if you'll excuse the expression) to appear, especially those belonging to Pres. Bob Marx who had everything else but them things well covered.

The good times for 32 PVSers and guests began Friday evening with a wine & cheese plus party from "Vivian's catering service" and lasted 'til the wee hours of the morning.

Most were up early Saturday morning to shop for bargains at the annual autumn sidewalk sales, view the Shriners' parade, or just loaf in the sun on the beach. The Big Saturday Night Lobster/Clam Broil began with the group, gathered on the Barrys' patio, devouring a hundred or so raw and baked clams and ended with lobsters, corn, potatoes, onions, salad, delicious desserts, popcorn and marshmallows toasted over an open fire on the beach. (It's high time we officially renamed the club the PVS&E - and you all know what the Big E stands for.) The group finally dragged itself back to the Barry house for more fun around the player piano and a slide presentation of Greece by the Wyckoffs at House #2.

Although Sunday dawned cloudy, breezy and cool, it was great weather for strolling the beach, bicycling, antiquing, etc. The group met once more for a midday cookout at the Barry house before breaking up to start for home. Not a moment too soon for at that very moment the rains came!

(Note: Thanks, Barrys, for arranging another fine PVS event.)

OKTOBERFEST by Mary Lee Grasley



Sun and moon both shone brilliantly on the 60 PVSers and guests who on October 2nd gathered once again at the Wyckoffs to celebrate the Oktoberfest. While quaffing beer from an array of impressive looking steins, the celebrants exchanged news of summer activities and upcoming trips - highlights being the Wieses upcoming trip to Nepal to yak-trek across the Himalayas - and Adele's revisit to Hong Kong to see #1 son. The Masons off to Italy to see Florence and gondola down the Tiber.

The Barrys appeared most avant-garde in western garb, with skis and orthotics at the ready, in their convertible. Prettier than ever, Patty and friend represented the younger set and greatly adorned the proceedings.

Surrounded by high-spirited PVSers in traditional dress (special mention to Felker and frauleins Waggaman and Larsen for their authenticity) the strains of German music and the Alpenhorn transported us on Wyckoffs' magic carpet to a distant Alp.

Tempting aromas soon filled the air, and as if by some sleight of hand, tables were filled with savory food - German potato salad à la chef Vivian, sauerkraut à la Aina, and beans baked by many helping hands. Then, with great fan-fare, Margaret announced "the wurst is still to come." Next came coffee and the mystery of the evening, "How such a variety of pflaumenkuchen developed from the same recipe" but all equally delicious. And then in honour of Dionysus, wine was served.

Moans and groans were audible as satiated guests reluctantly took their departure, concluding yet another outstanding PVS event.

DANKE SCHÖEN, WYCKOFFS!

PAST EVENTS (CONTINUED)

THE GREAT MASON/MOUNTAIN CAPER by Bette Walker

- Act 1 Fish Hatchery, Elizabeth Furnace, George Washington National Forest, October 17, 1982
- Act 11 Massanutten Mountain Trail, same day.
- Act 111 Masons' Front Royal villa, later same day.

Cast: Logistics expert..... Jenckes Mason, matinee idol
 Chef de cuisine..... Dot Mason, leading lady
 Trail Scouts/Leaders.....Lu Beale, Frank Shelbourne, pioneers
 Chauffeurs, hikers, eaters,
 apprentice chefs, pot
 wallopers.....PVS Stalwarts, about 40, all ages, sizes, sexes

Space will not permit inclusion of entire action. Herewith highlights. See cast for further details.

1. Incredibly intricate transportation successfully organized by Logistics Expert. assisted by multi-talented chef de cuisine.
2. Threatening skies cleared immediately after purchase of rain gear by Gorman Young, Helen Price, and Sheldon Drews. Appreciated.
3. 5-mile hikers treated to sight of stunning rainbow covering opposite mountain, golden pot of beer sighted at end by thirsties.
4. Horrible realization that Celinda is perfectly capable of writing The Knee if Ray is unavailkneeble. (Apologies)
5. Larry Pease's free (!) lecture on Eliz. furnace where iron was produced for Confederate Army.
6. Chef's hot and cold (mild was correction) chili with trimmings and yummy desserts.
7. Left behind: a woman's flannel Eddie Bauer shirt left in house and waiting to be claimed.

The cast wishes to thank the stars (those wonderful Masons) for a memorable day.

Note: the Masons express "a very special 'thank you' to Lu Beale and Frank Shelburne for leading the hikes; to Mary Lee Grasley for the cherry tomatoes; and to all those who helped with food preparation and cabin cleanup."

OCTOBER MEETING AT THE HEITCHUE HOME by Gail Gell

Reg and Jean Heitchue hosted our October meeting with their usual bountiful food and gracious hospitality. About 30 PVSers gathered to view two movies provided by Bob Grasley. The first movie was instructive and the second uplifting - both enjoyed by all.

President Bob Marx conducted a short business meeting during which several guests were introduced.

Our thanks again to Reg and Jean for hosting our meeting!

PAST EVENTS (CONTINUED)

A SAIL ON THE CHESAPEAKE by Celinda McKinley

As a native New Mexican who naturally hates water, I am utterly amazed at myself for willingly sitting down to tell you about our wonderful 2-day sail on Chesapeake Bay October 8-10.

The captain of our boat was fellow PVSer Dean Worcester - a fabulous waterman. We never once capsized, went aground, or collided with any of the stink pots (motor boats) which Dean aimed at as they cut in front of us.

In addition to learning many new words having to do with boats and such, I also learned that 1. it's a bit difficult to master cooking on an alcohol stove; 2. it's most desirable to be helmsperson as you are always first to eat; 3. it's also least desirable to be helmsperson if you can't stay the course or if you jive when the captain says jibe.

It was exhilarating, wafting along with the breezes in the crisp autumn air. We charted a course from Dean's house above Annapolis, down the Severn and around St Michael's, then up the Wye River where we finally dropped anchor. As we had dinner on deck we watched the sky blacken with flock after flock of Canadian geese winging their way to Wye Island to eat and rest on their southward migration. In the morning we awakened to the gentle slapping of waves on hull and the honking of geese as they continued their journey. Later in the morning we explored more of the river around the island. With others of the goose-watching armada, our sailboats danced a strange, silent ballet as we glided in and out of coves and inlets and skirted the trolling lines of the local crab fishermen.

Unfortunately, this narrative is too short to recount the excitement of our sail back to Annapolis Sunday evening. An even greater loss are the 12 pages of Ray's puns which I faithfully recorded during the trip. Ray thought them extremely witty but TOOT editor contends that Ray confused the honking of the geese for raucous laughter.

OFFICIAL WINE TASTING POLL by Don Cope

At the PVS 1982 wine tasting at the Englemans', tasters were asked to rate the wines on a scale of 1 to 10. The idea was to find out which wines were preferred for future tastings. Clearly, PVS is not a group with a one track mind. The result follows:

NO.	WINE	PRICE YEAR	INDIVIDUAL RATINGS	SUMMARY		
				Lo	Hi	Average
1.	Parducci Vineyard Mendocino County French Colombard	\$5.00 '79	1111 3445555 666 788 10	1	10	4.8
2.	Pere Padriarche Blanc de Blancs	\$ 4.00 NV	111 233334555 55 67810	1	10	4.5
3.	Ventana Vineyard Pinot Blanc	\$ 7.50 '79	01111223444 555 6667	0	7	3.5
4.	Montbray Vineyard Rose	\$ 4.50 NV	112 333 4555 666666 777	1	7	4.7
5.	Beaulieu Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon	\$ 6.00 '78	1 22345666677 777 5559 10	1	10	5.9
6.	Pedroncelli Zinfandel	\$ 4.00 '79	2 334566666 777 88888	2	8	6.0
7.	Cotes du Rhone E. Guigel	\$ 6.50 '79	3444 55 666 7 8 8 88 999 10 10	3	10	6.8
8.	Robert Pecola Muscato do Andrea	\$ 8.00 '77	1 2356 77 88 999 10 10	1	10	6.7

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The Knee

by

Ray McKinley



Over the years two PVS names have not appeared with great frequency in the Knee. That of TOOT editor who judiciously "edits" her foibles out and my own because I am so modest(?).

However, I intend to change that, having recently gone through a process called (what else?) matrimonknee. I am pleased to announce that I now have a kneephyte wife, Celinda, and two progenknee (progenknees?), Melinda (12) and Jessica (8). The small ceremony was performed by a minkneester at the Fairfax Ukneetarian Church. (Note that I did not choose to use the term "honkneemoon." I'll save two thirds of that for later.)

If I get the new family to help write this column, will that be kneepotism?

The hike which Dot and Jenckes Mason organized was excellent. Incredibly, 5 days after the hike (and after providing dinner for the 40 of us), they left on an extensive European tour. As we started up the steepest part of the climb, Margaret Wyckoff noted that it would have been easier had we taken the chairlift. At the top, we were all huffing and puffing and wheezing. What cacophoknee!

Charlie and Sarah Huggins were the first to renew their PVS membership this year. I wonder who will be last? Mort Kuff, sending in his renewal, wrote a note to Membership Chairperson Marilyn Clark saying that, in an effort to save postage, the Knee could be left out of his copy of TOOT. And Dick Clark told me he thought the column was unknneeded. With friends like these, who kneeds enkneemies?

Could the remarks be classified as Knee injuries? I don't always demand the last word - it's bekneeth me - but I note that Mort never uses his full name, Mortician (a kneecrophiliac). And, Marilyn, what you told me about Dick certainly is true!

Speaking of knee injuries, Bob Barry is recovering from his - obtained while playing tenknees - and Charlotte Reith is recovering nicely from recent knee surgery. She is

already walking without ski poles and virtually no limp. Both expect to ski this season.

Expect new membership cards this year. Seems we have run out of the old ones and Mort Kuff is designing new ones. (I don't understand why he is insisting on peppermint & puce colors.)

Mary Lee Grasley has volunteered to put together PVS membership requirements for cross-country skiers - requirements long needed. The Knee notes that it was this same Mary Lee who taught Jim Wingrove how to ski several years ago at Braddock Heights. (I won't say exactly when this was but "several" does mean more than two.)

Speaking of learning to ski, Roy Elrod learned by driving from beautiful downtown Muleshoe, Texas, to Santa Fe, New Mexico, to use the first rope tow in the southwest. That was 45 years ago this winter. Ray's rope burns from that first year are finally healing.

The PVS sailing weekend was a splendid outing. We left Annapolis and sailed to a pre-selected location. I can now understand Wye Captain Dean Worcester chose it. There were stately mansions and beautiful fields filled with bee hives and bees making honknee. (See, I told you I'd find a use for that pun!) After spending the night on board, the trip's highlight came the following morning when we saw the Canadian geese in their early morning ritual. They would get into their showers, come out, pick up their downy, soft, white towels and gently paté themselves dry. It was a sight I'll probably not liver to see again. It gave me goose bumps.

Good to see Don McBride, after a considerable absence, at the October meeting at the Heitchue's. Also, ex-Excomer Bill Hagen just back from 3 years in Phillipine capital: Mankneela.

On a cold, blustery morning during the Rehoboth weekend, Steve Grenleski went swimming in the Atlantic. He must be a member of the Polar Bears!

At the beach, I noticed a construction worker wearing ski gaiters - obviously to keep sand out of his boots. I asked him if he bought the gaiters for skiing. He said, yes, at a ski shop in Gaitersburg. (See p. 7 for this month's glossarknee.)

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BLUE RIDGE SKI COUNCIL REPORT by Geoff' Wadey

The Blue Ridge Ski Council (of which we are members individually and as a club) continues to support the Ski Patrol. At the fall meeting, the BRSC voted to contribute \$100 to the Patrol in this area. The Patrol is making a new emphasis on the prevention of accidents, not just getting you safely down the hill. Because they are no longer allowed to maintain their binding check program (possible law suits) they will try to provide self-check information for skiers.

A new club, the Air Force Headquarters Ski Club, has joined BRSC -and been granted BRSC sanction for 2 trips(both open to us):2-day trip Jan.9th to Greek Peak, N.Y; and 5-day trip, March 20, to Sugarloaf, Maine.

This year's Ski-O-Ree will be held at Canaan Valley, Feb. 4-6. The lift at Canaan has been straightened out, literally. Seems it was installed by the state and the towers were not properly aligned so the cables kept jamming. A new area, Mt Timberline, with one lift (and more coming) will open this year just 2 miles from Canaan Valley. In 2 years there will be another nearby, called Torrey Mtn., with 4 triple chairs. Both new areas will have 1000 feet or more of vertical. Other ski area news is that Elk Mtn. has expanded its base lodge and there is a new area at Tussey Hill at State College, Pa.

Both Oregon Hill and Jack Frost owe money to BRSC clubs; some are substantial amounts. The council voted to have the president write Oregon Hill (the worse offender) expressing our displeasure. The council is investigating insurance for clubs, an increasing problem because of liability suits, and will report back to us. There were no nominations for the BRSC Ski Safety Award this year.It was pointed out that it is the responsibility of the clubs to make nominations.(Several PVSers have been award winners in previous years.)

USSA is now split into 4 parts - Sport, Competition, Ski Team, and the Ski Education Foundation. Coordination is a problem. There will be a USSA Week at Killington on Mar 13-20 Individual dues are now \$20 but if sent in by a club are only \$16 and for a club to join costs \$35, for which it gets one free membership and copies of Ski News.The Eastern Convention will be May 1st in Cambridge, Mass.Spring BRSC Meeting will be at Arlington Hall on April 10th. (It's about time that PVS hosted a meeting!)

SKI THE SOUTH PACIFIC?

Bob Grasley is recently returned from a ski trip to New Zealand where he skied Mount Ruapehu (in the North Island), Mt. Hutt, the Mt Cook region (helicopter skiing), and Coronet Peak.

As a result of a movie shown at the Englemans' Wine & Cheese party, some skiers have expressed interest in New Zealand. Although there are no plans for a PVS trip to New Zealand because of the distances and time involved, Bob would be willing to provide details regarding skiing, fishing and hiking there to anyone interested. (460-3167)

ADDITIONAL GEMS FROM MCKINLEY'S GLOSSARKNEE:

- pewknee .. small
- bekneeth .. one step lower than akneeth
- phonknee .. what you are supposed to do if you have news that is kneesworthy
- punkneeshment .. this column, especially to Mort Kuff
- minkneesota .. a 4 oz. pepsi

SWEATSHIRTS ! ! SWEATSHIRTS ! !

Due to popular demand, PVS now has an official sweatshirt. Members will have a choice of two styles -- pullover or zipper front with hood. Color will be navy blue with white letters (PVS - of course) and emblem. (Anyone wishing a different color may prepay and order direct - Vivian has details) In order to obtain your sweatshirt by Xmas, give Vivian Barry (560 3127) a call and tell her your style preference and size. Sweatshirt sizes run small - order at least one size larger than you normally wear. Price: pullover \$8.50; Zipper \$12.00.

The decisions regarding PVS sweatshirts did not come easily. The following notes taken by Club Secretary Irene Farrell at the October ExCom meeting, hosted by the Grasleys, will give club members some idea of the soul searching involved in this momentous matter:

// Charlotte made a motion ^(seconded) to have an official PVS sweatshirt in lavender, 2 styles. It was defeated.

" Dorothy Mills made a motion for navy blue, 2 styles, navy blue and white, Bob Grasley seconded. By a vote of 3 to 3 it was not carried.

" Charlotte made a motion to allow members to select their own colors, both styles. Bob Barry seconded. By a vote of 2 for and 3 opposed, the motion was defeated.

" Bob Barry made a motion for a choice of two colors two styles. It was not seconded.

" Bob Marx made a motion for an official sweatshirt to be navy with white lettering and emblem, pullover or zipper with hood to be stocked by PVS. Those who wished to order on their own a different color would not be censored. Sheldon seconded. Passed by a vote of 5 for and 1 absentee (temporary).

" Irene Farrell was directed to put a blurb in Toot. Vivian Barry agreed to take orders. Price: pullover \$8.50, Zipper \$12.00. It was the consensus of the members present that Mort and Angie Kuff should both receive sweatshirts gratis for Mort's preparation of art work. By a straw vote, it was believed that 60% of the order should be for hooded, 40% for regular, that depending on the response Vivian received before it was time to place the order, ~~that~~ 50 should be ordered; 30 hooded, 10 Med. 10 Large, 10 X Large; 20 pullover, 7 med, 7 large, 6 X large.

" Bob Barry made the motion, Drew seconded and it was unanimous."

(Editor's note:

Now, all you members out there better do your part: buy a sweatshirt!)

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 16 ... Monthly Meeting at Charlotte Eddy's. 8 p.m.
 November 23 ... ExCom at Lu Beale's. 7:30 p.m.
 November 27 ... Great Falls Hike with McKinleys. 11 a.m.
 December 4 ... Harvest Dinner. Call Marilyn Clark (978-9435).
 December 21 ... Christmas Gluwein Party at Adele Waggaman's. 8 p.m.
 December 28 ... ExCom at the Clarks'. 7:30 p.m.
 December 31 ... New Year's Eve Party at the Barrys'. (560-3127).

TRIP SCHEDULE

December 5 - 11 ... New Hampshire Skierized Car Trip.
 Call Charlie Huggins 424-5725 (H) 436-7565 (O)
 January 7 - 9 ... Wisp l.Kuffs leading. (333-6039)
 January 15 - 30 ... La Plagne, France, Wyckoffs leading. (589-5532).
 February 18- 21 ... Wisp ll. Barrys leading. (560-3127).
 Feb. 26 - Mar 12... Banff/Whistler. Englemans leading. (299-2635).
 Mar 4 - 11 ... Mt. Washington Valley, N.H. Barrys lead.(560-3127).
 (See details below.)

SKI MT. WASHINGTON VALLEY, N.H. March 4 - 11.

Lodging: 1884 Palmer House in Eaton Center near Conway, N.H.

Skiing: Cranmore, Wildcat, Attitash and Black Mtn. Also many cross country trails.

Cost: From \$145 to \$225 depending on number in room.
 Price includes breakfast and dinner.
 \$65 week's lift pass good for all ski areas.

Transportation: Car pools to Eaton Center (600 miles).

Call the Barrys at 560-3127.

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