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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

I was encouraged by ExCom to call your attention to the fact that it is MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL time. Please take note.

### MEMBERSHIP

There's nothing to being  
If you can't be skiing

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We had one PVSer  
Well - more or lesser--

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I heard from the Knee  
That she wasn't to be.

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They say we lost her,  
She's not on the roster.

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She didn't send money  
Is she a snow bunny?

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Please mail in the form,  
Don't wait for the storm.

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If you don't remember,  
You'll be dropped in November.

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Let's make Marilyn smile  
For a very long while.

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Just don't delay,  
Send your money TODAY!!

I hope everyone had a relaxing or newsworthy summer. Did you do your part to get culture?

Janet Marx, President

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### MONTHLY MEETING

Tuesday, September 15th 8:00 P.M.

Where: Home of Chris and Janet Waln  
5338 Christfield Court  
Fairfax, Va.

### SEASON STARTER!!!

Visit with old friends....show and tell of summer adventures....swap plans for the winter.

PLUS: View a videotape of a history of skiing in the United States.

SEE NEXT PAGE FOR DIRECTIONS TO THE WALNS.



DIRECTIONS TO THE WALNS' HOME FOR SEPTEMBER MEETING:

FROM EAST OF FAIRFAX CITY

PROCEED ON BELTWAY TO BRADDOCK ROAD. (620). EXIT WEST, CONTINUE DOWN BRADDOCK TO SIDEBURN RD, TURN LEFT ON SIDEBURN, CONTINUE SOUTH THROUGH ZION RD 4-WAY STOP TO NELLIE WHITE (JUST OVER A MILE); TURN LEFT ON NELLIE WHITE, CONTINUE TWO BLOCKS TO CHRISTFIELD CT, TURN LEFT ON CHRISTFIELD. HOUSE IS NUMBER 5338, BROWN, AND AT THE END OF THE COURT.

FROM NORTH AND WEST OF FAIRFAX CITY

PROCEED SOUTH ON ST RD 123, WEST OX, THROUGH BRADDOCK INTERSECTION TO ZION RD (JUST PAST FAIRFAX COUNTRY CLUB), TURN LEFT ON ZION RD, CONTINUE TO SIDEBURN RD, TURN RIGHT ON SIDEBURN, SEE ABOVE.

FROM SOUTH OF FAIRFAX CITY

PROCEED UP ST RD 123. TURN RIGHT AT ZION RD (EXXON STATION), SEE ABOVE.

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# Coming Events

## Annual Crabfeast

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6th. 2 P.M.

Just a reminder for those signed up for the annual day-before-Labor Day swim and crab-out at the Wingroves' Potomac home.

Directions: Take Beltway #495 north to 270 N. Take Montrose Road Exit. At light at exit, turn left on Montrose Road. Next traffic light turn right on Seven Locks Rd. Proceed through next traffic light and take second left onto Ritchie Parkway. Go through next traffic light and take the 4th left onto Scott Drive. A sign will say "No trucks - restricted bridge ahead." (If you pass the high school, you've gone too far!) Go over the wooden bridge to next stop sign. Turn left onto Overlea Drive to 9211. (First driveway on left.)

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### OCEAN CITY WEEKEND - September 18 - 21, 1987

Price: Approximately \$50 per person for 3 nights. Six per condo at Luxurious beachfront SEAWATCH, 115th St/ Ocean Ave. Beach is beautiful and the water still warm enough for swimming. Plan for a glorious weekend at the ocean. Enjoy sand, sun and fun. A few participants have signed up but we need a few more. Call Dina Taylor by September 7th. Office: 427-3227. Home: 301-663-6088.

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# Oktoberfest

When: Saturday, October 3rd. 2:00 P.M.

What: Annual beerfest and Oktober merrymaking at the Wyckoffs'. German sausage...potato salad.. pflaumen kuchen... BEER!!!

Where: At Margaret & Bob Wyckoffs' 8100 Park Crest Drive Silver Spring, Md.

Cost: Approximately \$8 a person

Reservations : A MUST.

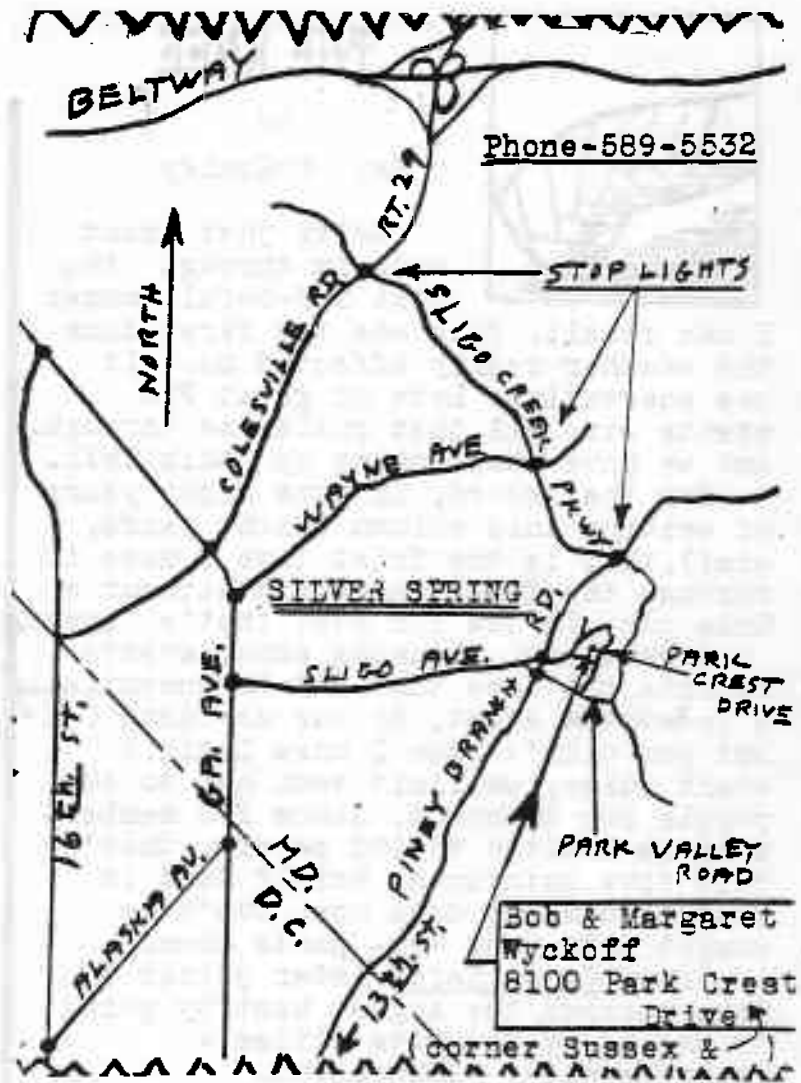
Limited to 40. Call Margaret (589-5532) by the September 26 cut-off day.

Note: Bring your own plate and eating utensils . Your personal beer mug welcomed. Lederhosen/dirndl optional.

**RAIN OR SHINE!!**



OCMPAH!  
COMPAH!



Phone-589-5532

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## FALL HIKE WITH DINNER AFTERWARDS AT THE STRASBURG, VA. HOME OF SHAHR SAD AND JAMIE MILLER - October 17, 1987

When: October 17th.

Limited to 40.

Cost: approximately \$8.50

Directions for meeting, etc. will appear in October TCOT.

This promises to be an outstanding PVS affair. The hike to Signal Knob in the Massanutters is familiar to many who made the climb under the direction of the Masons in 1980. It is challenging with a rewarding view at the top. Dinner afterwards at the Millers under Shahr'sad's direction will have an Iranian flavor and is certain to be an exciting gastronomic adventure.

Call the Millers (533-7651) to reserve a place. Cut off date is October 13th.

For information on hike, call Lu Beale (363-3521).

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# THE KNEE

by

Ray McKinley

We've just about made it through the most God-awful summer

I can recall. This was the first time the weather really affected me. It was enervating. Lots of great PVS events were all that pulled me through. And we have more coming up this fall.

For the record, in some eight years of writing this column (eight years, wow!), this is the first time I made it through the first paragraph without a Knee pun. In the far east that's Nippon.

Anykneeway, thinking about events reminds the Knee that PVS is essentially a 5-bathroom event. By our de facto (I bet you didn't know I knew Latin!) event rules, we limit each one to 40 people per bathroom. Since PVS membership is limited to 200 people, that's just five bathrooms. Moral? Send in your membership dues now. Don't be caught with your -er- pants down.

Pres. Janet Marx, later joined by Bob, escaped the August heat by going to one of my favorite cities - Minkneapolis, Minkneesota.

Speaking of skiing, which I choose to do, here's more on the latest to ski. The new winners are Bill and Elke Stecher. Now in Germany, they skied the glacier in Zermatt on July 4th. But the Stechers won't retain the record. Maybe. In a few weeks, Jack Peoples is off to ski in Chile (I told him it's always chile when you ski) in an area called Termine de Chilean. It has 4 lifts. He will visit Machu Picchu in Peru before returning home.

With so many globe trotters among us we need to decide when one ski season ends and the next begins!

Others are also travelling in September. Knox and Karen Felker are off on an extended trip to Denmark. The occasion? Karen's parents' 60th annkneeversary. I should live so long!

Hank and Aina Thomas are completing a 6-week odyssey across the U.S. Aina, by the way, amazed many of us with her knowledge of ballet. We discovered she spent several years in ballet school and originally planned

to be a ballerina. Now her dentistry is a tour de force. (I bet you didn't know I knew French!)

Speaking of ballet, the Bolshoi was, in a word, incredible. Alice Swalm and Phil and Eugenia Ufholz each managed to see two performances. The rest of us will recall Raymonda for years to come.

At dinner afterwards, Steve Grenle ski deftly fended off questions of how he got PVS 39 seats ... and at a discount! Thanks, Steve.

For those of you who asked, it was Emile Sherrard who brought the beautiful roses to Nancy Garrett. They were from his own garden.

Also, for those who asked, it was not the Knee who wrote the nice words about me in the last TOOT. Undeserved but greatly appreciated.

It's a constant pleasure to read TOOT and discover the quality of the writers we have in the club. It's difficult to mention one or a few, but Don Swaby's write-up of the Copes' International Dinner was outstanding. It captured not just the facts of the dinner but its spirit as well.

By the way, the word Lucullian used in Don's title is really naillucul spelled backwards.

TOOT was incorrect stating Dean Worcester would have 5-10 boats at his "First Annual?" Annapolis event. I counted fourteen.

I promised not to tell, so don't quote me, but among those capsizing boats were the Charlies (Gordon and Huggins), Veep Comerford and Huey Roberts (twice, including once when he nearly turned over the paddle boat manned by Gorman Young and Helen Price. Some wag noted that Huey skis that way, too.

Sara Huggins did an unintentional job of cleaning up Dean's ground by collecting many fallen pine cones. Perhaps she was pining because hubby Charlie capsized. That's if you want my opine.

(I bet you didn't know I knew English.)

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PAST EVENT

SIMPLY MESSING ON THE SEVERN by Charlotte Reith

" 'Nice? It's the only thing ' said the Water Rat solemnly, as he leant forward for his stroke. 'Believe me, my young friend, there is nothing - absolutely nothing - half so much worth doing as simply messing about in boats. Simply messing,' he went on dreamily: 'messing - about - in - boats; messing - ' " (From the Wind in the Willows)

For his Annapolis boating party on August 8, Dean Worcester assembled the world's tightest packed fifty yards of beach full of assorted and, in some cases, not quite pedigreed boats for PVS to "mess about" in: 2 Hobe Cats, 1 paddle boat, 3 oared shells, 1 canoe, 2 kayaks (courtesy of Gorman Young and Sheldon Drews), 1 sail board and several more with three two-masted sailing ships as backdrop awaiting a breeze that did not come.

Fortunately the jelly fish did not come either as many of those ostensibly boating found themselves precipitously ejected into the water through sheer ineptitude. This is a ski club, right?

If you want to remain dry, do not embark with Charlie Gordon, Charlie Huggins or Tony Soler who were vying for the greatest number of capsizes. Margaret and Patty Wyckoff were surprised to find that Huey had come out to rescue them. They were dry in their paddle boat. Huey was not dry and not in his row boat. Pas de deux of the afternoon was by Huey and our Veep as the double sculls flailed the air. In this case two heads were not better than one.

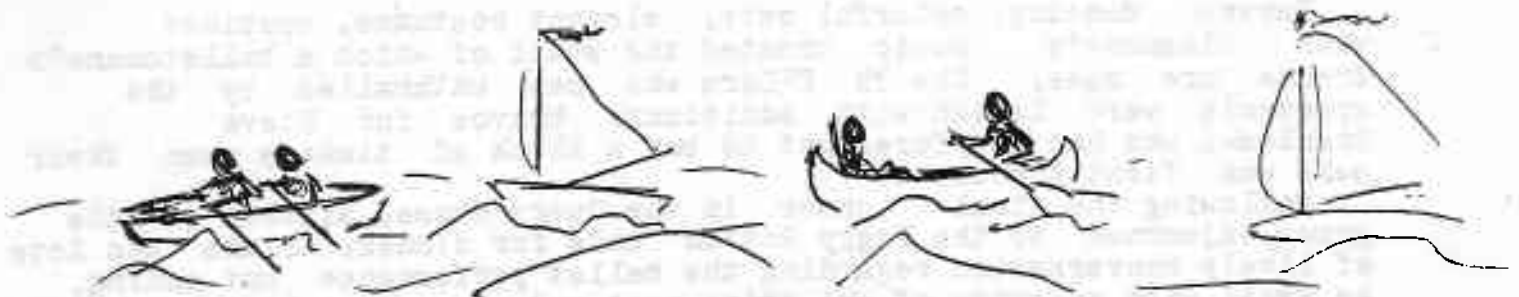
Meanwhile, Gorman and Sheldon were instructing several novices in the mysteries of kayaking. First-timers Shirley Rettig and Dot Mills were delighted despite the seeming inability of these craft to go in a straight line. Catherine Kulpa had Norb convinced she had a sore shoulder so guess who paddled her canoe?

The wind waited until skippers Dick Clark, Sheldon Drews, Bob Marx, Dean Worcester and Kirk Burns had a leisurely few beers before setting the Hobies in motion across the Severn. Dean was everywhere keeping things going, instructing, repairing, never quite out of the water.

Back on the beach life was comfortable under the awning with drinks and watermelon and nibbles and charcoal fire getting ready for the main event. And then our regular little miracle happened - delicious, scrumptious food. What an array of salads! Plus berry and rhubarb pies and enough delights for chocoholics to surfeit even our host. Well, miracles tend to be brought about by hard work so, in addition to our cooks, let's give special thanks to Dean with support system by beach neighbors and Biddy Escher and Jean and Reg Heitchues, coordinators extraordinaire.

" 'Nice? it's the only thing,' said the Water Rat solemnly ... dreamily ... 'messing - about - in - boats.' "

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PAST EVENTS

STEAK OUT AT THE ELRODS by Lu Beale

Never mind that the rain drops kept falling, that there was no swimming pool, that the house was a "rental", the annual Elrod steak-out (steak-in, on this occasion) on August 22nd was a grand success. As usual, it was the warm hospitality of Malda and Roy that made the event memorable whatever the setting.

This time it was an inside-outside setting with 33 guests milling happily inside the house, sipping and snacking, while chef Roy stood alone outside in the rain grilling rib eye steaks for all.

Before the grilling, there was The Tour as, drinks in hand, the raincoated group followed Roy a skip and a holler down Cabin Road to view the Elrods' new home rising on the shores of Quantico Creek. Proud Roy led us through the unfinished framework of living rm, breakfast rm., kitchen, study, library, dining rm., game rm, 4 bed rms., 5 baths, and more, much more, including a PVS Room opening onto an outdoor pool.

After The Tour, it was back to the "rental" for a super steak and baked potato dinner supplemented by the usual PVS gourmet offerings of salads and desserts.

Afterwards, the group lingered for another hour or two, visiting. Don Swaby outlined his plans to become a financial advisor. Jack Peoples gave details of his ski trip to Chile on which he was to embark 4 days hence. Pat Cope described how to debone and stuff quail. Marianne Cook showed off her charming new escort. Roy's mother received congratulations on her 90th birthday. Jeanne Strickland accepted compliments on her stunning new hairdo. And, on the floor in the living room, Wellesley Junior Dena Drews wrapped her right foot around her neck.

It was that kind of a party and if you weren't there you missed a wonderful time. But, never mind, there's that new house going up down the road. Roy swears they will be in residence by Thanksgiving. We can hardly wait!

In the meantime, thanks Malda and Roy. And special thanks to coordinator Dot Mills whose work was not made easier by the iffy weather which forced her to make endless phone calls to guests about the rain date - or lack thereof.

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PVS SAYS "YES!" TO CULTURE by Alice Swalm

Bravos filled the Kennedy Center Opera House on a steaming Saturday afternoon, August 1st, when the Bolshoi Ballet presented a bravura performance of the Russian classic RAYMONDA.

Superb dancing, colorful sets, elegant costumes, combined with Glazunov's music created the stuff of which a balletomane's dreams are made. The 39 PVSers who sat enthralled by the spectacle were lavish with additional bravos for Steve Grenleski who had the foresight to buy a block of tickets when their sale was first announced.

Following the final cheer in the Opera House, sixteen of the group adjourned to the Foggy Bottom cafe for dinner, drinks and lots of lively conversation regarding the ballet performance but ending, as usual, with accounts of ski trips past and plans for ski trips future.

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(MORE "PAST EVENTS" ON PAGE 8)

# !! SKI TRIPS !!

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## MONT SUTTON, CANADA    JANUARY 9 - 15, 1988

Applications are now out for this trip which is priced at \$485 and limited to 55. Air space is especially limited and deposit of \$200 each must be in by September 9th to lock in favorable airfare. The trip is not yet a sell out- there is still room available so, if interested, call Jack Peoples (301)840-2213.

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## PVS SPANISH SKI SAFARI    January 23 - February 8, 1988 (17 days)

Lift tickets are now included in the trip price, also a visit to the Holy Grail Monastery at Montserrat (Serrated Mountain). We expect a substantial reduction in total trip price, says leader Bob Grasley. The amount will depend on number of participants. Call Bob Grasley (565-9650)

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## PVS SWITZERLAND    - January 22 - February 8, 1988.

This 17 day trip to the Swiss alps is shaping up as a real humdinger not to be missed. First week will be at INTERLAKEN, skiing GRUNDELWALD, WENGEN & MUREN in the JUNGFRAU region. Second week will be at SAAS-FEE, "THE PEARL OF THE ALPS". Last two nights will be spent in PARIS. The trip is now two-thirds full. Since space is limited, do not procrastinate - sign up NOW. For more information call Bob or Margaret Wyckoff (589-5532).

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## SKI THE FAMOUS WEST - SOUTH LAKE TAHOE & SUN VALLEY, IDAHO

February 13 - 27, 1987.

Total package price - \$1135

Options are: Week #1 - S. Lake Tahoe, Feb 13-20. Price:\$635.  
Week #2 - Sun Valley, Feb. 21 - 27. Price:\$730.

Price includes round trip air and land transportation, hotel accomodations, D.O., meals on buses and parties.

For information, call Dina Taylor.O: 427-3227. H: 301-663-6089.

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## SNOCBIRD, UTAH    - April 2 - 9, 1988

See the flyer in this issue of TCCT for information on this trip planned for spring skiing in the West.

Call the Heitchues: 860-9190 (H). 733-5491 (C).

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# !! SKI TRIPS !!

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## JACKSON HOLE, WYOMING/SALT LAKE CITY AREA March 5 - 20, 1988

There are now three packages available for this grand Western trip. See flyer in the June TOCT for full information.

Package #1 - Jackson Hole only - March 5 - 13 - is now about half full. Fourteen more spaces are available - there will be no more. Sign up NOW.

Package #2 - Jackson Hole and Salt Lake March 5 - 20. They have 26 plane reservations for both packages. As package # 1 fills up there will be fewer seats available for those wanting package #2 - the bargain priced portion of this 16 day trip. For \$310 more than package #1 you get an extra 7 nights lodging and 6 days skiing.

Package #3 - We are adding this for persons who want Salt Lake City only - March 13 - 20. The land package is the same as package # 2. Price estimate is \$630 (subject to airline availability) to be worked out on an individual basis.

Call Gorman Young -(202-244-2319) - day or evening.

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## PAST EVENT (Continued from page 6 )

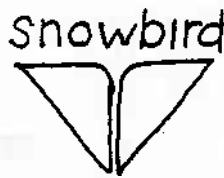
### A CELEBRATION OF SUMMER IN ANNAPOLIS by Dorothy Mills

On July 18 thirty-seven bay-loving (and food-loving) PVS'ers celebrated the fifth anniversary picnic and sail with Joan and Glade Flake at their Annapolis summer home. Joan and Glade , Jackie and Jennifer were, as usual, delightful hosts. Jackie and Jennifer piloted excursions on the hobie cat and the 35' sailboat while Joan and Glade kept everyone happy on land. The wind was good and the water was perfect. Swimming and lazing on the dock, beach, and patio filled the time between sails, so by early evening everyone was more than ready to feast on assorted steaks, hamburgers, and weenies plus a sumptuous array of baked beans, salads, and calorie-laden desserts - washed down with beer, wine, sodas, and coffee. After eating more than our fill we relaxed on the patio and dock, enjoying the good company and watching a beautiful sunset. End of a perfect day!

We can't thank Joan and Glade enough for their wonderful hospitality - Jackie and Jennifer too. This day is one of the highlights of PVS's year.. Many thanks too to Charlotte Reith, aided by Jack Lilley, who coordinated the food and all the arrangements.

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# SPRING SKIING SNOWBIRD, UTAH APRIL 2-9, 1988

- 7 NIGHTS AT THE BEAUTIFUL CLIFF LODGE  
AT THE BASE OF SNOWBIRD MOUNTAIN
  - SKI-IN, SKI-OUT
  - THREE ELEGANT RESTAURANTS
  - ROOFTOP POOL AND SPA
- 6 DAYS SKIING
  - 6 DAY LIFT TICKET INCLUDED & GOOD AT SNOWBIRD, ALTA, PARK CITY (ADDIT'L CHARGE) AND DEER VALLEY
- UNITED AIRLINES FROM DULLES, GROUND TRANSPORTATION TO SNOWBIRD (45 MINUTES)
  - AIRLINE RESERVATIONS MAY BE CANCELLED OR CHANGED WITHOUT CHARGE UNTIL DAY BEFORE DEPARTURE
- \$ 720 PER PERSON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY
- TO RESERVE, SEND US \$50 BY OCTOBER 15<sup>TH</sup>

REG AND JEAN HEITCHUE  
 2146 OWL'S COVE LN.  
 RESTON, VA 22091  
 860-9190 (H) 733-5491 (O)

SNOWBIRD IS FANTASTIC IN APRIL

A GREAT MOUNTAIN FOR BOTH INTERMEDIATE AND EXPERT



TRIP QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS

by Reg Heitchue, Committee Chairman

The results of our Trip Questionnaire have been assembled. PVS trips are clearly an important subject given that a large majority of our members responded. Herewith the results:

1. PVS trips are highly rated in an absolute sense and in comparison to trips of other clubs and group tours. While the questionnaire provided ample opportunity for people to vent their frustrations and express their complaints, very, very few materialized. The great majority of comments and responses were exceedingly favorable.
2. Our people like the way the club manages trips. Basically, the trip leaders operate on their own pretty much as individual entrepreneurs. The club has very little direct involvement with the running of trips unlike other clubs which operate much more bureaucratically.
3. A highly significant majority prefer to go first class and say they are willing to pay for it. In fact, high economy is of relatively low priority. The more important considerations appear to be: slopeside accomodations, nice accomodations, direct flights and apres ski activities as a part of the trip. Future trip leaders take note!!
4. The use of a post-trip evaluation form is favored by a large majority. Makes sense if we are to improve upon the good and weed out the not-so-good. Dina Taylor has taken the lead to draft an evaluation form for ExCom to review.
5. The West was the winner in the "Where would you like to ski?" department with Europe not far behind. Interestingly, on the local scene, Seven Springs was highly favored. Anybody interested in running a Seven Springs trip this season?
6. Most PVS trip takers would just as soon leave the driving (and leading) to someone else. They don't have the time and don't want the bother of trip leadership. There were a number of people, however, who expressed interest in leading trips - and we know who you are! Seriously, your expression of interest has been noted and we encourage you to come forward. Note the comment above regarding Seven Springs. Also, think about leading non-ski trips - Longwood Gardens, anyone? I believe our veteran trip leaders would be more than willing to share their knowledge and lessons-learned with new leaders. Any interest in a half-day seminar type of exchange between new and veteran leaders?

ADDENDUM BY PRESIDENT JAN MARX:

As Reg noted, we will be introducing a post-trip evaluation form for all of our ski trips this coming season. Since we want to continue to get your preferences on "where would you like to ski?", space for providing this information is made on the annual membership renewal form in this issue of TOCT.

All in all, this has been a very worthwhile effort and we as a club can only profit from the experience. I want to thank our past president, Sheldon Drews, under whose leadership the idea for a trip committee originated. Also, many thanks to those who served on the committee: Chairman Reg Heitchue, Norm Engelman, Knox Felker, Ray McKinley, Gail Pease, Charlotte Reith, Dina Taylor, Bob and Margaret Wyckoff.

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

It's membership renewal time! A quick response (no later than October 31) will assure your membership in PVS - The Club for Skiers!

Please fill in all the information requested on the form so that it can be used to keep our records up to date. Send the form with your check made payable to Potomac Valley Skiers, Inc. to:

Marilyn Clark  
8953 Falling Creek  
Annandale, Va. 22003

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1987/88 POTOMAC VALLEY SKIERS, INC. Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Membership Renewal

NAME	Regular \$12.50	Applicant \$15.00	Non Local \$5.00

ADDITIONAL MEMBERS IN SAME HOUSEHOLD -\$7.50; Junior 18/under -\$5.00

NAME	Skiing Spouse	Non Skiing Spouse	Junior	Other

Mailing Address:

Number and Street City State ZIP

Phone numbers:

Home Office-Him Office-Her

If you are anticipating signing up for a ski trip during the 1988/89 season, what area would you prefer?

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_

The club needs your assistance. Please check the appropriate spaces if you are willing to:

- coordinate an event
- occasionally write up an event for TOOT
- host an event in your home
- run a local ski trip

### MEMBERSHIP

Please do it NOW - fill out the membership renewal form included with this issue of TOOT, add the appropriate check and mail to

Marilyn Clark  
8953 Falling Creek Court  
Annandale, Va. 22003

If you're not sure of your membership status - applicant or full member - call Marilyn to find out.

978-9435

### CALENDAR

- Sept. 6 ... Crabfeast at the wingroves. 2 P.M.
- Sept. 15 ... Monthly Meeting at the Walns'. See page 1.
- Sept. 18-21 Ocean City Weekend. See page 2.
- Sept. 22 ... ExCom at Dick Comerford's Leesburg home. 7:30 P.M.
- Oct. 3 ... Oktoberfest. See page 3.
- Oct. 17 ... Fall Hike/Dinner at the Millers' Strasburg home.
- Oct. 20 ... Monthly Meeting at the Evans' home in Oakton, Va.
- Oct. 27 ... ExCom at the Uholz home. 7:30 P.M.
- Nov. 17 ... Monthly Meeting.
- Nov. 24 ... ExCom at Bette Walker's home. 7:30 P.,.
- Dec. 5 ... Harvest Dinner. Marilyn Clark coordinating.
- Dec. 12 ... Great Falls, Va. Hike/Chili at the McKinleys. Limit:20.
- Dec. 15 ... Monthly Meeting at the Heitchues' home in Reston.

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