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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Bette Walker has accepted the chairmanship of the nominating committee for the 1995 PVS election of president and three executive committee members. This committee will meet in the near future and invites your input. See box on page 4.

At the November meeting, the Ski Center's Brian Eardley showed us the latest in ski equipment. He claims that "FAT SKIS" will revolutionize the sport and make it possible for even a ski bunny to ski crud and moguls and powder with ease. Sounds too good to be true. Try a demo of the new wonder skis and let us know what YOU think.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!!

Mary Jane McCarthy, President



MONTHLY MEETING - TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1994. 8 P.M.

Glühwein Special!!! Traditional holiday season-opener for PVSers hosted, for the umteenth time, by Jean and Reg Heitchue at their beautiful Reston home, 2146 Owls Cove Lane. Tel: 703-860-9190.

CONTRIBUTIONS OF YOUR FAVORITE GOODIES ARE WELCOME AS USUAL.

Ladies: please refrain from wearing spike heels which damage the wooden floors. If weather is bad and driveway slippery, try the path with stairs on the left and then right on lighted path to front door.

Take #495 to Tysons Corner where take Rte 7 to Reston. Make left turn onto Rte 606 - Baron Cameron. (Before the turn there's a large Reston sign on the right side of the highway.) Take a left turn at the second light onto Whiele Avenue.* Continue to deadend and turn left onto Sunrise Valley Dr. At top of hill turn right at 1st traffic light onto South Lakes Dr. Go past shopping center on right and turn at first left onto Ridge Heights Rd. Take first right onto Owl's Cove Lane, go to end and park in cul-de-sac. 2146 is at the bottom of steep driveway.

* A faster way is by the Dulles Toll Road at \$1.50 round trip. For this route, take Beltway #495 to Virginia Exit 12 Dulles Toll Road, Rte 267. Pass through the toll booths, 50¢. Exit at #4, Whiele Ave, pay 25¢ toll. Turn left onto Whiele Avenue and proceed as directed above.

COMING EVENTS




Dining Out Group - December 13, 1994

Join us for dinner on Tuesday, December 13, 1994. Meeting and greeting at 6:30, Dinner at 7:00 P.M. This month we will meet at POTOWMACK LANDING, at the Washington Sailing Marina.

Directions: Go South on the George Washington Parkway in Virginia for 1-1/2 miles from the National Airport exit. At sign for the Washington Sailing Marina, turn left across Parkway to the Sailing Marina. Coming North from Alexandria on the George Washington Parkway - turn right just before National Airport at the Sailing Marina.

So that we may know how many to expect: Please call Pat Tengel or John Smith at (301)-299-8376 by Monday, December 12.



DECEMBER MIDWEEK SKIING - Liberty - Wednesday Dec. 21st.

If weather conditions remain cold enough to snow cover the trails, Jack Peoples will lead the first midweek skiing of the year. Lift passes are \$27. Four hour flex tickets are available for \$24. Senior 65 and over \$13.50.

Interested skiers should call Charles Huggins (301) 424-5725 as we will car pool to the slopes from the parking lot of the Fairlanes Bowling Alley on Shady Grove Road departing promptly at 7:30 A.M. for Liberty.

January ,1995. Pre-Mardigras dessert party at Arlette De Long's Georgetown house. Costumes! (Ski wear may be considered a costume) Limited. Watch this space for future details but it's not too early to call Arlette (202-337-4664) to reserve a place and decide what dessert you will bring.



!! SKI TRIPS !!

Jan. 13 -24,1995: ASPEN,CO. 36 Participants signed up. One vacancy available for a gentleman.Call Dina O (301-427-3240) or H (1-301-663-6089)

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Feb 18 -26,1995: Whistler/Blackcomb,Canada. Pre-trip party January 28th. Call the McKinleys (703-527-7126).

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March-19-26,1995. WATERVILLE, N.H. Still room.Call Jack Peoples (301-881-6220)

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PAST EVENTS

IS THERE A FAT SKI IN YOUR FUTURE? by Charles Boykin

About 40 PVSers gathered at the home of Jaclyn and Ned Flaherty for the November meeting. We were greeted by a large flag with a skier on it flying over the front door. A feast was laid before us that included fresh vegetables, ham, turkey and hot crab dip. Betty Lawrence brought the long missing sign-in book and we were all happy to have Charles Huggins back with us after his heart surgery. We spent about an hour socializing and enjoying the food and drink before President McCarthy called the business meeting to order.

During the business meeting, Dina Taylor reported that she still needed one more male to fill the Aspen trip. Nancy McKinley reported that there are already three feet of snow at the base in Whistler. The finale of the business meeting was the formal presentation of a ski walker to Bob McNeill in honor of his recent 70th birthday. Bob's son had attached two skis to a walker along with a small air horn. Bob demonstrated how he will use his new equipment at Liberty and other ski areas.

The next event of the evening was a presentation of the latest ski equipment by Brian Bardley of the Washington Ski Center. Brian told us the future of the sport is in the new fat skis that are lots easier to ski in crud and powder and not as tiring as regular skis.



The evening ended with a birthday cake for Bob McNeill and a variety of cookies and other desserts. Many thanks to Jaclyn and Ned for arranging and hosting this wonderful meeting in their large and comfortable home.

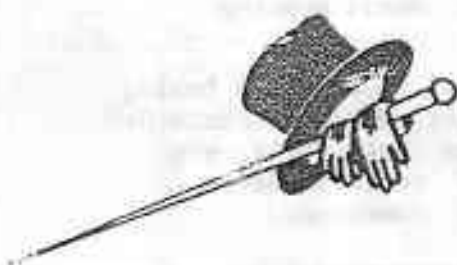
PVS PUTS ON THE DOG by Terry B. Morton

The most formal event of the PVS year was held on Saturday, November 19 at the Monroe House, now the Arts Club of Washington located in downtown D.C. There was lots of good fellowship and cheer among the 38 attendees who were decked out in sparkling formal attire. Best of all, however, was the menu. Arts Club Chef, Brennan Hurley, was at his creative best! Outstanding were the Wild Mushroom Tarts, the Ravioli with Pumpkin Filling, Flank Steak and the sensational Mocha Chocolate dessert with Raspberry Coulis followed by liqueurs.



This was the fourth annual dinner at the Arts Club and each one gets better and more memorable. Everyone is looking forward to November '95 for an equally joyous time.

This was another great accomplishment by those talented party planners, Bill Anderson and Hamilton Morton, Many, many thanks to both!



PAST EVENT

CHILI HIKE ON A WARM DAY by Liz Triau

The sun was shining brightly in a perfect blue sky on the crisp fall day of November 12 when some 33 PVSers met at the Visitors' Center at Great Falls Park in Virginia. For this popular Chili Hike, initiated about 10 years ago by Ray McKinley, our fearless leader was Ray himself with Knox Felker sweeping.

Our group set off along the trail overlooking the Potomac and as we trekked we paused occasionally to watch the brave kayackers in the river and groups of climbers rappelling the rock cliffs on both sides of the river. We hiked past the Canal Locks which had been designed by George Washington, past Sandy Landing to the top of Cow Hoof Rock for another splendid view. Eventually we arrived at the "Beach" for a short rest and a photo op as group pictures were taken by several PVS photographers.

After our little break, we followed Difficult Run and Carriage Road back to our starting point where we piled into our cars and headed for the Knee hacienda:

Ray and Nancy had left the hike early to dash home and prepare for the onslaught of hungry hikers. So, when we arrived, the two pots of chili, "regular" and "hot", were bubbling on the stove. As members arrived with dishes of food, the table became filled with Mexican dips, paté by Arlette de Long and chili rellenos by Nat Seeman all of which were very delicious. A group of ladies were seen patting their hips to decide whether to indulge in just one more hors d'oeuvre when observer Dick Clark asked if they were performing a new dance!

At last, our host, Ray, attired in sombrero and serape called us for the main course, the eagerly awaited chili which everyone agreed was the best ever, accompanied by an assortment of delectable salads and breads. To top it all off was an array of scrumptious desserts which no one could resist.

Following this fantastic feast, was a traditional sing-a-long led by none other than Kirk Burns, of course, who had brought along his song sheets. Nothing could be finer than PVS voices raised in song!

Ray and Nancy, we all had a marvelous time and we thank you for another great hike and for your gracious hospitality.

CLUB ELECTIONS

A nominating committee of 8 PVSers, chaired by Bette Walker, has been appointed to select a slate of nominees for president and three executive committee members for the 1995-96 season.

These nominees will be presented at the April meeting for election by the full membership.

The nominating committee, consisting of Bill Anderson, Lu Beale, Marilyn Clark, Irene Farrell, Karen Felker, Barbara Leonhardt and Ray McKinley, will meet in the near future. If you have any suggestion for nominees, please contact Bette Walker(202-333-0766) or any member of the committee.



THE KNEE

by

Ray McKinley

The snow had been falling for several hours. Now small drifts were forming around the nearby trees. Heather awoke and slowly scanned the scene. This would be THE ski day.

The Knee has always envisioned writing the great ski novel and writing in italics.

The holidays are upon us. I know of no pre-Thanksgiving skiers. Indeed PVSers were near home for turkey day.

Bill Anderson took his 92-year-old neighbor out for Thanksgiving dinner. But only after treating over 20 ExComers to a multi-course turkey feast at the November ExCom. Right on.

The Heitchues had a family turkey dinner as they waited and waited for their first grandchild.

Dina Taylor and Dot Mills (and the Knees) spent the day with friends, Dina in Frederick and Dot in Silver Spring.

Bette Walker, Marty and Bob McNeill, Dick and Marilyn Clark, and the Triaus all had family dinners. Marilyn reports when she entered she said "Good Kneevening." Shortly after dinner Serge and Liz headed for Steamboat.

Along with 22 others, Lu Beale had a traditional very formal Thanksgiving dinner with the Beale family. This was Lu's 51st time at this dinner. She suggests "Eventually they'll get it right."

Alice Swalm cooked turkey for 12. Aina Thomas didn't. She visited friends for turkey dinner on Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. She's turkeyed out. Enough of this gobble-de-gook.

Heather adjusted the straps on her new, dawn-blue Bogner jumpsuit. She readjusted the bindings on her Elan, wide-cut racing skis. She didn't want them to release unnecessarily. For this was THE ski day.

A tip of the ol' Knee cap to Jackie Flaherty. She was an able hostess for our November meeting despite

pulled back muscles that caused cancellation of December skiing. Jackie did it clearing out a downed willow. Now she's weeping.

Temporarily nonskiing is Fumiko Marquardt after foot surgery. And Terry Morton is recovering from two sprained knees. That's all you can have.

Irene Farrell and Bob Harmon are back from barging into several castles and vineyards. Yup, they were on a European barge trip. Before the trip, Irene got a short hair cut to avoid worrying about hair curlers, etc. Bob chose to live with worrying.

Late this summer Huey Roberts spent 3 weeks in the Grand Canyon. Why 3 weeks? Couldn't he get out?

Bob Grasley is back from a trip to Spain and France where he is setting up a language school. Droit on.

Knox Felker is taking lessons in karate. Watch out, Knox, the Knee knows karate--and 3 or 4 other Japanese words.

After hearing Brian Eardley, Ron Ewing bought a pair of Kneisel (although I prefer Kneesi) Ergo skis. So far he's not impressed. "They're no better than my old skis on fallen leaves."

Jamie and Shahrsad Miller passed up two Iranian parties to come to our Arts Club dinner. Is PVS Farsi-cal?

Occasionally the Knee has to stretch a segue. Last month Adele Waggaman's children surprised her with a 75th birthday dinner. Transportation was by stretch limousine. About the same time Bob McNeill was feted to a 70th birthday dinner with transportation by stretch limousine.

PVS doesn't talk much about politics. However, after the last election, Republican Bill Anderson called Democrat Dorothy Mills, "I'm sure you're pleased with the election--Marion Barry won the District."

Heather slipped comfortably into her Solomon SX-93 ski boots. She readjusted the cant a bit further forward for greater pressure on the ski tips. The snow was perfect, her ski equipment was perfect. This would be THE ski day. Heather headed for the bunny slope.

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

- Dec. 13 ... DOGS (See page 2)
- Dec. 20 ... Christmas Glühwein Party. (See page 1)
- Dec. 21 ... Midweek Skiing at Liberty. (See page 2)
- Dec. 27 ... ExCom at the Clarks'.
- Jan. 10 ... NO DOGS THIS MONTH
- Jan. 17 ... Monthly Meeting at Ruth Schrider's. *— 10 w A.C.*
- Jan. 21 ... Pre-Mardigras Dessert/Costume Party. (See page 2)
- Jan. 24 ... ExCom at Lu Beale's.
- Feb. 21 ... NO MEETING. MEMBERSHIP GONE SKIING.
- Feb. 28 ... ExCom at the Wyckoffs'.
- Ap. 8 ... Spring Dinner at the Colonnade. Marilyn Clark coordinator.
- Ap. 22 ... Winetasting at the Copes'. Call Don or Pat (703-836-5436)
- Ap. 18 ... Annual Meeting at the Leonhardts' new domicile.

ROSTER CHANGES

- JESSMA BLOCKWICK: 1808 Old Meadow Road. Apt 213. McLean, Va. 22102. (Same phone no.)
- RUTH SCHRIDER: 2014 Aquamarine Tr. Silver Spring, MD 20904. (301-989-4606)
- KEN AND MYRA EVANS: 6376 Rosecommon Drive. Norcross, GA. 30092
- ARLETTE DELONG: 2234 Hall Place. N.W. D.C. 20007. (202-337-4664)
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