



40th Anniversary Toot



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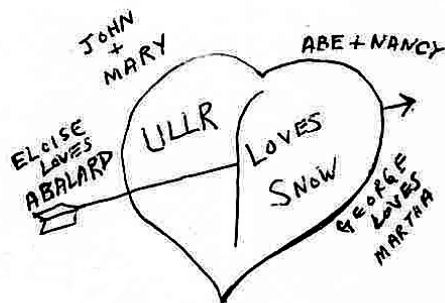
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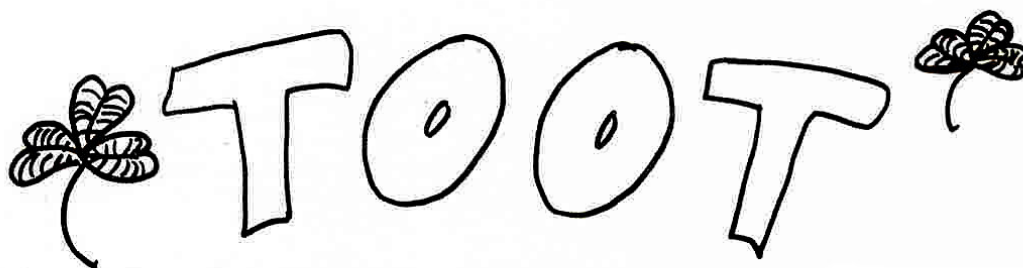


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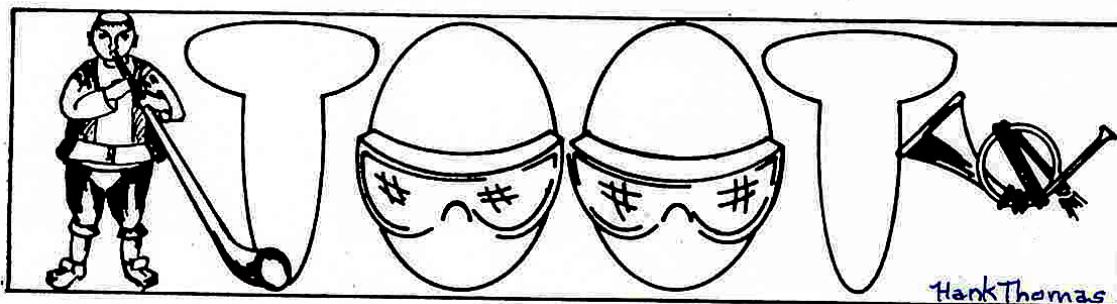
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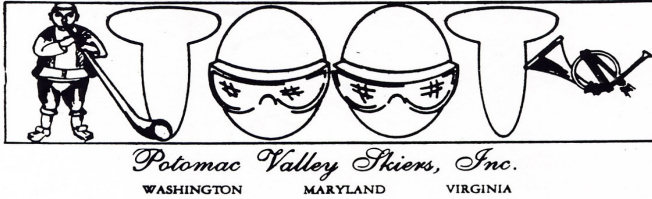
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The Heart of Potomac Valley Skiers for Forty Years 1965 - 2005

From Jan, your part-time Editor;

As I was looking through 40 years of Toots for information about ski trips for Marvin Haas to use, I discovered and re-discovered all sorts of fun tidbits and many reminiscences that I wanted to share with all of you. Some are verbal and some are visual.

TOOT HISTORY

There have been several editors over the years. Mike Rura was the first, with one mimeographed page entitled, "Bulletin #1". In the first year, editorship changed often, depending on who was in town and not skiing or on business. There were workers behind the editor, typing, erasing, and typing again. Aina Hertelis Thomas was one. May 1967, Lilo Kinaman became co-editor. The first anniversary issue was a group effort of 14 pages! Hank Thomas designed the cover (sailboat and mountains). There were articles about ski instruction by Ron Fett, ski patrol news by Larry Pease, a bibliography of filmstrips and books about skiing, and an account by Aina of her walking 2 miles to school on skis as a child in Latvia. February 1967 was the "Month of the Big Snowflake." The cover was designed by Nancy Monacelli. One of the flakes has our shield in it. This later became our pin. There were some months when there wasn't a newsletter because there wasn't a writer or editor. In 1970, there were many who took the job for a couple of months, after which tenure in the job lasted longer.

1970	Eloise Newdorp	1974	Dick & Julie King; Feb.
	Jack Fox; Jan. to April	1978	Judy Mealey; Nov.
	Ginny Larson	1979	Lu Beale; Sept.
	Doug & Jean Toone; Sept.	1995	Jessma Blockwick; Jan
	Marilyn & Dick Clark, Nov.	2002	Jan Marx; Sept.
1971	Sandy & Jerry Deighton		Marvin Haas & Jessma
1973	ExCom wrote and Thelma Belloli typed		

In the background, of course, there were faithful copying and mailing crews. Jan and Bob Marx started with the Kings, and in recent years, Bette Walker and Marilyn Clark have been the workers.

Now, with Marvin's and Bob's help, I am careening toward cyber abysses from which only they can extricate me. Marvin is a true visionary and craftsman. Knowledgeable Bob is forever fixing what I have clicked my way into.

True as much today as it was originally planned:

Toot is "written by skiers, for skiers." It is the "bugle" that keeps us together. (A box full of little plastic horns was passed around at one of the first club meetings. These horns livened things up and they were taken on outings, etc. The symbol and the title "Toot," were adopted by the members for the newsletter.)

CLUB HISTORY

The following founders are listed in the "Articles of Incorporation in "Washington DC on November 16, 1965". They drafted the bylaws during the next few months.

C Brooke Armat	William Stecher	Michael Rura
E. Packard Anderson	Margaret Sayre	Harry (Hank) Thomas
Richard King		

These additional people are among the charter members.

Max Bunnell	Georgenne Harsh	Billie Manring
Ronald Fett	Bruce Harstad	Nancy Monacelli
Glade Flake	William Johnson	Jean Old
Ingeborg Gilmore	Ann Jones	Larry Pease
Byron Gutheil	Russell Kinaman	Trudy Lemke Santoro
Richard Harsh	Lilo Kinaman	Penny Sayre Wiederhold
	Jack Lilley	

MEETINGS

Originally, meetings were held in restaurant party rooms; the Charcoal Hearth, and Arnold's Hofbrau. In January 1968, PVS held its first on-the-ski-slope meeting - at Charnita, after work, in the dark. In the summer, the club met in members' homes.

The energetic new club of proven skiers used the meetings to emphasize safety and care of ones equipment. There were demonstrations for sharpening skies and testing your own bindings, talks about altitude sickness and keeping warm. (Aren't we glad for the high tech clothing and equipment we have now!)

In 1971, the club produced a "New Member Manual" that was **78** pages. long !!! It contained the history and basics of club functioning. It was a delightful find for me, and a testament to the enthusiasm of the club. It illustrated the level of technology of the industry and pointed out that it was still a do-it-yourself sport. (Law suits were rare). The founding members were dedicated to education and sharing information with the group.

At that time (membership was 75), 23 members were Ski Patrollers, many of whom held offices in the National and Regional associations. Plus, 8 members were Qualified Amateur Ski Instructors. Four members were qualified judges for the Basic Ski Test.

The manual also contained articles (written by members or from ski publications):

- How to become a member of the Ski Patrol.
- How to become a ski instructor.
- How to run an Alpine Race; also How to Watch a race. Nastar info.
- How to shape up for racing (6 pages)
- Ski injury study.
- Binding/boot friction (6 pages).
- Binding performance check list for the PVS owned "Lipe" apparatus.
(You can check your own bindings.)
- Instructions for sharpening your own skies (4 pages).
- Glossary.
- Radio ski reports - stations and times in 12 cities on the east coast.
- Wind chill chart.
- Differences in ski techniques throughout the world (6 pages)
- Car ski rack info.
- Technical info about how and why skies, boots, and bindings work.
- Buying a car; what to look for inside and out, with skiing in mind (4 pages).
- "How to Survive In Europe with a Minimum of Hassle" (7 pages).
- Invest in a ski condo.





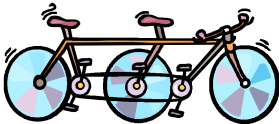


ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS - other than skiing

Skiing was the focus, but foremost was HAVING FUN. Below are some of the activities that the club used to do or that we now do in a different style.

These events are from 1968 - 1995 and are exclusively PVS generated. Events prior to this often were with other groups, such as SCWDC, to which many also belonged.

Water skiing	Every Tuesday at White's Ferry. Boats owned by Charlie Gordon, Bill Stecher, Brooke Armat.
Sailing	Day and charter. Annapolis. Schooner & sloop with Dean Worcester. Moonlight.
Swim & cookouts	At Aina Hertelis' in SW apartment building.
Tennis	Haine's Point every Sunday - 10 to 12.
Lobster Fest	Indoors. 37 lobsters; 240 clams. Played twister.
Hikes	3 in November. Progressively more difficult. Jeremy's Run and Neighbor Mt; Little Devil's Staircase Big Devil's staircase.
Christmas Party	With gluwine.
Thawing out weekend	Cape Hatteras.
Steak and Swim	Elrods the first, 1969
Rock climbing	Pease.



Sailing	Schooner & sloop	
Lobster Fest	Great Falls, VA. Used garbage cans on park grill. 53 people	
First aid instruction	At a meeting	
Halloween Costume Ball		
Wine tasting	First, 1969.	
Canoe	Overnight camping on Shenandoah.	
Rafting		
Octoberfest	Members attended a public celebration to benefit the US Ski Team several years in a row.	
Novemberfest	Public fundraiser for USST. Ham Morton on committee.	
Hikes	6 scheduled before Thanksgiving; Harper's Ferry, Dickey Ridge, Piney Ridge, Old Rag fire road, Chimney Rocks, Knob Mt.	
Car rally		
Crab & corn feed	Great Falls	
Ski clinics	At meetings. How to sharpen, check bindings, wax. Boot info. Staying warm. Safety.	
Octoberfest	First for club - at Wyckoffs; then Evans; then Ward/Slack.	
Answering service	Call Marxes if planning a mid week ski or other activity.	
Golf	Helen Price.	
Hadler's	Picnic and sail. First 1981.	
Winery tour	Club's first. Grasley. Montbray, Byrd, Provenzza, Berrywine. Later; Linganore Winecellars and Eisenhower Farm with McKinley's; then the Finger Lakes with the Paynes. dinner at their mountain home near Front Royal.	
Mason hike		
National Observatory		
Bike Hike	Eastern shore.	
New Year's Eve	Barry's.	
Lincoln Memorial	Catacombs tour.	
Ice skating		
Hikes	Billy Goat trail Pilot Knob, Cedar Run, White Oak Canyon, Little Devil's Staircase, Old Rag, Catoctin, and Capital Crescent Trail.	
Jog-a-long	9 participants along the C&O canal; 2 real joggers, others walked / hiked. This led to 1st Fun Run.	
Harvest Dinner	Skyline Center	
Steeplechase		
State Dept. tour		
Sugaring Off	Catoctin, MD.	
Fun Run	Lake Accotink, First-1982. Clarks.	
Dessert Party		
Brian Eardley	New equipment meeting (Oct) First 1983.	
Sailplane	Warrenton.	
Montgomery Playhouse		
Cook's Corner	by Nancy Garrett. First-1988.	
Derby Party		
Chili Cook Off		
Art's Club dinner		
Bay Bridge Walk		
DOGs	Dining Out Group. Smith/Tengel.	
Spring Dinner	Colonade; Walker.	
Bike Trek	St. Michaels.	
Cosmos Club	Lu Beale's 80th.	
Blob's Park		
Pre-Mardi gras Party		
British Embassy	Music Hall.	
Kreeger Museum	Lunch in Glen Echo.	

PVS - "dedicated to educational, social and athletic pursuits with particular reference to the sport of skiing." -- as recorded in our incorporation registry.

DID YOU KNOW?

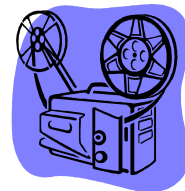
- ~ One reason for our founding was SCWDC's poor organization.
- ~ Marvin Haas was on that poorly organized European flight that united our founders.
- ~ Original membership requirements (different from today) were:

- take 3 ski trips with members.
- pass the US Ski Association Uniform Basic Ski Test. Some items were:
 - Kick turn, left and right
 - Linked stem turns with traverses
 - Side step
 - Stop
 - Herringbone
 - Sideslip, left and right



~ One also could take the Standard and Advanced Test.

- ~ Meetings served soft drinks, beer, and pretzels/chips only.
- ~ Speakers, movies, or slide shows at most meetings.
- ~ The club bought a 16 mm movie projector for \$248 in 1971.
(We still own it. Any suggestions?)



- ~ Dick King suggested the name Potomac Valley Skiers.
- ~ The 1969 lobster fest at Great Falls. Galvanized garbage cans were used to cook the critters. The Marxes couldn't see  throwing them away, so took them home... They still have them!

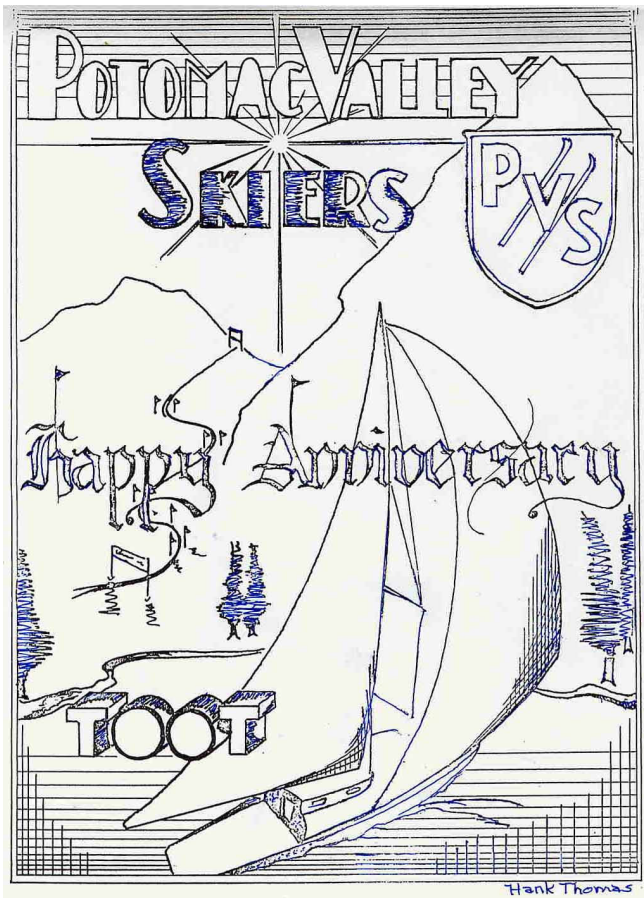
40TH ANNIVERSARY DOOR PRIZES

The Anniversary Committee is overwhelmed with the generosity of the following businesses. We appreciate their interest in our club and their benefaction to make our 40th celebration truly memorable.

SKI CENTER
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RADISSON INN, PARK CITY, UTAH
BELLFAYRE MOUNTAIN, N.Y.
WINTERGREEN RESORT
SNOW SHOE MOUNTAIN
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SPORTSTOURS
WHITETAIL RESORT
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WISP DEEP CREEK MOUNTAIN RESORT
SKI CHALET - Gaithersburg
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The following 2 pages show the covers or invitations to the former anniversaries.



BEER **WINE**

HAPPY 15TH ANNIVERSARY

POTOMAC VALLEY SKIERS

NOVEMBER 22nd 1975
7:00 P.M.

LIVE MUSIC

DANCING

POT LUCK SUPPER

IF YOU DON'T WANT BEER OR WINE BYOB (BRING YOUR OWN BOTTLE)

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CALL: Joyce Sundry 265-2310
or Julie King 530-4966

MEMBERS: \$6.00
GUESTS: \$9.00

WHERE: NEW MARK COMMONS CLUBHOUSE (STEECHER) ROCKVILLE, MD

DEADLINE 15 NOV 75

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15th PVS ANNIVERSARY DINNER DANCE

SATURDAY - NOVEMBER 8th
6:30 P.M. - 11:00 A.M. (Maybe later!)

NEWMARK COMMONS CLUB HOUSE
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND
(Directions Below)

FABULOUS FOOD AND MUSIC

MATT -the DEEJAY & SOUND STAGE FAME

all the sounds you WANT to HEAR

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"He knows how to spin 'em, to turn 'em & keep you dancing!"
BRING spouse or friend or just yourself!

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PRICE - \$4-8 depending on number of participants -

Y'ALL COME!!

DIRECTIONS: Take Beltway Exit towards Frederick onto #270 From # 270 take Montrose Road Exit, turn left on Montrose and continue to its end at Seven Locks Road. Turn right and follow Seven Locks Rd to its end where turn right on Falls Road. Continue short distance (overpassing #270 again) and bear right at Y onto Maryland Ave. and then take an immediate right onto Potomac Valley Rd. Follow Potomac Valley Rd about half a mile until it ends at Newmark Esplanade (street). The club house is straight ahead but to get to parking, turn right and follow New Mark Esplanade around the curve to the left and you'll find parking on the left.



The Executive Committee of Potomac Valley Skiers cordially invites you to attend a dinner in celebration of the twentieth anniversary of "The Club For Skiers" Sunday, the tenth of November Nineteen hundred and eighty five.

Six o'clock cocktails
Seven o'clock dinner

Black tie optional

R.S.V.P.



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The Executive Committee of Potomac Valley Skiers cordially invites you to attend a dinner in celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of The Club for Skiers

Saturday the third of November Nineteen hundred and ninety Fort Me Nair Officers' Club

Six o'clock cocktails

Black tie optional

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The Executive Committee of Potomac Valley Skiers Cordially Invites You to Attend a Gala Dinner and Evening in Celebration of the THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY of the Founding of POTOMAC VALLEY SKIERS

Seven O'Clock Saturday the Seventh of October Nineteen Hundred and Ninety Five

Naval Medical Center Officers Club, Bethesda

Featuring Camaraderie, Cocktails, Dinner, Boffo Entertainment

Black Tie Optional

\$ 40 Per Person

R S V P

Information

by September 20, with check payable to P V S to Marilyn Clark 8953 Falling Creek Road Annandale, Virginia 22003

please telephone either Marilyn Clark (703) 978-9435 Joan Flake (301) 762-6890 Day McKinley (703) 527-7126

PLEASE NOTE...A PROMPT REPLY WILL BE VERY HELPFUL!!!

PVS 35th Anniversary Dinner Saturday, November 4, 2000, 6:30PM Bolling Officers' Club

Cocktail hour (cash bar) Hors d'Oeuvres

Appetizer Entrée with vegetables Salad Wines

Dessert Coffee

DOOR PRIZES

Estimated cost until September 1st \$45 pp, thereafter \$50.

Bolling Airforce Base is just off the southern part of I 295, and very easy to reach. If we are enough (70), we can get the Potomac Room with large windows and a beautiful view of the Washington Monument.

For more information call Joan Flake at 301 762 6890 or Karen Felker at 703 931 6843 or e-mail to karknox@erols.com.

Checks should be issued to Potomac Valley Skiers and given/mailed to Pat Tengel, 8174 Inverness Ridge Road, Potomac, MD 20854