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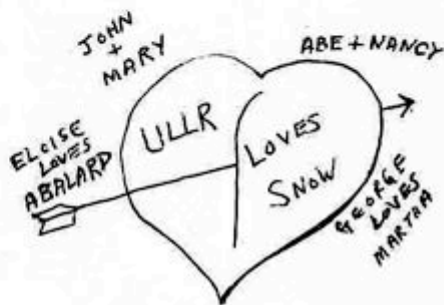
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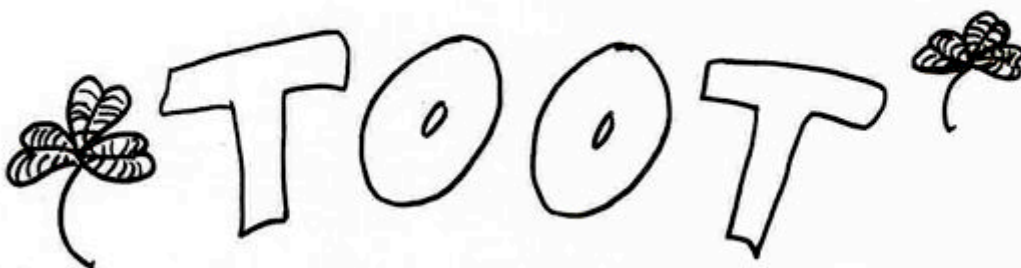


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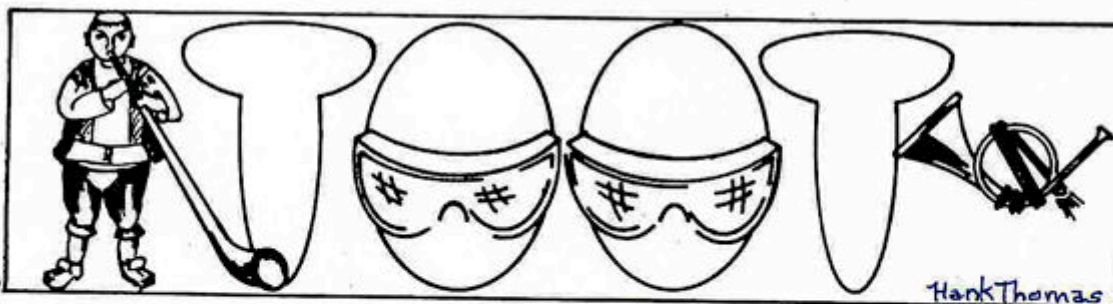
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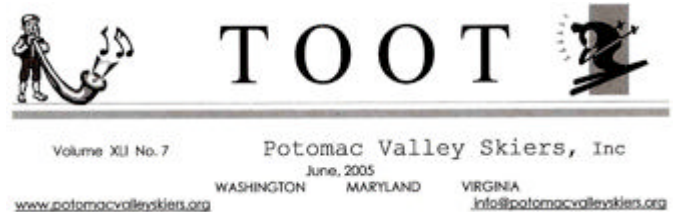
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**The Heart of Potomac Valley Skiers for Forty Five Years**  
**1965 - 2010**

From Jan, your part-time Editor;

As I was looking through 45 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 skies 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.

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| 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 | 2009 Various                 |

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 were the workers. Now, under the excellent tutelage (TOOTelege?) of Dave Warthen various members take the role

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 one's 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.




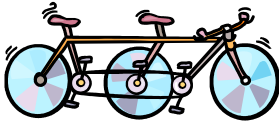


## ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS - other than skiing

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	Hain'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 McKinleys; 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	Barrys.	
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.

## Downhill, All the Way

By Lucrece Beal  
Special to the Washington Post

John Newdorp is standing at the top of the mountain. He adjusts his goggles, slides his skis back and froth, plants his poles.

“Go,” says the starter.

John shoots forward, triggering the timing wand, and heads for the first gate in the slalom course. The turns are rutted and soft, but John skis with his style and finishes 13<sup>th</sup> in the group of 40 racers. John is 79 years old.

Dean Worcester is next to start. He, too, carves stylish turns and finishes 7<sup>th</sup>. Dean is 74.



I am next to the last out of the gate. I leap forward, a tornado of zeal and determination. I end up DNF. Did Not finish. Halfway down the mountain, I rip off the 6<sup>th</sup> gate

and slide, gate in tow, into the woods adjacent to the course. I am 75.

The race was at Mt. Sutton and the racers were members of the Potomac Valley Skiers, Inc. (PVS), a 25-year old Washington area club limited to 200 members, who were spending a week in the Province of Quebec.

There were 49 of us on the trip. Discreet inquiries made to determine who rate senior-citizen discount lift tickets revealed that of the group, 28 were over 60; 15 of those over 65, 8 of those over 70, and five of those were over 75.

Just who were those fogies I was with on the slalom course in my first race ever?

John Newdorp, a retired medical care administrator from Catonsville, Md, started skiing at age 46 and competed successfully in downhill and slalom races. He now skis recreationally as often as possible. “Age,” he says, “is not important unless you are a cheese.” To keep in shape, John, runs marathons and does white-water canoeing. “But,” he declares, “nothing can match the exhilaration, the joy of skiing.”

Dean Worcester, a retired engineer now living in Annapolis, has skied since his Dartmouth days in the '30s. He was a downhill racer in his youth. Now, with competitive racing behind him, he skis several weeks a year for the sheer fun of it. He rows daily on the Severn River to keep in shape.

I keep in shape by running up and down the stairs looking for my glasses.

Twenty-five years ago, at age 50, I went on a learn-to-ski week in Canada. The Washington Post later published a series of articles I wrote on the experience. The theme was: “You’re never too old to learn to ski.”

Having just celebrated my silver anniversary with a week at Mont Sutton in Canadam I am updating that message. The



theme now is: You're never too old to quit skiing."

In the ski movies and advertisements, skiers are always lithe, gorgeous, and radiant with youth. Maybe they started out that way, but as the poets say, the river of time flows on, and those beauties and hulks grow older. And wearier. And stiffer.

Yet some ski on. On the recent Mont Sutton jaunt, those 28 over-60 skiers, when their joints begin to ache and their muscles cramp, chose to sit in chairlifts, not rocking chairs. They intend to keep bombing the slopes until, like Douglas MacArthur's old soldiers, they just fade away—probably into a whiteout.

This is the fifth year Gaithersburg resident Jack Peoples, 62, has led a group from PVS to Mont. Sutton. After rearing seven children and 36 years as a pharmaceutical salesman, Jack is now living his life's fantasy. In his first year after retirement, he skied 22 different mountains and developed a talent for leading ski trips. He and his assistant, Charles Huggins, from Potomac, like leading seniors. "They rarely bitch," says Jack. "They are flexible and they are usually experienced skiers."

At Mont Sutton this year, we have perfect



conditions. A deep base. New snow almost daily. All 53 trails and glades are open.

As usual, we occupy the Auberge La Paimpolaise, located on the slope and just a brief climb from the nearest lift. We take all 30 rooms and innkeeper Rolland and his staff of 40 cater to our every whim. There aren't many. We're just glad to be back one more year running the slopes all day and raising hell all night. Raising hell?

Let's face it, there is not a whole lot of night life at Mont Sutton and what there is of it is do-it-yourself. For us, it was a bingo and pajama party, which turned out to be one of the most successful events in the history of PVS trips.

The bingo was a first for the group, and the leader swore it would be the last. I mean you could hardly stand the excitement. The competition became so intense and tempers so frayed that Silver Spring psychiatrist Paul Yessler, 67, offered a free hour of consultation to the most disturbed. When the frenzy grew worse, he made it a free group-therapy session for all.

I guess you had to be there.

The highlight of our social week was the pajama party to which everyone came attired in his sleep clothing for an evening of disco dancing. Well, really, the things people sleep in on a ski trip!

Bill Anderson, 61, a fourth-generation Washingtonian, came attired in a raccoon coat straight out of the Roaring Twenties. He danced with abandon and was a big hit. A 75-year-old woman wore her red-striped thermal uppers and lowers. She said she'd spent thousands of dollars on bad dresses in her lifetime and it wasn't until she appeared in her red-striped underwear that she was a belle.

As I said, you had to be there.

Frank Shelburne, 76, a retired congressional shorthand reporter who took up skiing at age 50 and skis three to five weeks a year, says, "PVS is like the college fraternity I never belonged to and coming to Sutton is like Old Home Week."

Shelburne skis from lift opening to closing, and stays with the après group until lights-out.

Every day, Bowie resident Hank Thomas, 75 and retired from the U.S. Weather Bureau, and his wife, Aina, a retired dentist, ski the baby slopes. Hank has been skiing for 35 years and

Aina, born in Latvia, skied almost before she walked.

Now Hank suffers from lupus and arthritis so they ski the easy slopes. "I'm not after any merit badges," he says: "I just want to live to ski another day." "It will be a long time yet before we hang 'em up," Aina declares firmly. Next month they plan to ski with the club in Italy and France. On the other side of the mountain, Kirk Burns, 70, and wife Peggy are leading a contrail of PVSers down the black trails. Kirk Burns, a retired American University professor who started skiing at 46, says: "Next to the discovery of the opposite sex, skiing was the most important discovery of my life." He never tires of it. ..

Peggy Burns, with three daughters and five grandchildren, thinks skiing is the perfect family sport. "Where else can young and old be outdoors together, having fun all day long?" Back at the Paimpolaise, after three or four hours on the slopes, hungry skiers are pouring into the dining room to refuel for the afternoon. They talk of skiing. It never-ends.

Seniors Mary Jane McCarthy, Bette Walker and Dorothy Mills have skied nonstop all morning. Their faces are flushed with the cold and exhilaration.

McCarthy, retired from the Public Health Service, has been skiing more than 20 years. The widowed mother of six daughters, she declares, "I'm not sure I could have survived to my golden years without skiing and the friendships made on the slopes."

Walker learned to ski in Europe where her Marine Corps officer husband was stationed for seven years. Widowed now, she takes yearly ski trips."

Dorothy Mills, retired from government intelligence service, has been skiing since 1955. A pianist and gardener, she also hikes, ice skates, swims and plays; tennis." "I think I would give them all up," she says, "before I'd give up skiing."

The days fly by and finally it's the final afternoon and time for the last run. The skiers gear up and stagger- outside, where it's now 12 degrees and snowing.

"All skiers are crazy," says 68-year-old Charles Gordon cheerfully. "I mean you gotta be crazy to suffer all this misery."

"Yeah," agrees 78-year-old Franklin Fiske, as they board the chairlift and ascend to make one last run.

*Information from Marilyn Clark, PVS membership chairman, (703) 978-9435*

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The (almost) surprise pajama party.  
Jan Marx, Bette Walker, Lu Beale





SKI CLUB OF THE MONTH



## POTOMAC VALLEY SKIERS



Club members Pat Calef, Peggy Lacey  
and Aina Hertelis at Alta, Utah.

By Anne S. Cooper

WHERE is a ski club as it approaches its second anniversary?

Having at one time been associated with a ski club at its inception, and having seen it fold after less than one year of operation, I was frankly curious to learn the secrets, if any, of the apparent success of an almost brand-new club Potomac Valley Skiers. It incorporated in November, 1965 in the District of Columbia, It is devoted to "educational, social and athletic pursuits with particular reference to skiing and to do this in the company of people who have similar interests."

Dick King and Bill Stecher gave birth to the idea of Potomac Valley Skiers at the 1965 USEASA convention in Atlantic City. They felt that the Ski Club of Washington, DC. filled a great need providing, as it does, primarily a social outlet and place to meet for the Washington area's vast young adult population who are virtual strangers to the city. They felt also there was room for another club in the area—one devoted wholly to skiing and skiers—indeed, that there was a real need for such an organization. Thus was born the idea of Potomac Valley Skiers—an addition to, not in place of, nor in competition with, the Ski Club of Washington, D.C.

Hardship and bad luck often create great camaraderie between the persons who have the misfortune to share it, and this is certainly true of the beginnings of the Potomac Valley Skiers. Many of the persons who formed the base of PVS membership during the fall and winter of 1965 were part of a luckless group of skiers who found themselves in Europe for a ski vacation without hotel or other land reservations. Twenty-five persons had included the land package in arrangements for a European Ski Flight through Air India back in 1963. However, when the travel agency handling these reservations heard that the Air India plane had not and would not depart, it took it upon itself to cancel all land reservations in Europe. The agency did not reckon with the determination of a group of skiers planning and paid up to go to Europe. Those in charge of the flight made arrangements to have Air France take over the charter, and, thus, we end our story with a hardy group of skiers arriving in Europe to discover they have no place to stay—anywhere. Fourteen of these twenty-five persons became members of PVS during its first year of operation.

PVS states in its by-laws that active membership shall not exceed 200. By the end of the first year there were 60 members. Persons interested in membership must be invited and sponsored by an active member in good standing; they must attend at least three meetings by invitation; they must take no less than three ski trips in the company of members and they must pass the Basic Proficiency Test. The membership votes on each application and five negative votes will deny membership to the applicant.

The Executive Committee is an elective body consisting of the president and six members of the board of directors (three of these are elected for two-year terms.) The ExCom appoints the vice president, secretary and treasurer upon the recommendation of the president (the secretary and treasurer need not be members of the Executive Committee). Any vacancy on the ExCom is filled by appointment by two-thirds majority vote of the remaining members.

The first PVS president was co-founder Dick King, followed by Bill Stecher, the other co-founder. The third president was lawyer Brooke Armat, who drafted the club's by-laws. The membership turnover rate is extremely low at less than five per cent. By the same token, its growth rate is also very

low. It would appear that PVS has no interest in growth for its own sake, but carefully screens all interested persons and makes no effort to solicit members.

The club meets monthly; during the summer months, these monthly meetings usually take the form of lawn parties at members' homes, and during the fall and winter months, the meetings are normally preceded by "Dutch Treat" cocktails and dinner. The official club bulletin has a name worth mentioning since it seems to say a great deal about the spirit and attitude of the membership. As one member puts it, TOOT is the official bugle which sounds off every now and then to trumpet doings in the club and outside skiing world.

Potomac Valley Skiers is definitely what it claims to be—a club of skiing enthusiasts. The club celebrated its founding by a two-day ski and get-acquainted trip to Seven Springs, Pennsylvania, which included inter-ski club racing events with a ski club in Baltimore. In 1966 PVS took a New England ski trip and scheduled the Basic Proficiency Test for all those on the trip. All but one person took and passed the test,

Approximately 30 per cent of the PVS members are active registered ski patrolmen, There are 18 Senior Patrolmen, eight locals and four National Ski Patrol-men. This club does a lot of skiing!

You can always separate the social, party-minded person from skiing, but there's no way to separate the enthusiastic, hard-core skier from a good party. Potomac Valley Skiers is no exception. Stretch your imagination and figure out how 55 members and guests consumed, in one sitting, 72 lobsters, 350 steamer clams, 10 pounds of butter, the usual assortment of salads and desserts, and inevitable malt and hops! PVS "carried on" at monthly summer meetings at various member homes. They spent a good bit of their summer together — sailing on a regular basis, camping and hiking, water skiing and golf. They organized regular weekly tennis matches on Sunday mornings during the summer and even participated in a weekly rock-climbing clinic conducted by member Dick Harsh.

The Potomac Valley Skiers may not be growing at a fast rate numerically, but the spirit and enthusiasm of its membership, which began at such a high level, continues to grow and strengthen in its integrity. An early story, which illustrates the willingness of each member to participate to the fullest with spirit and imagination, involves Past President Bill Stecher and his family. At the October meeting last year, Bill informed those present that he might not be at the November 16 meeting because of his wife Elke's pending delivery. Their baby daughter, in good PVS fashion, arrived conveniently on the morning of November 16, and Bill was present at the meeting that evening where he informed one and all that his daughter was to be named Penelope Virginia Stecher and called PVS for short. Bill later admitted that that was carrying loyalty, commitment and participation a little too far and that the new Stecher was really to be called Barbi!



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:

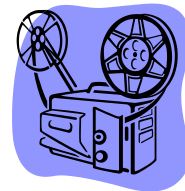
- take 3 ski trips with members.
- pass the US Ski Association Uniform Basic Ski Test. Some items were:
 

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!

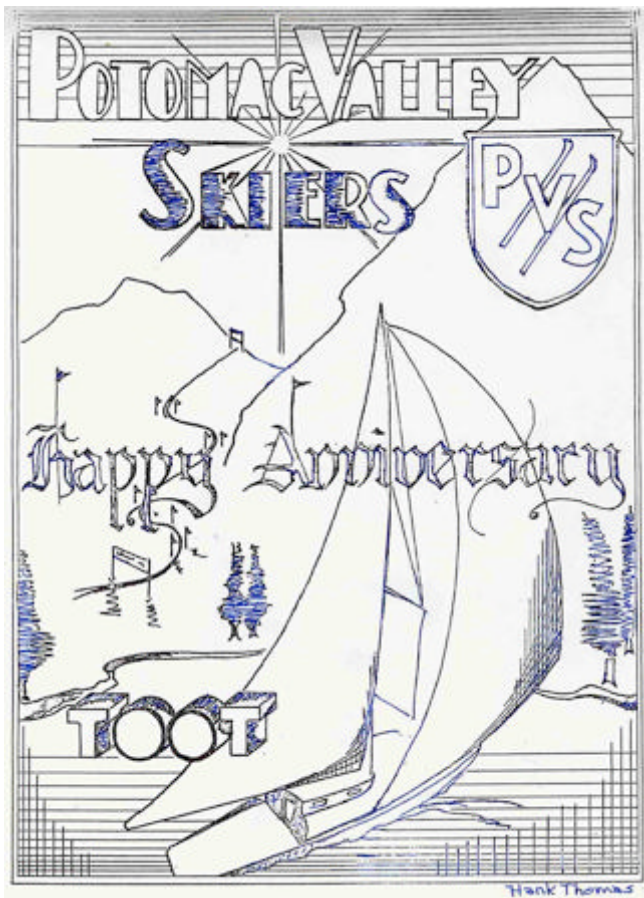
Our Cozy Headbands---



Buy over 100, they cost less, right? How many years did it take to sell them all??? Nancy McKinley broke down and bought the last one.

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The following pages show the covers or invitations to the former anniversaries.



**HAPPY 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

**POTOMAC VALLEY SKIERS**

**NOVEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup> 1975**  
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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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Saturday the third of November  
Nineteen hundred and ninety  
Fort Mc Nair Officers' Club

Six o'clock cocktails

Black tie optional      R S V P



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

**PVS 35<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> \$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 Folker at 703 931 6843 or e-mail to karknox@erols.com.

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



THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
of  
POTOMAC VALLEY SKIERS, INC.  
CORDIALLY INVITES YOU

To Attend a Gala Dinner and Evening  
In Celebration of the

**FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY**  
Of the Founding of  
**POTOMAC VALLEY SKIERS**

Saturday, the Fifth of November  
Two Thousand Five  
At Six O'Clock PM

**BOLGER CENTER**  
9000 Newbridge Drive  
Potomac, MD 20854

Featuring  
Camaraderie, Dinner, Entertainment

Reception - 6:00 to 7:00 o'clock with Hors D'oeuvres and Cash Bar  
Dinner and Program - 7:00 to 9:00 o'clock.  
Choice of Entrée:  
Grilled Filet Mignon with Red Wine Sauce or  
Sautéed Florida Red Snapper Fennel Bouillabaisse with Lobster

**BLACK TIE OPTIONAL**

**RSVP**

**\$59 Per Person**

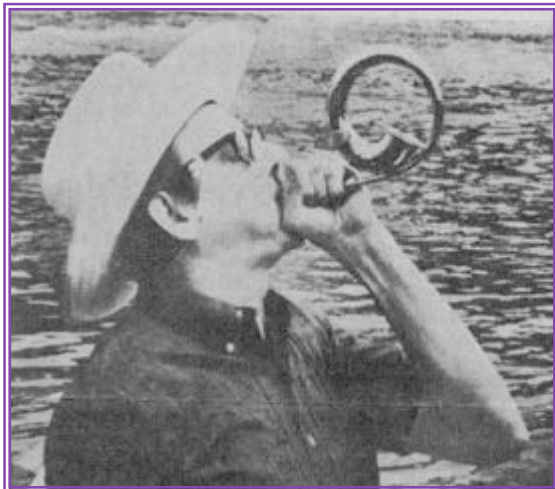
**Early reservations are imperative.**  
Please state your choice of Entrée  
-if the filet, how you wish your filet to be prepared.

Check payable to PVS.

Mail to:  
Rachel Abraham  
6210 Hoffman Drive  
Bethesda, MD 20817-2348

For those who would like to continue the celebration, The Bolger Center PUB will be open until 1:00 AM.  
If you would like to stay the night, you can make a room reservation by calling the Bolger Center Hotel at  
800 - 777 - 7803

1968 Washington Post article.



PVSer, Jim Key "TOOTS" the news on a canoe trip on the Shenandoah River.

July 20, 1970

# Skiers Have to Ski To Be Members Of Potomac Valley

By Ron Fett

Potomac Valley Skiers is a local group of serious-minded outdoorsmen who believe that members of a ski club should ski as well as talk about the sport and wear its fashions.

To accomplish this, they put into their constitution a requirement that new members must pass a basic ski proficiency test and must go on at least three club-sponsored outings before they are eligible to join.

The club, which is celebrating its third anniversary this month, was organized by "a few former leaders of the big ski club in town who felt a certain loss of identity, or perhaps direction, in that 3000-member conglomerate, according to president Larry Pease of Rockville.



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"We wanted a smaller group of active skiers who would be knowledgeable in the sport, and who want to travel and work and ski together."

The caliber of recruitment is indicated by the fact that more than half the 70 members are qualified ski patrolmen, instructors, uniform test judges or alpine racing officials.

"We have a constitutional ceiling of 200 members, and we are in no hurry to reach that figure," Pease said. "Almost all our members have retained their affiliation with the Ski Club of Washington, so we have not turned our backs completely on bigness."

PVS was incorporated in the District on Nov. 16, 1965. Founding members were Dick King, Bill Stecher, Packard Anderson, Brooke Armat, Doris Hege, Mike Rura, Penny Sayre and Hank Thomas.

The club meets once a month throughout the year, usually in the homes of members. The meeting next Tuesday at 711 Carter rd., Rockville, in Pease's base-

ment, will feature a workshop on preparing equipment for the coming ski season.

On week nights during the winter, the club sponsors regular "evenings on the snow" at nearby resorts. It also prints an "area-of-the-weekend" listing where members can gather to ski together.

Through affiliation with the U.S. Eastern Amateur Ski Association, the Pennsylvania Ski Federation and the Blue Ridge Ski Council, its members are eligible to participate in a dozen or more charter flights to Europe and the West. One group has rented a house in Davos, Switzerland, for two weeks in February.

Summer activities include tennis, sailing, rock climbing, surfing, camping, golf, water skiing and hiking. The club's newspaper is called "Toot," an "official bugle that trumpets the doings of the membership."

## Nautical Terms

**Pitch**—The distance a hull would travel forward with one revolution of the propeller if there were no slippage. This is determined by the angle of the propeller blades.