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It's now upon us--the season you've been looking for since last April. Winter is here and you don't need a calendar to prove it. Several ski areas north and west of Washington already report good skiing because of recent generous snow falls. And where nature has not obliged, the "big hiss" (snow making equipment) is filling the gap. With this bright prospect for a long skiing winter, you can be sure it will be nothing but ski talk at the next PVS meeting.

When does PVS meet? THE NEXT MEETING IS ON DECEMBER 14. Where? AT THE CHARCOAL HEARTH, 2001 WISCONSIN AVENUE, N. W., WASHINGTON, D. C. The cash bar opens at 6 p.m. and a special PVS dinner for those who want it will be served in our own meeting room from 6 to 7:30. The dining arrangement is for your convenience only. Don't feel you have to dine at Charcoal Hearth to attend the meeting, which starts promptly at 8:00 p.m. The meeting program is full: there will be a lively illustrated lecture on release bindings by Dick Harsh who has long studied these gadgets from an engineer's standpoint; a ski movie will be shown, courtesy of United Air Lines; and a special ski talk will be given by Luis Sanchez, former Olympic skier, now Ski School Director at Charnita. Also some new PVS plans for ski trips, ski instruction, and racing will be unfolded. Come at 6, 7 or 8, whichever suits you best.

Several members have asked for second and third copies of the 14-page Anniversary Issue of TOOT which, owing to its bulk, was distributed by hand at the November 16 meeting. If you have not received this issue, there will be one for you at the December 14 meeting. The supply, however, is limited.

As you saw, the Anniversary Issue of TOOT was a joint effort. Many PVS members contributed articles that were both stimulating and informative. (Incidentally, the handsome cover was the work of Hank Thomas.) In fact, so deft is the journalistic pen of many of our members that your Editor now fears for his job, painful (occasionally) and payless though it may be. TOOT is already exploiting this rich in-house writing talent. Look at the

thought-stirring titles that will appear in TOOT's coming issues:

Long or Short Poles: A Controversy Resolved.

Are Ski Waxes Obsolete?

The Makings of a Snow Crystal.

Why an Active PVS Role in Organized Skiing?

First Aid Knowledge and Your Ski Safety.

The PVS Ski Instruction Program.

How to Ski on a Budget (And Like It).

PVS and the Ski Patrol: A Candid Report.

ANATOMY OF A SUCCESSFUL SKI CLUB.

RACING: You joined PVS because you can ski and like to ski. Although you were not clocked during your slalom and downhill test (if you indeed took it), you probably are eligible to participate in the PVS racing program. There is such a program, still modest by most ski club standards, but before the 1966-67 ski season expires, it no doubt will be expanded. The PVS Racing Schedule looks something like this:

- January 21 - Intra-Club (PVS members only) Race, Charnita Ski Area. Precise time to be announced. This Race is a conditioner for the Blue Ridge Ski Council slalom event at Charnita the week following. The Standard Test will be given at this Intra-Club race.
- January 28 - Blue Ridge Ski Council Slalom Race. Details still to come.
- February 19- SCWDC sponsored USEASA Class "C" Race at Blue Knob. TOOT will keep you posted.

PVS SKI TRIP SCHEDULE

January 13, 14, 15 - to Seven Springs, Pa. This will be a car pool arrangement involving 20 or more people and about a half dozen cars. Make your plans early for this event owing to a need for room reservations. Seven Springs is a million dollar resort center with many recreational facilities, including an indoor swimming pool.

January 21 - see PVS Racing Schedule above.

January 28 - BRSC Slalom Race at Charnita. Car pools.

February 3, 4, 5, 6 - Three day trip to Vermont (Stratton, Killington, Stowe, or wherever there is snow). As now seen, at least four cars and 16 people will make this journey. The trip will be rescheduled for February 10-13 if there are snow problems.

March 17, 18, 19, 20 - Three day bus trip to Stratton Mountain in Vermont. Judging by last year's excellent turn-out for this trip, seats will be at a premium. Make your reservations early.

April 14, 15, 16, 17 - Three day trip to Stowe by car. Details later on car pool arrangements.

May 19, 20, 21, 22 - Bus trip to Mount Washington, New Hampshire. This three day ski trip will take us to Tuckerman's Ravine and the famous Headwall.

WESTERN SNOW REPORT (7 December)

In Colorado the snow cover is still spotty except at the higher elevations. Arapahoe Basin, Berthoud Pass and Vail have been open on weekends since Thanksgiving and full operation is expected any day, as now at Aspen. But in the High Sierras.....WOW!! "Sierra Skiing Loverly", said the San Francisco Examiner on November 25. It then added: "Fantastic, beautiful, deliriously delightful, surprisingly great--skiers were using these and many other adjectives to describe the snow conditions in the Sierra today." TOOT has no reports from Wyoming, Utah or New Mexico, but assumes that there, too, the skiing is "loverly."

The attention of active members is called to Section I(B) of the PVS by-laws which sets forth specific procedures for sponsoring new applicants for membership. All members are asked to acquaint themselves with these new rules so that the influx of pure ski enthusiasts into our ranks is orderly and efficient. Remember that sponsoring a new member entails certain responsibilities. Ask yourself first: what kind of contribution (non-monetary) will my candidate make to the betterment of skiing through PVS, and to PVS through skiing.

The January 1967 PVS meeting will vote on the membership applications of Helen and John Beale, Dorothy Riley, and Donald Vitt.

Meetings of the PVS Executive Committee usually take place about two weeks before the oncoming meeting and about one week before the issue of TOOT. These meetings are serious working sessions at which PVS plans, activities, and problems are worked out. BE IT KNOWN THAT THESE MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO ANY PVS MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING. If you want to attend one of these sessions, state your wishes to any ExCom member. If your desire to attend is constructive (as was Dick Harsh's participation on November 28), ExCom will be delighted to have you.

ExCom decided at the November 28 meeting that Tuesday evenings will be PVS skiing nights either at Braddock Heights or Charnita. These ski areas are near enough to provide a full evening of skiing under good lighting without requiring an overnight stay.

John Iams, Dick Harsh, and Mike Rura are planning a family ski day in February and/or March when all PVS kids will be put on the boards. This may be the start of a junior program -- or a PVS junior affiliate called SKIDS.

We're leading with our chin on this one, perhaps, but we'll try it on for size anyway. If you need help (ladies, in particular) in getting your ski equipment in order and feel the ski season is closing in on you, don't panic. Mike Rura has sounded out several Mr. Fixit's in PVS on this problem and the response has been generous. This limited ski repair service is gratis except that it calls for a smile and a short draft of malts and hops in small appreciation. No major repairs, please!! At least not yet.

The Fifty-Fifty Club was launched at the November meeting and the response was enthusiastic. This is a great "Club". It helps PVS defray meeting costs and takes care of a variety of lesser outlays that constantly nibble at our treasury. Be sure to join the Fifty-Fifty Club at the December 14 meeting. It might even give you a Christmas "lift." Dick King has already applied for December membership and wants to be counted in for the duration.

The Membership Committee is doing its best to have a revised PVS membership roster (now considerably larger than a few months ago)

ready for distribution before the Christmas holidays. Make certain your name and address is correct on the master list (see Pete Lang, Lilo Kinaman or Carol Parmenter) so that your Membership Card, when you receive it, also lists your name properly.

Ann Jones' Ski Fashion contribution to TOOT, intended for insertion in the Anniversary Issue, was not printed because we had trouble putting her "Sally" and "Sue" on a stencil. The problem has now been solved as you can see on the last page. TOOT is grateful to Ann for this special look-see into that never-never land of ladies' fashion thrills and frills.

WOULD YOU BELIEVE IT?
(by Ann Jones)

Yes, my PVS sisters, it's here! The 1967 ski season is right at our doorstep and everywhere the really IN girls, like Susie and Sally (see last page) will be dramatically displaying their IN fashions on the slopes.

Let's look at Susie's new gear. She starts by climbing into a fresh jazz of design with knit tops and tights stretching merrily to the tips of the body. This long warmth of color is really Granny's underwarmers with a young girlish fillip. This time our Susie has chosen a pair with print circles of white on dark blue. Next she slips into her sleeveless, all leather knicker jump-suit with splashes of yellow and white stripes. It has its own leather belt with zip-up-front, and remains free of frills in order to carry off an unencumbered sleek look. Turtle neck is dark blue.

Our gal Sal thinks her three-piece, red plaid, wool pants suit is even more IN. Imagine the versatility of the tiny, fur-trimmed mini-skirt, matching calf-length long coat, and bell-bottomed pants, all cued to several luscious color coordinated sweaters. Sally's skirt is worn for zipping down the slopes, or for apres ski. Coat is worn with both skirt and slacks, depending on Sally's mood. Fox fur stocking cap lends a "finished" look.

Each of these stunning IN outfits is quite flexible, especially if the temperature slides down to the round mark, allowing one to slip into other keep-warm apparel beneath.

WHOOOPS!! We almost forgot. Would you believe that Susie and Sally really don't ski?

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