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POTOMAC VALLEY SKIERS

TOOT
Wishes You

MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR

DECEMBER MEETING...

Shirley Lowe will be hostess at the Christmas Party on Tuesday, Dec. 17 at 8 o'clock. She lives in Sumner, Md. (Bethesda). Directions are enclosed.

NOVEMBER MEETING...

PVS's third anniversary meeting at the Pease's, with a turn-out of 61, provided several "firsts". 1) The first winter meeting in a private home. 2) Skis were checked and tested with the club's Lipé Release Checker at a non-skiing meeting. 3) There was the greatest turn-out that we've ever had. 4) There were birthday goodies brought by Thelma Bellolè, Pat Calef, Aina Hertelis and Mary Iams. 5) There were 26 guests.

When Billie was congratulated she replied, "Really, all we provided was the place." Don't believe her.

As you know, guests must be sponsored. If you would like to sponsor any of last meeting's unsponsored guests, Dick Harsh and Larry Pease have a list of names and addresses.

NEWS OF THE MONTH...

Congratulations to Bill and Joyce Goddell and Bill and Elke Stecher. Two future PVSers arrived in November--Andrew Goodell and Heidi Ingrid Stecher. Heidi was a Thanksgiving present and Andrew arrived the 18th.

PEOPLE AND PLACES...

Penny Sayre wrote Peggy Lacey from Boston that she wants to remain a paying PVS member and that "...as of today, there's a sofa that makes into a bed--so pass the word along that a free bed in Boston is available to all PVSers. They'll be screened before I let them up the stairs."

Six members want to pass the word that Thanksgiving is for skiing, not for stuffing. Pete Lang, Bruce Harstad, Jack Lilley, Thelma Belloli and Aina Hertelis went to Killington and Sugarbush over the holiday. They stayed at a farm in Rochester, Vt. which was very nice and reasonable (ask them for details). Barbara Iams visited Mt. Sutton and Jay Peak.

Doris Hege is back in town after her wonderful summer in Europe.

COMING EVENTS...

There has been a lot of interest expressed in having a bus-trip to Vermont in March. We are looking for an organized leader for a very disorganized group. It should be quite reasonable if we could get a bus-load.

PVS has been asked to run the Uniform Tests for the BRSC's Ski-Aree at Charnita on Jan. 18-19. There will also be non-sanctioned races, and other events. So come on out and pass that required Basic Test.

You can participate in these 'fun races' if you aren't an instructor, a Senior Patrolman, or an 'A' or 'B' racer. Get out there and represent PVS if you don't fall into one of these categories. PVS has already paid its participation fee--Let's participate.'

Saturday, Jan. 25, the Ski Club of Maryland, Ltd. has invited us to participate in the Charnita Winter Carnival. There will be races, a costume parade, a dance, an award ceremony, etc. Come show up for this event. Year before last PVS women swept the field. Elke and Penny did, that is. Last year, PVS son, Bobby Lowe, smeared the junior competition. Where are our men? Race for PVS's glory this year!'

Second Annual Ski-Patrol day at Charnita on Monday, Jan. 27. For a \$5.00 contribution, you may exchange that ticket for an all-day, all-lift ticket at the area ticket window. All proceeds will go to the National Ski Patrol System (Eastern Division). Last year the area and the workers there donated \$500.00--since their first N.S.P. day was rained out. Buy a ticket your yourself and one for your neighbor at the next meeting. You should keep your stub for tax-purposes and for the drawing at 6:00 on Monday night for a season's pass ('69-'70). PVS will gather for an evening of skiing. Do come!

Don't want to race? Try Free-Style skiing competition at Boyce Park in Pittsburgh. The rules, scoring, and dates are available if you call Larry Pease.

PVS will be participating in a survey of ski areas for the Pennsylvania Ski Federation on conditions, lift lines, lodging, etc. A mailing of questionnaires is planned for this season. So please fill in and mail your cards after a ski trip.

BASIC TESTS...

Bruce Harstad is willing to give the test at Braddock Heights or Charnita in the evening, if you call him to make arrangements. His home number in Frederick, Md. is (301) 663-4691.

USEFUL NUMBERS...

Ellis Ski Information: 623-7840 -- no recordings
Heckinger Ski Report: 362-2417
Hecht's Snow Report: PEP-3838, PEP-8898. Dutch says that if you find gross errors, he'd appreciate it if you's let him know.
Ski Center and Tours' Snow Report: 783-2959
Stowe: Toll Free (800) 451-4161
SCWDC: Note the new number -- 527-1302
BRSC information on Warren Gilbertson's Tape: 762-2179

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