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TOOT has dubbed February the "Month of the Big Snowflake." Our cover, done in the best tradition of Monacelli (our Nancy, of course), tries to capture the simple beauty of few of the many shapes and forms taken by snow crystals. It is on heaps of these multiform crystals that skiers have their fun. The bigger the heaps (as in Europe and out West) and the drier the crystals (as in the higher altitudes), the greater the enjoyment. During February PVS members will collectively roll up hundreds of thousands of air and motor car miles chasing and disporting themselves in and around the big snowflake.

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Preparatory to the April meeting and in accordance with PVS By-Laws, a five-member Nominating Committee chaired by Trudi Lemke selected Brooke Armat as its top choice for the office of President; and Doris Hege, Dick Harsh and Bruce Harstad for the three ExCom positions soon to be vacated. Billie Pease also was chosen to fill the fourth ExCom slot which will be created if Brooke Armat is elected to the Presidency.

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PVS members Bill and Elke Stecher, Penny Sayre, Brooke Armat, Charlie Gordon and Pete Lang took part in the January 21st slalom and downhill races at Charnita sponsored by the Ski Club of Maryland. Penny and Elke scored first and third in both races but were later disqualified for missing one gate. For both girls it was the first racing venture. Congratulations! The PVS men gave their all but it was not enough. Nevertheless PVS tied for fourth place overall. Talk to any of the above and they will tell you that despite butterflies in the stomach at starting time, racing is great fun.

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During the weekend of February 17-19 SCWDC will sponsor a Clinic for Class "C" and "D" competitors at Blue Knob. The schedule looks like this:

Friday, Feb. 17, 9 a.m., registration; 10 a.m., Downhill practice on Bunny Hop.

Saturday, Feb. 18, 9 a.m., registration; 10 a.m., Slalom practice on Stembogen; Saturday afternoon, course setting for USEASA Class "C" Giant Slalom.

Sunday, Feb. 19, 11 a.m., USEASA Class "C" Giant Slalom Championship and SCWDC Giant Slalom Race.

Mail registration fee (checks payable to SCWDC) to Joe Lederle, Competition Chairman, SCWDC, 872 N. Longfellow St., Arlington, Va. 22205.

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To compete in the February 19 USEASA Class "C" Giant Slalom Championships and SCWDC Giant Slalom Race at Blue Knob Ski Area, Bedford, Pa. (Seniors only; starting time 11 a.m., men and women A, B, C, D and Veterans), a completely

filled out USEASA entry blank must be sent to William E. Manson, 102 Spa Drive, Annapolis, Maryland 21403. Entries received after February 13 will not be put on the Start List. Registration fee is \$2.50. Make checks payable to SCWDC. Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m., Feb. 19, at Rucksack Building, Blue Knob Ski Area. Present your USEASA classification card at that time. Racers can buy a full day lift ticket for \$10 on showing their racing bib at the ticket office.

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The Norristown, Pa. Ski Club invites participation in the Pennsylvania Giant Slalom Championships at Elk Mountain Ski Center, Union Dale, Pa. on February 25 (Boys and Girls, Junior I and II, A, B, C, D) and February 26 (Men and Women A, B, C, D). This is a USEASA sanctioned race. Starting times: 11 a.m., Feb 25 (juniors) and 11 a.m. Feb 26 (seniors). Entry fee is \$3.00. Mail your entry blanks and fee to Sara de Coux, 450 Forrest Ave. (Apt. C-307), Norristown, Pa. Make checks payable to the Norristown Ski Club.

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The January 13-15 trip to Seven Springs arranged by PVS Trip Chairman Buff Harris was somewhat less than successful. Buff had reservations for twelve but could muster only five PVSers to make the trip. Fortunately Buff was able to pull together some non-members to complete the minimum party. PVS has tentative plans for a late March trip to New England and this and the whole trips question will be discussed at the February 15 meeting. There is also a trip in the offing to Tuckerman's Ravine to take place in April or May, depending on snow conditions. More details on both of these ski jaunts later.

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To improve communications between members from one meeting to another, particularly when the mails will not suffice due to need for speed, a PVS telephone tree has been established. The "Tree" is in print and will be sent to you separately. Please note your position on this communications tree and take your responsibility seriously. One ineffective link will certainly botch up an otherwise good chain.

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As most of you know, PVS donated \$35.50 to the U. S. A. Deaf Ski Team Fund. The amount was raised partly from the 50/50 club and partly from the PVS treasury.

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Tim Tarr is our newest eligible for PVS membership.

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Congratulations are in order for Keith and Sue Lyon who added a potential junior (Keith Michael Lyon, 6 pounds, 2 ounces) to the PVS racing roster for 1977.

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A revised roster of officer, ExCom members, committee members, Ski Patrolmen, Amateur Ski Instructors, First Aid Instructors, and members with other ski-related skills (Avalanche Rescue, etc.) will be circulated in the next few weeks. The present roster of officers and ExCom members will probably change after the Club elections in April when we choose a new President and at least three ExCom members.

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PVS MEETS ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, IN THE PRESIDENTIAL ROOM OF THE CHARCOAL HEARTH RESTAURANT, 2001 WISCONSIN AVENUE, NW, WASHINGTON, D.C. COME EARLY IF YOU CAN FOR DRINKS AND DINNER. THE MEETING STARTS AT 8 P.M.