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DECEMBER MEETING TO BE ANNUAL WINE TASTING PARTY

On Tuesday, December 14th, one week earlier than usual due to Christmas holidays, in the party room of Marina Towers at 8:00 p.m. we will have our annual wine tasting party. There will be 3 French and 3 German wines accompanied by cheese and french bread. The cost is \$2.00/person payable at meeting. But to insure there is enough wine and cheese for all we must have advance reservations. So call if you did not make reservations at the November meeting. Dial Jack Litley either at home: 836-2148 or office: 426-2844. See you there.

To get to Marina Towers and all that wine read the following: Marina Towers is located at 501 Slaters Lane on the Potomac just south of National Airport. To get there from the North take George Washington Parkway past the Airport and the sailing marina and take the first diagonal right to traffic light. Turn left on green arrow and cross the Parkway to Marina Towers. From the South go through Alexandria on Washington St. past the Hot Shoppes on the right. Take the 2nd right (the 1st diagonal right) and go to the 2nd stop light and turn right to the apartment building. Turn only from the inside lanes as there are no turns from the Parkway.

FIRST CLUB TRIP IN CONJUNCTION WITH SKI-O-REE

The 1972 Blue Ridge Ski Council (BRSC) Ski-O-Ree will be held at Blue Knob on January 29th and 30th. And in conjunction with this annual event, the club will hold it's first "trip". A block of rooms has been collectively reserved at the Hotel Bedford, the rates being \$3.00-\$5.00/night/person depending upon room. Meals will be at the option of each individual. We must confirm rooms on Wednesday, December 15th so call Gerry/Sandie Deighton at 424-5707 after 5 p.m. or at the latest, tell them at the December meeting. The weekend promises to be a good one filled with numerous on-slope events as well as apres activities. Basic and Standard Ski Tests are available as well as a fun race according to ability categories not to mention good ol' recreational skiing. And a big bonus comes in the \$5.00 reduced lift tickets (reg. \$7.00), - so plan to join in.

Saturday night things will swing at the Ft. Bedford Inn (our hotel is a block away) as there will be open bar from 8-9 p.m. After 9, drinks will be at reduced rates (75¢ mixed drinks; 35¢ beer) and a band will liven the evening. Richmond and Baltimore Ski Clubs are each having a bus load and Ski Club of D.C. has chartered 2 buses. So this will be an excellent opportunity to meet and enjoy other skiers as well as your own club members. In order to participate in the ski-o-ree events (including reduced lift tickets and open bar) you must register in advance. The names and number are the same as for accommodation reservations - Gerry/Sandie, 424-5707. So we hope to hear from you all - final date for registration is January 24th.

A MISTEAK IN NOVEMBER TOOT

We have not lost a sparkplug, Oleg Jerschowsky as stated in the Nov. TOOT; he remains an active member, but due to numerous duties with NSPS, will no longer be able to serve on Ex Comm. Please forgive the mistake -.

EASTERN SKI ATLAS AVAILABLE AT DECEMBER MEETING

For members who did not get their copy at the last meeting, you may obtain free of charge the National Survey Eastern Ski Atlas which the club has purchased for you. This is a comprehensive guide to more than 225 ski areas in Quebec, Ontario, New England and Mid Atlantic States, telling of facilities, rates, slope and trails and includes state maps showing locations of areas.

PLAN AHEAD FOR JANUARY MEETING

Returning to our usual 3rd Tuesday night, January 18th will be the date and the place will be the Roof Top room at the middle Grosvenor Apts. Building, conveniently located right off the Beltway on Rockville Pike (Rt. 355). Next Toot will have more details, but reserve the date now.

THINK SKIING AT WISP IN FEBRUARY

To be specific - reserve the weekend of February 11th-13th. Arrangements have been made for a club trip to Wisp. A 5 bedroom, 2 bath vacation home has been reserved and we're working on the menu now - food promised to be good and lots of it. So this is the way to ski cheaply - estimated price for food and lodging will be \$10.00/person. This includes two nights lodging, snack Friday night upon arrival, two breakfasts, and gourmet Saturday night dinner. And plans are underfoot to get a discount on lift tickets. There is a limit as to how many people the lodge can hold so first come, first served. Reservations are a must and you can make them anytime after 5 p.m. by calling Gerry/Sandie Deighton, 424-5707 or tell them at the meeting. If response indicates desire for more Wisp trips this can be arranged.

OUR PRESIDENT CHALLENGES

"I Bill Stecher, do hereby challenge anybody to any race! Time, place, details, rules, and regulations to be mutually agreed upon - but set by me. I dare any person who thinks he can defeat me - to just give it a try."

Signed:
762-9508

Bill Stecher

TOOT WANTS TO HEAR FROM ALL OF YOU ABOUT ALL OF YOU

The Head Tooter's phone has not been ringing off the hook as we had hoped. In an effort to get more, better and informative news we repeat our phone number, 424-5707 (after 5 p.m.); also beginning at the December meeting we will pass a TOOT sheet around with the hopes of people jotting down some quick blurbs. Our new reporter, Jan Holmes (627-5152) will be following up any leads we receive, so let's keep Jan busy.

ESCO MEETS LAST GREAT SKI CHALLENGE

To many, the last great ski challenge is to find a reasonable way to afford the sport which has become so expensive. The Eastern Ski Co-op, known as ESCO is a relatively new organization formed to provide the joy of skiing at economical prices. Membership is \$1.00 per year per person, which entitles you to use of ESCO facilities and mailing of the newsletter which announces other economy ski and vacation packages. ESCO has a lodge at Mt. Sutton in Quebec just over the U.S. Border servicing a 6 area complex with 30 lifts and 100 mile trails - and price per day including lodging, lifts and 2 meals is \$11.00-13.00, depending on length of stay - in essence then you could ski 5 days for \$55.00 plus transportation - that's economy. More info and membership forms will be available at December meeting or call the ESCO number, 942-4196.

DIAL-A-SKI-REPORT

QUALIFIED AMATEUR SKI INSTRUCTOR PROGRAM

The QASI program will have classes indoors on Dec. 7th, 9th and 14th at the SCHDC beginning at 7 p.m. An outdoor class will be held at Wisp on the weekend of Dec. 11th & 12th. Those interested should attend the first meeting.

NASTAR CHANGES COMPETITION AGE GROUPING

In order to make the racing program more exciting to all recreational skiers, the following new age categories have been created for NASTAR races. A new 30-39 category has been created for both men and women. Previously the men competed in the 18-39 bracket and the women were in the 18 and over category. Also a class parallel to the men's senior bracket was created for women 40 and over. These changes in format will be in effect beginning this season.

DECEMBER 18th IS CHARNITA SKI PATROL DAY

Charnita invites everyone to join them on their fifth annual Ski Patrol Benefit Day to be held Dec. 18th. Proceeds go to the Eastern Division of the NSPS. Last year a check for \$2200 dollars was presented to them as a result of this event. Let's all show our support and Ski Charnita on Dec. 18th.

1971-72 SKIING HAS BEGUN !

Just ask Larry and Billie Pease, Don Meek or Jack Fox. They had a great day Friday following Thanksgiving at Hunter Mt. with good snow. And Sat. & Sun. were at Bel Air for their season opening. Bill & Shirley Pearson enjoyed 2 1/2 feet of snow at Elk Mt. on the Sunday of Thanksgiving weekend. So best get the muscles loosened up and the equipment ready and then.....schuss!

Ed. note: And afterwards tell us so we can tell everybody.

MEMOS FROM MEMBERSHIP

A hearty welcome is extended to applicant member Doris Jones....and just a reminder that membership application can be made at anytime---the next page can be used for the above purpose.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR - NOW !

Dec. 7	QASI First Session
Dec. 11-12	Winter Carnival, Big Boulder Ski Area
Dec. 14	PVS Wine Tasting Meeting at Marina Towers
Dec. 15	Last Day for Ski-O-Ree Accomodation Reservations
Dec. 18	Ski Patrol Day at Charnita
Jan. 18	PVS Meeting at Grovesnor Apts.
Jan. 24	Deadline for Ski-O-Ree Registration
Jan. 29-30	Ski-O-Ree at Blue Knob
Feb. 12-13	Club Trip to Wisp
Feb. 15	PVS Meeting