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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

IT'S SKI SEASON!

The local skiing may not be all that good yet - (for that matter it is never REALLY all that good), - but they ARE skiing NOW in New England and out west! Since P V S is the Club for skiers, we can help you with your skiing. Here's how:

1) Check our P V S trip list - except for Bob Wyckoff's European trip, all of our trips have at least a few openings. Call the trip leaders AND SIGN UP NOW! In this issue of TOOT, we are including information of Blue Ridge Ski Council trips for which you are eligible because you belong to P V S.

2) If none of our planned trips meet your needs - (an almost unthinkable thought!) - or if you have additional ski plans, write a note to our TOOT editors at 5817 Kingswood Road, Bethesda, Md 20014 about your plans. We will publish your plans so that other P V S friends could possibly join you in your skiing activities. After all, two, four, or six or more can rent a nicer Condo cheaper than one!

3) For last minute, weekend trips, call our P V S Activities Answering Service at 362-4724. Brooke and Mary may be able to help you with carpool partners for a local trip.

4) Sell your used ski equipment with a free TOOT advertisement. Just send the information on what you have to sell to our TOOT editors and we will put it into TOOT on a space available basis.

I hope to see you at our December Christmas party and hope you all have a VERY HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON!

Ray McKinley

Ray McKinley
President

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DECEMBER MEETING A Christmas Party!

The third Tuesday of the month, on December 20th; time - 8:00 P.M. at Penny and Mike Wiederhold's home; 7214 Delfield Street, Chevy Chase, Md. Tel. 657-8863. Come early and enjoy the hot Gluewine! Exit 20 from the Beltway, south to Thornapple, east on Thornapple (watch the jog at Brookville) to a right turn on Delfield. Park and go to # 7214. YOU ARE THERE!
ENJOY YOURSELVES!



EXCOM REPORT

The Executive Committee of P V S held its monthly meeting in Rockville, Maryland on Tuesday November 22nd. The "ghost" and "Ghostess" for this meeting were Gerry and Sandie Deighton (and they certainly were "ghostly"!.) But, back to business - which EXCOM did conduct with the spiritual presence of our hosts. Attending were President Ray McKinley, Vice President Marilyn Clark, EXCOM members Gail Gell, Bill Hager, Julie King and Bob Marx; Safety Advisor Larry Pease and TOOT editor Dick King (where were the Deightons?) The business discussed follows:

1. An official resignation from the EXCOM has been received from Penny Richards. Penny, a brand new mother this past year, has not been able to find enuff time in the day and night to raise her family and keep up with other outside activities; thus has reluctantly submitted her resignation from EXCOM. President Ray McKinley has expressed his official disappointment (with full understanding of the circumstances) and his thanks to Penny for her able efforts when she was able to participate in Club officer activities. A vote was held to fill Penny's vacant position on EXCOM and Gail Gell was unanimously and willingly voted into EXCOM to complete Penny's term.

2. Gail Gell, as Membership Chairlady, reported that the Club now has 119 membership total. This nearly equals our membership of last year and should constitute a good basis for a vibrant and active Club. Now, we need all of you to participate. A lengthy discussion ensued concerning the administration of Applicant members and their progress to full membership. It was agreed that the key to that process was member interest plus sponsor interest.

The By-Laws exist and their interpretation is in the hands of EXCOM. EXCOM asks that all sponsors contact an EXCOM member on the Membership Chairlady to ensure fulfillment of By-Law provisions in order that Applicant Members can rapidly move to full membership status.

3. A new telephone tree will be made up and forwarded to the membership. This is a unique and rapid method of communication - and occassionly the only method - so do your part when called upon! It gets the word around; and it brings the members closer together. You will receive your copy with an upcoming TOOT.

4. As of this writing, the January meeting which will be January 17th, will be an On-The-Hill meeting (at Ski Liberty). More on this in next month's TOOT. Also, we may "telephone" the word to the membership. So, keep in touch, and be ready to do your part.

5. The December EXCOM meeting will be held December 27th, at Gail Gell's residence: 12715 Hathaway Drive in Wheaton, Maryland. Call Gail for specific directions.

6. The January EXCOM meeting will be held January 24th at Dick and Marilyn Clark's residence: 8953 Falling Creek Court, Falls Church, Virginia. We've been there before.

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IMPORTANT NOTICES

IMPORTANT NOTICE # 1

S K I I N G !

The reports are rolling in! Aspen opened up on Thanksgiving. More snow falling almost daily! Killington and other New England areas opened up at the same time - Thanksgiving! Pennsylvania areas opened up the weekend after Thanksgiving. Don't forget - the early skier gets to wait in, that's right - NO LINES! So, the season is now upon us. Let's get together and get on with our reason for being here on this cold earth - GO SKIING!

IMPORTANT NOTICE # 2

The P V S coordinator for the BRSC Ski-O-Ree February 10-12 (Bill Hager, Tel. 281-2911) reports that his deadline for confirming reservations for this Council event is DECEMBER 13TH. Please call Bill RIGHT NOW and make your reservations.

IMPORTANT NOTICE # 3

Our WISP trip leader, Gail Gell (Tel. 949-9036) reports that she has 11 members on her trip so far (capacity is 18). Call Gail if you're interested. It's a good warm-up weekend for the Wychoff trip. And snow is assured at that time of year at Deep Creek Lake. So join the group on this fun trip and ski one of the best local areas.

IMPORTANT NOTICE # 4

Tom Aguilar reports that he would like to join up with P V Sers for a ski trip to New England sometime during the first of January 1978. Anyone interested in such a ski trip is encouraged to contact Tom. Home: 652-2394.

IMPORTANT NOTICE # 5

Geoff Wadey reports that he intends to take advantage of the bargain fare of \$179.00 round trip air fare to Denver and return in order to spend two weeks skiing in Steamboat Springs, Colorado. He departs February 15th. Any other PVSers are welcome to join in. Call Geoff, Home: 320-5459.

IMPORTANT NOTICE # 6

A friend of Bob Wyckhoff's has offered to rent their privately owned Bryce Mountain condominium to P V S members and their friends at a bargain rate (approximately 2/3rds the going rate!). A completely furnished first floor accomodation away from the snow gun noise. Sleeps 4 comfortably (2 single beds, 1 double convertible sofa). A fully equipped (SIC) kitchen, divided rooms, TV, fireplace, private balcony and ample closet space. Bring your own linens and towels and leave it clean and ready for the next occupants. Only 50 feet from the ski slope! Walk to the ski lodge, restaurant and cocktail lounge. Bryce is just 2 1/2 hours drive from D. C. Cost:

- \$20.00 2 persons per night weekdays (\$4.00 each additional person).
- \$65.00 2 persons per weekend (Fri & Sat nights) and \$10.00 each additional person.
- \$200.00 per seven day week (the rate paid normally to Bryce resort is \$443.00).

For further information and bookings, call Mrs. Wolf at Daytime - 394-2820 Evening - 439-4423 or 439-4867.

IMPORTANT NOTICE # 7

Bob Grasley has good news for the P V S and BRSC sanctioned Spanish Ski Safari trip. A reduction in air fares from the U. S. to Spain will allow inclusion of additional benefits for skiers besides those described in the original pamphlet. A 20% devaluation of the Spanish coin (peseta) also means less cost for your incidental expenses. There is space available for a few more skiers.

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A REPORT ON THE NOVEMBER GOLD MINE TRIP


EUREKA! WHITE GOLD! by Jim Ward

Skeptics - foo on you. There was gold in them ther' hills. White gold. SNOW. Assayed by the National Weather Service as the first big strike ("several million flakes") of the season. Some 20 P V S "miners" and guests, accompanied by a gaggle of assistant miners, set out on the arduous task of seeking their fortunes in the wilds of Great Falls, Maryland. Assembling in the bitter cold and wind at Great Falls Tavern, they were cheered by the first sight of the sun in TWO WEEKS! Driven by the lust for adventure, they took to the top of the mountain to begin the search. Only to be told by a park ranger "If you don't get your cars out of here, the guy who owns the vegetable stand will have them towed away". Pooling their resourcefulness, they

formed an instant carpool. Undaunted, on they went. Prospecting the trenches, pits, and decayed buildings, the hearty band of miners found much. Some fool's gold, of course. And a Mother Lode of bottles. But, alas, no yellow gold. Just the golden leaves of autumn and a pleasant hike. Repairing to the Old Angler's Inn, with a glass bottle in one hand and a glass from the bottle in the other, they happily considered their lot. Then, a Penny arose (mint mark unknown) and said: "There it is". And, so it was. SNOW. The moral of the Story: ALL THAT GLITTERS IS NOT GOLD, IT MAY BE S N O W!

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A Report on: THE THIRD ANNUAL FALL DINNER-DANCE

A RESOUNDING SUCCESS, some 46 members and guests filled the New Mark Commons Rec Hall and also filled their stomachs with excellent home cooked foods while attending our Third Annual Dinner-Dance. A new sound (and theme) was heard this year. "The Dance Factory". Not only did we have good sounds, but we also had instruction - in the Hustle. And everyone participated - including Hank! It was a great time and everyone enjoyed themselves. This event is surely becoming an annual trademark event. This year's success is due to several hard workers. First and foremost, Donna and Bill Hager. An agreement to take reservation calls and arrange the menu turned into almost complete management responsibility. And Donna and Bill shouldered it all. The hall was opened up, decorated, and ready for the first arrivals. Kirk and Peggy Burns pitched in along with Ray and Malle McKinley along with other early arrivals to help set up the hall AND the Dance Factory. TOOT hails the efforts of all the hard workers who contributed to make this event a success which it surely was. Again, those of you who missed it, missed a real fine social getogether. We hope you all will make the next one. There is sure to be one.

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TO ALL - MAY YOU HAVE A
PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!



NOVEMBER MEETING REPORT

A ski club meeting - at a Shakey's Pizza place?? That's right! And it was a resounding success! On our usual third Tuesday of the month meeting night in November (the 15th), we met in sort of a group gettogether in the public dining room (along with HOW MANY soccer players?) to enjoy cutrate but tasty pizza and chicken. Then at 8:30 P.M., we adjourned to an adjacent smaller room set aside for us as a private meeting room and we MET! And, we looked and looked and looked at ski movies until we were wonder bound by the delights and ski movements flashing across the screen. It was nigh on to 11:00 P.M. when we reluctantly turned off the projector and called an end to a successful evening and P V S meeting. Oh yes, some 30 to 35 members and guests attended and enjoyed the evening very much. So much so, we shall DO IT AGAIN. Thanks to Sandie Deighton for the unique idea which is a unique solution to our constant need for a desirable meeting locale.

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SKI TRIPS

- Jan 13-15 - A carpool trip to WISP in western Maryland. A few spaces left. Trip leader Gail Gell (949-9036). We stay in a private lodge about five miles from the slope - it's comfortable and spacious, we've stayed there three or four hears now. About \$25.00 per person (food and lodging).
- Jan 19-Feb 5 - "Ski The Riviera" with Bob Wyckoff. (Tel. 589-5532). Although Bob's deadline was Nov 30th, he may have room to adjust. Call Bob if interested.
- Feb 10-12 - Ski-O-Ree. Call coordinator Bill Hager (281-2911) if interested.
- Feb 23-26 - Bus trip to Killington, Vermont. Trip Leader Ray McKinley (790-8812). Call if interested, shud be a good one!
- March 2-17 - Ski In Spain. Trip Leader is Bob Crasley (460-3167). A three area trip. Call Bob if interested.
- March 5-11 - A carpool trip to Mt. Sutton in Canada. Trip leader is Gerry Deighton (424-5707). The trip to Kirk Burn's chalet is full but some P V Sers are going and staying at nearby accomodations. If interested, call Gerry and something can be worked out!

SKI TRIPS (con't):

We list for the first time, two BRSC sanctioned flights for which P V S and other BRSC member clubs are eligible:

- Feb 3-18 - A European ABC charter flight. It goes Dulles to Zurich with skiing at Zurs, Austria and St. Moritz, Switzerland. Cost of \$855.00 includes air fare, accomodations and some meals and some incidentals. Trip sponsored by SCWDC. Trip Leader is Jane Scott and/or Rick McCormick at:
Scott - 3341 So. Stafford St. Arlington, Va. Tel. 379-1762
McCormick - 1600 So. Joyce St., Apt B-1103 Arlington, Va. Tel. 920-1006.

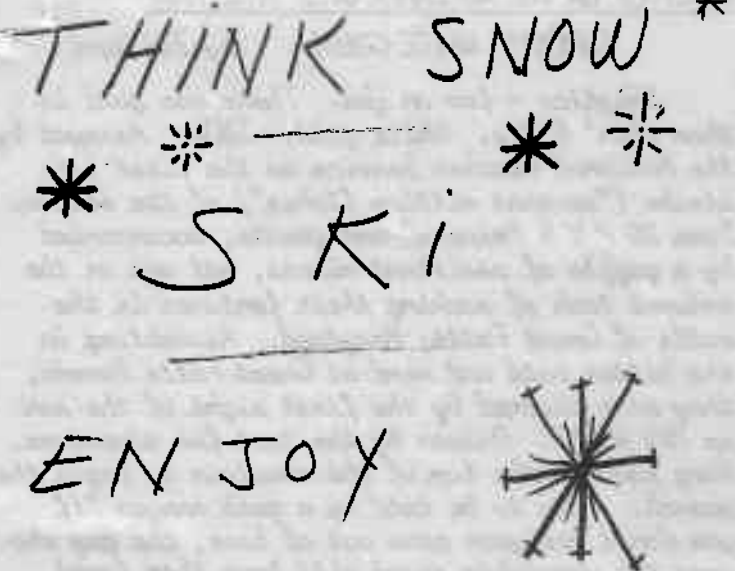
March 25 - Apr 1 - A \$445.00 package flight to Banff, Canada. SCWDC sponsored. Trip is Rosemary Gwynn, 4501 Connecticut Avenue, Wash, D.C. 20008, Tel. 363-4476 for full details.

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COMING EVENTS

- Dec 20 - P V S December Meeting. A Christmas party at Penny and Mike Wiederhold's (remember that good Gluewine??). YEH, MAN! See page One for details and directions.
- Dec 27 - EXCOM Meeting. See EXCOM REPORT # 5 for details.
- Jan 17 - P V S monthly meeting. An On-The-Hill ski meeting (while skiing!). At Ski Liberty. More details by phone and in the January TOOT. A lot depends on conditions and weather! We'll keep you advised.

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November 12, 1977

Dear Club Official:

The Blue Ridge Ski Council is sponsoring a series of three racing clinics during the month of December. They are at Jack Frost Mt. Dec. 10-11, Dec. 17-18, and Elk Mt. Dec. 26-29. The details (or at least most of them) are:

Jack Frost
Price: \$12 per day This includes lifts and 3 hours of on-snow instruction.

Registration: 9am at the ski school desk
On-snow instruction periods are from 10-11:30 am and 2-3:30 pm daily. The first on-snow session will be for orientation, dividing into smaller groups of similar skiing levels, and free skiing instruction. The second and third on-snow sessions will be running gates and/or additional free skiing instruction depending on the needs of the group. A timed race will be held during the fourth session. Jack Frost now has video taping to aid in its instruction. The period 11:30 am to 2 pm is reserved for lunch and free skiing. We will also have sessions on equipment maintenance and physical conditioning. These will be held after the Saturday afternoon on-snow session. This will be the format for both Jack Frost clinics. This clinic will be suitable for beginning through advanced racers.

Elk Mt.

Price: \$60 for four days plus lift tickets
Registration: 8:30 am at a special desk in the rear of the main lodge Discount lift tickets can be purchased at the registration desk. Slalom Trail will be reserved for racing instruction. Participants in the clinic will be permitted to use the racers' lift line at the new double chair. There will be heavy emphasis on running gates both SL and GS. There will be instruction in course setting and topics such as equipment maintenance and racing strategy will be covered in off-snow classes. There will be a get acquainted beer, pretzel, etc. party on Monday, the 26th. Instruction sessions will be from 9:30-12 and 1-4 each day. Enrollment will be limited to about 45. For reservations send a deposit of \$5 to: Betty Maticic, Apt. 417, 925 25th Street, NW, Washington, DC, 20037. Make checks payable to Elk Mt. This clinic will be most suitable for intermediate and advanced racers.

The above information is being supplied for use within your club for promoting these clinics.

For further information: call Blue Ridge Coordinator

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