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## POTOMAC VALLEY SKIERS

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President's Message - "Yippee." After almost a year, TOOT has an editor again. Dick and Julie King have taken on the task. Let's keep them supplied with news items and articles of interest to PVSers. It's your publication, so let's hear from you.

The EXCOM has appointed Dick King to the EXCOM to finish out the first year of the two year term I vacated on assuming the Presidency. As most of you know, Keith resigned as President in October due to his long required absence from the area. Keith, recently back in the area, informs me that he again will soon be leaving the area on a two-year assignment abroad to London. We are all sorry to see him leave again as Keith has been a hard and dedicated worker for the club. To quote Keith's resignation letter, "I thank all of you for your support and hope that PVS continues to grow as the SKIER CLUB of the Washington area." Thanks, Keith, for your hard work and contribution to PVS; and BON VOYAGE to you, Susie and the family. We look forward to your safe return in the future.

There are a few words I'd like to say about a problem the Club faces. PVS was founded a little over eight years ago to attract and unite dedicated skiers by sharing with others the immediate thrills and later reminiscences of skiing. Its existence was to be solely for the benefit and pleasure of its members. The club was to be intentionally small (200 limit). It was to be an alternative to the unattractive aspects of large size clubs. Where are we? We have slowly grown to a club of 88 members. Our turnover rate is quite small. Stagnation is our problem. Very little new blood comes our way and old blood tends to stay out of the limelight. It is a chicken and egg situation. Without active participating members, there is little to entice new members. Without new blood, one of two choices exists: The old blood must continue to recycle itself and keep the club active; or, just let the club slip slowly into an inactive status. I think there are warning signs of the latter. I am also quite sure that none of us individually want that to happen. So folks, it's up to you, the membership. Where do we go from here? The answer is yours to make.

Art

Art Topping

February meeting - Tuesday, Feb. 19th at the Ralph Anderson residence - 102 Moore Ave. S.E., Vienna, Va. It's EASY to find: Just two traffic lights east of Nutley Road (Rte 243) on Route 123, turn south on Center Street (landmarks are a Mobil Station, a library and a drug store); drive .6 of one mile to a T (Moore Ave S.E.); left to the second house on the left (next to a church) and you are THERE, #102. Any problems enroute, call 938-1038 and Ralph will rescue you from your dilemma (we hope!). Ralph reports he has been promised two films in time for this meeting:

1. "Steamboat" from the Steamboat Springs, Colo. resort.
2. "Happiness Is Skiing" - Sterling film.

We hope BOTH films arrive for a full evening of movies.

### Coming Events

- Feb 19 - PVS meeting
- Feb 22-24 - BRSC Ski-O-Ree, Canaan Valley, W. Va. (Details from PVS BRSC coordinator)
- Mar 2-9 - Sutton, Quebec (Kirk Burns' chalet). Aina & Peggy, Don & Pat Cope are going. Two bunk beds still available - contact Don for details.  
Note: Lift ticket fee is \$35.00 for seven days!
- Mar 2-17 - Western flight to Jackson Hole, Wyoming! Prexy Art, Max, Thelma, Ginny Larson & Mary K. Joyce currently confirmed as going; and anticipation is building!
- Mar 19 - PVS meeting - location to be announced
- Apr 16 - PVS meeting - This is the ANNUAL meeting. Please y'all, y'all come, y'hear? Vote for your new slate of officers. Location to be announced.
- May 3-5 - Eastern Ski Association Convention, Quebec City, Canada. Charter flight includes skiing at Mont Ste Anne! Prexy Art, Hank, Don Meek, Dick & Julie King currently going (staying at the famous Le Chateau Frontenac). All PVS members welcome - join the happy group!
- May 11-12 - Raft trip; The Cheat River Canyon, W. Va. with the indefatigable Deightons - Gerry, Sandie & Trevor! Contact Gerry for exciting details.
- May 18 - May PVS meeting delayed from third Tuesday to May 18th to support the FIFTH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL dinner at Don & Pat Cope's. SAVE this date right now.
- May 19 - BRSC meeting (location to be announced).
- Jul 20 - PVS Swim & Steak outing hosted by Roy & Malda Elrod at their home - Triangle, Virginia

IMPORTANT NOTICE #1 - You will note that this is Volume X, NO. 2 of TOOT. There was no Volume X, NO. 1 for a very simple reason: no one to produce it. Due to that lack of communication, the January Pot Luck Dinner meeting failed to come off. Eight PVS members attended the meeting in January and discussed the obvious: How can we stimulate more life into PVS? The prime answer seems to be better communications followed closely by another prime answer: need for more members and more working members. We are working in that direction and that leads to:

IMPORTANT NOTICE #2 - PVS now has an activities answering service (The AAS). Brooke and Mary Armat have agreed to receive calls regarding PVS plans and activities. Just call the Armat home at 362-4724 and you'll get an answer to your question. In the event they might momentarily be outside working on the yard, call again soon and they'll undoubtedly be there!

IMPORTANT NOTICE #3 - PVS is re-instituting the telephone tree to reach its members by phone for special announcements. The Basic tree is in this issue of TOOT. This successful means of notification worked well in the past and is again established to reach all of you. Your active participation will make it work.

IMPORTANT NOTICE #4 - The EXCOM held its monthly meeting January 29th. Attending were Prexy Art, Peggy (the hostess with the greatest chips and dip), Thelma, Gerry Deighton and new TOOT editors Dick & Julie King. Missing EXCOM members Charlie Liu and Bob Gell were unable to attend due to conflicting schedules. A Nominating Committee for selection of a slate of new officers was appointed by EXCOM: Members are: Dick King (Chairman), Don Cope, Brooke Armat, Aina Hertelis, Keith Lyon and Billie Pease. The slate of new officers will be published as soon as the list is completed. EXCOM appointed Dick King to serve on EXCOM to fill the vacancy made when Prexy Art moved into the President's chair upon the departure to Boston of Keith Lyon. Member Larry Pease provided EXCOM with a computerized current listing of PVS members. This list has been confirmed by Membership Chairman (perhaps we should say Chairwoman?) Penny Wiederhold and will be published and mailed to the membership in the near future.

IMPORTANT NOTICE #5 - PVS needs right now: a Programs Chairman, a Secretary, and individuals willing to serve in the new slate of officers. Willing workers please see Prexy Art, Nominations Chairman Dick King, or any member of EXCOM; all of whom will welcome your initiative and creative ideas.

## TRIP REPORTS

The Deightons report that the Wisp trip January 11-13th was a success. Snow conditions at that time were satisfactory (translation: There was skiing - as opposed to: There was NO skiing) and some 18 people enjoyed the weekend (unfortunately, practically NO PVSers in the group).

The Blue Knob trip on January 26 and 27th was successful. Penny Wiederhold and her one legged husband, Mike, did a fine job of organization and baby sitting (Mike tended junior Deighton (Trevor) while parents and able bodied skiers skied). Max Bunnell assisted by opening up the rented A-Frame early Friday and one-upped the whole group by getting in the best skiing day of all on Friday. The Friday night social was lively and fun. Saturday, the snow grew soft and wet in the afternoon and then the rain and fog moved in to deplete the remnants of snow on the slopes. Sunday skiing was vetoed by the group but the weekend in the mountains and the comfortable A-frame with congenial bunk mates (??) made for a very enjoyable weekend. Cudos go to the Deightons and the Wiederholds for their outstanding (and long lasting) Gleu Wine and the good (but short lived) Cheese Fondue. Prexy Art presided over the social activities (the bar, that is) and distribution of cut rate Blue Knob lift tickets. As Prexy, Art authorized purchase of twenty all day Blue Knob lift tickets for a sum of \$115.00. These sell individually for \$5.75; a significant saving over the going day rate of \$9.00. Art managed to sell 13 of these during this weekend to PVS members but seven tickets are still available. Anyone interested in this saving can make a deal with Art while they last. IF we ever get snow, they quickly will go!

## TOOT TIDBITS:

Don't fail to reserve May 18th right now; for the FIFTH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL DINNER. The Copes are hosts and Pat will offer her guidance to all you good "foreign cooks" who make this event one of the annual highlights of PVS activities. See y'all there!

As you see by the Coming Events, we will again have the Elrod's Swim and Steak outing this July. Roy will arrange the steaks and beer and Malda will prepare the house and the pool. We will help with the salad and other accessories as required. More on this later, of course.

The Stechers and Mother-In-Law Maria depart for their annual visit to Lenzerheide, Suisse on 21 February - a great three-week vacation. Auf widersehen and Gute Fahrt!

Word comes from our old friends in Wayne, Pennsylvania, Rus and Lilo Kinaman that they are expecting their second family addition in March. We wish them good luck and good health.

In the new addition column, it comes to our attention that Jim and Susan Key sponsored one Jason Key, son #1 into this big world last October. Congratulations to the three Keys! We understand Jim is working toward a graduate degree during his year's leave of absence from work. Keep those grades up there, Jim.

We have a single liner that Jean Old and Jack Coyle survived a wonderful trip to/in/ around Africa! Sounds great folks; when can we view your slides??

Is the report true that Aase Berling is working hard on her CPA? Keep up the good work, Aasa. We have lots of taxpayers in PVS who need encouragement!

Carol Parmenter is continuing her year of specialized training at Boston University in the big old capitol city of Massachusetts. Her address is 74 Monmouth Street, Brookline, MA. 02146. Drop Carol a line and learn what the skiing conditions are in New England???

HOW TO BECOME CLASSIFIED COMPETITOR (ALPINE) AND ENTER SANCTIONED RACES, EASTERN/USSA

1. You must be a currently paid up member of the Eastern Ski Association, 22 High St P.O. Box 727, Brattleboro, Vermont 05301. Dues through a 100% Club (all members of the club automatically belong to Eastern) are \$5/Individual and \$10/Family. Dues through an Active Club (15+ members) are \$10/Individual and \$20/Family, with rebate to the Club at the end of the year of \$2/Individual and \$4/Family. Unattached (belong directly to Eastern without any club affiliation) dues are \$10/Individual and \$20/Family. (All new Clubs pay initiation fee of \$25 -- except 100% Clubs; non-100% Clubs pay annual dues of \$10.) All new members -- in whatever category -- must have a completely filled out Eastern membership application form accompany dues.

2. Classification fees must be paid by those individuals who wish to race in Sanctioned Races (Eastern/USSA). The individual must stipulate the classification he/she seeks -- whether Junior, Senior, Veteran or both Senior & Vets and pay proper amount. Seniors (must be over 18 years of age) are classified according to ability levels (A,B,C,D) determined by Seeding Points earned by the competitor -- one starts at the "D" level. Veterans (must be 27 years of age and over) are classified by age groups as are Juniors (must be 18 years and under) and race accordingly. Birthdate is mandatory for all competitors.

Classification Fee Chart:

Senior A - \$15.00 (Seniors must be over 18 years of age)	Veterans I-V - \$10.00 (Vets must be 27 years and older)
B - \$10.00	Vet I - 27-31 years of age
C - \$10.00	Vet II - 32-39 years of age
D - \$ 5.00	Vet III - 40-47 years of age

Juniors I & II (18-14 years) - \$10.00	Vet IV - 48-55 years of age
Juniors III & IV (under 14) - \$ 5.00	Vet V - 56 years of age/older

(Combined Senior and Veterans Fee - Pay higher of the two fees - example: Senior D and Veteran Fee pay \$10.00 for both and check both categories (must be over 27 years to race in both categories).

(Juniors are described as 18 and under as of March 31st or 19 years as of March 31st and a Senior in High School - for one year only).

Membership/Classification Card will be sent each competitor, carrying an Eastern # in 6 digits. Keep your card with you at all times as you may be asked to show it!

Entry Vouchers (36 in number and personalized in magnetically coded ink) will be sent to all Senior, Veteran and Junior I & II competitors. Safeguard these as they are your only entry to sanctioned races! If you lose them or they are coded improperly, notify Eastern immediately for replacement/correction. Juniors III and IV will receive 10 standard entry forms along with their competition guides.

Competition Guide - "Eastern Competition Program" for the current season will be sent each competitor. It will include some material set forth above plus additional material (87 pages last year) including the all important Race Schedule (divided by Alpine and Nordic Events) setting forth date of race, name of meet, type of event, category or class(es) eligible to participate, location of race, entry fee/deadline, who and where to send entry and fee etc. Race entry deadline will be standard for all races this year, i.e., entries must be postmarked 6 days prior to meet date. Again new this year race cancellations/postponement information may be obtained by calling Ellis Ski Information Service (Direct Line into Washington - telephone 628-7840), Eastern states other than Conn. call 800/243-3520 or 3521. Racers should know the FIS Rules under which they will be racing. Rule books may be obtained from Eastern, or USSA for \$3.50.

In addition to the above you will receive Eastern and USSA publications, subscription to "Ski Racing", be eligible to participate in ESA and USSA programs including Flights, USSA Ski Week and the like.

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