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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

In the 1976 Winter Olympics, Bill Koch of the United States won a medal in cross country skiing. A decade ago that achievement would have been greeted with the kind of hysteria currently only seen at croquet matches. However, in todays environment the excitement over Koch's triumph reflects the sudden new interest in cross country (nordic) skiing in the U.S.

Like tennis, jogging and alpine skiing, cross country skiing is a rapidly growing sport. Nordic and apline skiing share similar looking equipment and a similar season. The similarity ends there, however. Cross country is more serene as skiers glide through snow-laden trees and along brooks. The cross country skier is not always required to go downhill, he can go on flat country or uphill. He also has no use for large vertical drops and expensive lift tickets. This type of skiing is inexpensive, exhilarating, and just an enjoyable way to spend a day.

You don't need to be an expert to enjoy cross country and rental equipment is downright cheap. We hope that you will join us for a day when we do PVS's first ever cross country skiing. See elsewhere in this issue and in last months issue of TOOT for further details.

Also in this issue you'll find two new features which we hope you'll enjoy on a monthly basis. First, there's the PVS PROFILE where we will be telling you some hopefully interesting information on various club members. Modesty prevents me from discussing this months interview. Our second, (certainly correctly placed) new feature is THE KNEE written by Big Foot. Big has requested anonymity and you will see why. I hope to see you skiing and for pizza, beer and ski movies at Shakeys!

Ray McKinley

RAY MCKINLEY, PRESIDENT PVS

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Happy New Year!

JANUARY MEETING

Shakey's Pizza and Shakey Skis

Date: January 16, 1979

Time: 6:00- 8:00 p.m. for "All you can eat - chicken & pizza, salad & potato". \$3.00 per adult, tax included. Beer by the pitcher even less.

8:30 p.m. meeting and ski movie in private room.

Place: Shakey's Pizza Parlor, 1471 Rockville Plaza. One block north of the Congressional Shopping Plaza. Take Route 270 north to the Montrose Rd. exit, exit north to Rockville Pike (Route 355), right on the Pike about a mile to Shakey's on your left. Park and EAT!

Arrangements by Sandy Deighton, movie "Skiing in Eastern Canada" by Keith Lyon.

~~Prospective members are always welcome! Do come and bring a friend.~~

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CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING

DATE: January 13 (alternate date January 20) Snow conditions will determine if the alternate date will be used.

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

PLACE: Needwood Golf Course, Olney, Md. or Thurmont (depending on snow conditions) Meet at North section of Wildwood Shopping Center parking lot (near Grand Union super market). Take the beltway north, exit Old Georgetown Road. Take left onto Old Georgetown Road (away from Bethesda). The shopping Center is about a mile on the right.

Bring your lunch/drink. Clothing - dress in layers. Rucksack is good to have. Equipment rental at:

Hudson Bay Outfitters - Complete package (skis/boots/poles) \$40.00 deposit, \$6.00 per day. Skis only - \$40.00 deposit, \$4.00 per day. Poles only - \$40.00 deposit, \$1.00 per day. Boots only - \$25.00 deposit, \$3.00 per day. They have three locations, Kensington, Gaithersburg, and Fairfax.

Appalachian Outfitters, Oakton, Va. - Complete package \$90.00 deposit, \$6.40 per day.

Reservations must be made in person and should be made in advance to be sure of getting equipment.

For further information please contact Thelma Belloli - 966-3383

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EXCOM REPORT

The regular monthly meeting was held on December 26th at Alice Swalm's home. Present were Marilyn Clark, Keith Lyon, Bob Marx, Ray McKinley, Judy Mealey and Alice Swalm. There was not a quorum present so no votes were taken.

1. Keith Lyon reported that he hopes to have movies of Canadian skiing for the January and February PVS meetings. He also reported that 22 people attended the Jean-Claude Killy movie Dec. 8. Apologies were made by Keith and Judy for committing the time of the showing in the December TOOT. Springfield Mall has refunded the room deposit, however, there was a \$26 loss on the project.

2. Judy Mealey agreed to accept Julie King's un-expired term as Excom member. A vote was postponed until a quorum could be present.

3. The question of accepting paid advertising in TOOT was discussed but action and further discussion was postponed until the next Excom meeting.

4. Excom members were unanimous in expressing appreciation for the "best ever" Christmas party hosted by Penny Wiederhold where 45 thirsty PVSers consumed 5 gallons of gleuwine and uncounted delicious cookies.

5. Excom will meet on January 23 at the home of Bob and Jan Marx, 7:30 p.m. 8312 Oakford Drive, Springfield, Va. Tel. 451-9158 if you need directions.

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451-9158
Jan and Bob Marx

Call for the latest events, change in scheduling, or arranging one-day local trips.

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ANNUAL ELECTIONS

In accordance with the by-laws of Potomac Valley Skiers, I have appointed a nominating committee. The purpose of the committee is to nominate a slate of candidates for the upcoming year. They should nominate a candidate for president and three candidates for the Executive Committee. The committee consists of the following PVSers:

- Art Topping, Chairman
- Kirk Burns
- Bob Grasley
- Malle McKinley
- Alice Swalm
- Aina and Hank Thomas

Art or any of the committee members would welcome your suggestions for any of the offices. The committees slate will be published in the February issue of TOOT.

Respectfully submitted by
Raymond R. McKinley
President, Potomac Valley Skiers

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"SNOW JOB"

Keith Lyon reports that the December 8 full length feature film "Snow Job" starring Jean-Claude Killy was viewed by an enthusiastic PVS crowd of 22, including several children (future PVSers!). Jean-Claude gave us a skiing demonstration which will be long remembered, covering impossible terrain with amazing ability. A film worth seeing for skiers and non-skiers alike with a pleasant surprise ending.

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THANKS!

A big tip of the PVS Ski Hat to Penny and Mike Wiederhold for sharing their home for the annual Christmas Party. A very merry time was had by all! And thank you to everyone for bringing all the delicious goodies.

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"THE KNEE"

The Knee creaks, and knows all, and tells all -- or at least 73%. Starting now and throughout 1979 we'll be kneeling PVSers. Lets start with our President. Ray, please tell us you were misquoted in the Globe Papers. We are Potomac Valley Skiers not Potomac Valley Ski Club. And how come you tell us that we're THE club for skiers and you tell the media that we mainly offer "steak and swim parties, hikes and beach parties".? Get your act together Pres!

The Knee really liked the Wyckoff's Christmas card with three skiers on the front....wasn't the third one Bob Grasley rapidly coming up from behind?

A hardy tip of the ol' Knee Cap to Dick King. Dick is one of the founding father persons (the Knee is not sexist) of PVS and is leaving our area for--horror of all skiers horrors--Colorado! Good luck Dick--Keep 'em bent.

Who was it that Lu Beale was following to the PVS Christmas party? We understand it was Alice Swalm. Alice is the wrong person to follow--anywhere. She's the only person ever to get lost and miss one of Bob Wyckoff's buses. And we understand she even gets lost trying to find her living room! One thing Alice CAN find is the Finish Line. Of some 1700 people in the National Symphony Five-Mile run last month she finished third in her category. And she's only been jogging since June. Right on!

And finally, the Knees Kneedle of the month (or possibly of the year) goes to Bob Marx. (In order to preserve Bob's anonymity we'll only use his initials.) Well. . .in October, BM volunteered to do the major work of getting together TOOT starting in November. But in November BM was on a business trip so B's lovely wife Jan (or J) had to put TOOT together. When it was time to do the December TOOT B was also on a trip. And guess where B was on January 4th and 5th? Right-- on a business trip. Way to volunteer B! Any trips planned for February?

PVS PROFILE

Ray McKinley

In the winter of 1967 a Volkswagen bug left Urbana, Illinois with four people, assorted luggage and ski gear bound non-stop for Jackson Hole, Wyoming. One of those four was our own Ray McKinley, all set for his first experience at skiing. Taking to the sport immediately and with characteristic enthusiasm, Ray has subsequently skied many areas around the world. The only place he has skied more than once is Aspen and since he has been there three, (almost four) times, it ranks as his favorite area.

Ray was born in Camden, New Jersey and grew up in Long Beach, California. He earned his B.A. in Physics at the University of Southern California and his M.A. in Astronomy at the University of Illinois in 1965. He needs only to complete his thesis for his P.H.d.

Ray and his wife Malle live in McLean, Virginia and are currently in the beginning stages of home remodeling. Ray jogs 15 miles a week when his knee isn't sore and his favorite hobby is doing stain-glass windows.

Ray has been PVS president for two years and when not pursuing skiing or any of his other hobbies, he is employed as an "uncivil servant". When asked for a quote to include here he has given us the following for posterity, "I'm your standard club president--charismatic, swave(sic), and witty". "Never volunteer" was his second choice!

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PVS CLASSIFIED

Needed - 70" X 70" Movie Screen donated to PVS for movies. Will buy or borrow to use every month. Please contact Keith Lyon, 455-4294.

Wanted - A babysitter. PVS family with two small children (6 & 2½) is seeking a reliable babysitter to stay with the children at home while parents ski at Killington in March for 5 days. Please contact Judy Mealey, 790-8227.

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- January 13 -- Cross Country Skiing. 9:30 a.m. Call Thelma Belloli, 966-3383 for further information and see this issue for details. Alternate date January 20. The alternate date will be used if there is not enough snow on the 13th.
- January 16 -- PVS Monthly Meeting at Shakey's Pizza in Rockville. 6:00 p.m. See seperate notice in this issue.
- January 23 -- EXCOM Monthly Meeting at the home of Bob and Jan Marx, 8312 Oakford Drive, Springfield, Va., telephone 451-9158. 7:30 p.m.
- Feb. 1 - -- PVS Ski Austria - Trip leader is Bob Wyckoff. Telephone 589-5532.
- Feb. 18 - -- Seven nights in Innsbruck and eight nights in Zurs.
- Feb. 10 - -- PVS European Ski Adventure - Trip leader is Bob Grasley. Tele. 460-3167.
- Feb. 24 - -- Seven nights in Cervinia and seven nights in Courmayeur, Italy.
- Feb. 1-18 -- Ski Vail. Contact Bill Stecher. Telephone 762-9508
- Feb. 25 - -- Ski Mt. Sutton, Canada. Don Cope reports that there are two rooms still available for this popular family skiing event. Call 836-5436.
- March 3
- Mar. 11-17 -- Ski Killington, Vermont. This one-week bus trip is filling up fast. Contact Norm Engleman, 299-2635 for reservations.
- ? ? ? ? ? -- Ski Canaan Valley, West Virginia. This weekend carpool trip needs a trip leader. Contact Ray McKinley if you are interested. 790-8812.

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Second Term Vacant
 Bob Marx
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First Term Gail Gell
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For those who wish to submit any information or comments in TOOT, the deadline is the first week of each month. Contact Judy Mealey at 790-8227 or mail to 1457 Waggaman Circle, McLean, Va. 22101.