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## POTOMAC VALLEY SKIERS

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### NEXT MEETING-- OCTOBER 20 AT JOHN AND MARY IAM'S

Enjoy slides of mysterious exotic Czechslovakia, taken by mysterious exotic Jack Iams. Hear Bob Grasley on a proposed ski trip to Czechslovakia. See your friends. Drink beer. Bring guests. Remember to pay a quarter for your beer or we'll have to turn you in to an aluminum factory for the 1½ cents refund in order to keep our club treasury in its current healthy state. Vote on PVS winter meeting place, and voice your opinion of planned activities. Directions to 6404 Redwing Road, Bethesda: from beltway 495, take River Road exit. Turn toward D.C. on River Road. Go about 4 traffic lights to Goldboro Road. Turn right about 4 blocks to Redwing.

### NOTES FROM PVS SEPTEMBER MEETING

Hosts Bob and Jan Marx introduced guests Larry and Caroline Carbaugh to the group. Dick King brought guests Bob and Mary Weika. Everybody munched and sipped and dipped and had a generally fine time. Many thanks to Bob and Jan for opening their home to us.

### HABEN YOU GETTEN EIN BLUE BEIR STUEBEN YETTEN?

Don't forget Saturday October 10, 5 to 8 at the Washington Hilton is OCTOBERFEST TIME! You've probably had a good looking reminder via mail (the blue beer stein in question). For just \$10 each, enjoy a Smorgasboard, beer, dancing and entertainment. It's TAX DEDUCTABLE, 'cause it's all going to support the U.S. SKI TEAM. Call 337-1855 if you haven't already ordered your tickets, and see if any are left. This one should be a goodie. See you there!

### AFTER THE OCTOBERFEST COMES THE NOVEMBERFEST

The SKI BALL at the Washington Hilton Hotel, Saturday, November 7 will be brightened by your presence. And so will the coffers of the U.S. SKI TEAM SUPPORTING COMMITTEE, which is sponsoring this elegant, TAX DEDUCTABLE affair. \$50 donation per person gives you the chance to mingle with members of the team, big names on the Washington scene, and, best of all...your skiing friends. Dancing, door prizes (really good ones) and a champagne breakfast will add to the glitter. Lets all join in this really painless form of fund raising. The Committee's goal, as reported last month by Chairman Ham Norton of SCWDC is \$15,000!

## EVER BEEN TO A TURKEY SHUSS?

Don't forget...Thanksgiving weekend will inaugurate the PVS ski season (November 26), with a carpool trip to New England, coordinated by Geoff Wadey. The Snowman will select the destination. Let Geoff know if you're interested.

## PVS NEW YEARS SKI TRIP TO NEW ENGLAND--REMINDER!

It's planned in conjunction with Fort Meade's Sun Snow & Surf group, so we're limited to 15 spaces. Two busses will leave Tuesday evening December 29, and return January 3, 1971. The tab?? About \$100, which covers everything (including champagne, for the New Year's Eve bash) except lift tickets. Plans are to stay at Deerbrook Lodge in Killington, and ski Killington, Sugarbush, and Mad River Glen. Mighty fine skiing at real economy rates. Send \$50 to Geoff Wadey pronto if you want to squeeze in on this popular weekend.

## SAILING DOWN THE RIVER ON A WINDLESS AFTERNOON...

The day dawned bright and beautiful. There was only one thing missing. You guessed it. Anyway, Dean Worcester's huge schooner and a smaller sailboat set out on the Chesapeake Bay with a full complement of PVSers aboard. We putted and drifted to our destination between short bouts of eating, drinking, and swimming. Divided into groups A and B, in order to meet marine regulations about bodies per square foot, or some darn thing...we switched ships at the midway point after dinner, so everyone could try both. About that dinner. A secret ballot suggests that we try another restaurant next time. A beautiful moon...and AT LAST...a splendid breeze made the trip back a symphony in silvers and shadows.

## PENNSYLVANIA SKI FEDERATION NEWS by MURRAY LYON

The PSF met at Carlisle Pa. Sept. 27 & 28. PVS was there on the 28<sup>th</sup> as a member of Blue Ridge Ski Council, represented by Hank Thomas, Larry Pease and Murray Lyon; (PSF is the parent organization of which BRSC is a member). The meeting lasted two days, with Saturday being given over largely to committee meetings; on Sunday, the session attended by the PVS contingent, President Leo West presided, conducting a regular business meeting during which the committees reported. A resolution was offered during this session by Larry Pease to have PSF support a bill, presently before the Penna state legislature, exempting ski areas from the 10% tax which local Pennsylvania communities may impose on anything not already taxed by the state government. Larry's resolution was adopted unanimously. PSF contends that skiing is a participator sport and provides direct benefits to the participant in the form of exercise as opposed to say sports like professional baseball games which are spectator sports and merely provide entertainment. Bowling already enjoys the exemption for which skiing asks. Nearby ski areas like Blue Knob, Charnita, Round Top and Seven Springs are all candidates for this tax (which is of course, passed directly on to you the ticket buyer) and in fact Round Top is presently required to collect this tax on it's admissions

You, PVS members, will be asked to help oppose this tax by lending your support to the bill exempting skiing from it. Please help. It will cost you but a few minutes of your time. Combined, your small individual efforts have great potential for making the voice of the skier in general, and PVS in particular a real POWER in Bananna Belt skiing!

## PVS FALL SCENIC MOUNTAIN WALKS by MURRAY LYON

The 1970 edition of the Fall walking season is here. Scenery, leaf-looking, fresh air and leg-loosening are yours for the taking. The leaders will be Murray Lyon and Jim Key. In response to numerous requests, we have scheduled some hikes on Saturday, some on Sunday, some South of the Potomac and some North.

We will meet for each hike directly at the starting point at 9:00 am sharp. Directions for getting there are given below for each hike, but if you have any questions, Murray or Jim will be glad to help at Murray Lyon 926-8451 Jim Key 437-9182

Saturday October 17th

### Harpers Ferry

For beautiful scenery with a magnificent view of historic Harpers Ferry, join us for this easy, five mile stroll along Elk Ridge above the Potomac. Meet at the parking lot at the scenic overlook at Sandy Hook, Maryland where U.S. Rte 340 crosses the Potomac. From the beltway, take I-70S west to the U.S. 340 interchange at Frederick. Follow 340 west toward Harpers Ferry. Parking lot is on your left just before you cross the Potomac River bridge.

Saturday, October 24th

### Dickey Ridge - Chester Gap

Another level walk with a downhill at the end; eight easy miles of ridge walking along Dickey Ridge in Virginia's beautiful Shenandoah mountains at the height of the Fall season. Meet at the Dickey Ridge Visitors' Center at mile 10 on the Skyline Drive. Take I-66 west from the Beltway to where the Interstate ends and you are dumped onto U.S. 29-211 at Gainesville, Virginia. Immediately take a right onto Va. 55 west to Front Royal. Turn South on U.S. 340 and look for the entrance to the Skyline Drive on the left. Go ten miles to the Dickey Ridge Visitors Center and meet PVS in the parking lot.

Sunday, November 1st

### Finey Ridge

This is an eight mile circuit hike in the Shenandoah National Park. From Rattlesnake Point Overlook on the Skyline Drive, we'll hike down Finey Branch trail and back up the Finey Ridge trail, an easy walk with some breath-taking vistas. Take I-11 west from the Beltway to Gainesville, Virginia, thence on U.S. 29-211 to Warrenton. Turn right in Warrenton on U.S. 211 to the top of the mountain and the Skyline Drive. Turn right (north) on the Drive for about 12 miles to Rattlesnake Point Overlook.

Sunday, November 8th

### Old Rag Fire Road

We'll take a leisurely circuit around the base of this famous Virginia mountain without enduring the struggle of climbing the summit. It's a beautiful walk with no hard pulls. To get to the Old Rag Parking lot, where we'll meet, take I-66 west from the Beltway and proceed as above through Warrenton as if you are headed for the Skyline Drive. When you get to Sperryville (last town before the mountain), take U.S. 522 south for one mile to Va. 231. Turn right on 231 for 6 miles to the Hughes River. Immediately after crossing the river, turn right to Nethers and on to the end of the road and the Old Rag parking lot.

Saturday, November 14th

### Chimney Rocks

See Pennsylvania; hike a real forest. A 7 mile hike north on the Appalachian Trail past Chimney Rocks to South Mountain Sanitarium. Go west from the beltway on I-70 to Frederick. From there take U.S. 15 north to Thurmont, Md. North of Thurmont, go left on Md 81 to Blue Ridge Summit, then Pa 16 west to the Appalachian Trail. Meet at the point where the AT crosses Pa 16.

Sunday November 22nd

### Knob Mountain

Ten miles of gorgeous mountain views! A little more rigorous walk than some of the previous walks, but not exhausting. Meet at the Matthews Arm Campground parking lot for a delightful walk in the woods. Directions to Matthews Arm are similar to Rattlesnake Point Overlook (see, Sunday, November 1st, above), except that the turnoff to the Matthews Arm Campground is about 2 miles before you get to Rattlesnake Point, well marked. Join the hikers for the final walking event of the season. THINK SNOW ! !

## BESC CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY FLIGHT

Contact trip leaders Tony and Partha Ferrara, 5315 Peerless Ave., Balto. 301-664-8628 if you're interested in a Dec. 26 to Jan 3 trip to Innsbruck and Sölden. Cost about \$325.

## MEMBERSHIP LIST INFO

Jack Fox 30 Union Turnpike, No. F-3, Wharton, N.J. 07885 (no phone yet)

## TOOT TOOT TOONSIES, GOODBYE!

A new bulletin editor is needed, beginning with the November edition, as co-editors Jean and Doug Toone ride off into the sunset to live "in the west" (Spokane, Washington).

## CALENDAR OF SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES

Every Sunday 10-12	PVS Tennis at Hains Point
October 10	Octoberfest - Benefit U.S. Ski Team - Moneytaker Ham Morton
October 17 24	PVS Fall Hiking - Cadence callers Jim Key & Murray Lyon
October 20	PVS Monthly Meeting - Hosts the Iams
October 31	Halloween Party - cancelled
November 7	Washington Ski Ball - Benefit U.S. Ski Team - "Openpalm" Morton
November 11	Veteran's Day - Buy a poppy, smoke it & take your own trip
November 17	PVS Monthly Meeting - Hosts the Copes
November 26	PVS Thanksgiving Ski Trip - Master Carpooler - Geoff Wadey
December 29	New Years Ski Trip to Killington - Bus Director - Geoff Wadey

