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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Off Season

The past season's ski trips are memories now and trip plans are being discussed for next year.

So, for ski clubs, it's "off season." But, for PVS, it's only "non-ski season." Just read the list of upcoming activities in this issue of TOOT.

Join in as many "non-ski season" activities as you can and enjoy discussing our favorite sport with other PVSers all year long.

Marilyn J. Clark

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APRIL EVENT

Annual Meeting

When: April 15th at 8 p.m.

Where: Malle and Ray McKinley's home, McLean, Va.
Tel: 790-8812. See next page for directions.

What: BIG DOINGS:

* Food-Drink-Merriment

PLUS

* Voting for new PVS members and secret balloting for applicant members who have qualified for full membership.

* Discussion of status of NSP bill in House of Representatives including tips on how we can help.

* Slides of French Trip by Art Topping.

* Ski movie presented by Keith Lyon.

DROP YOUR TAX RETURNS IN THE MAILBOX AND COME COMMISERATE WITH YOUR FELLOW SUFFERERS.



DIRECTIONS TO THE APRIL MEETING:

Ray and Malle McKinley's home
1135 Langley Lane
McLean, Va.
Tel: 790-8812

Take the George Washington Parkway to Route 123; take 123 West 3/4 of a mile and bear right onto Route 193 (Georgetown Pike). Continue on 193 for 1/2 mile (just past Amoco Station) to a left turn (about a 30 degree turn) on Chain Bridge Road. Go about 1/4 of a mile to a 90 degree right turn onto Langley Lane where the McKinleys live in the second house on the right (a grey shingled cape cod).

At the meeting the following slate of officers will be presented to the membership for approval:

President (second term): Marilyn Clark.

Excom (two year term): Jean Heichue, Jim Slack, Adele Waggaman.

The following qualified applicants will be presented for a vote:

Dorothy Mills, Harold and Helen Wiese.

APRIL EVENT : " Hike With Hadler "

What: 2nd Annual Billy Goat Trail hike led by Jacques Hadler (229-5453)

When: Saturday October 12th 10 a.m. (Rain date: Sunday 13th.)

Where: Meet in the parking lot opposite Old Anglers' Inn, 10801 MacArthur Blvd. Potomac, Md. (Near Maryland's Great Falls Park.)

Bring: Lunch - sturdy shoes - a yen for a pleasant workout in the off-ski season.

REPORT ON MARCH MEETING by Lu Beale

The Kuffs hosted the March 18 meeting at what Mort had described as their "little house". It turned out to be a "big house" - large enough to hold around 40 PVSers with plenty of room to spare for elbow bending- of which, naturally, there was a good deal.

Angela Kuff, a cook of considerable talent, heaped the dining room table with home made delicacies, notably humice (a chick pea and garlic pate), a cream cheese and home made chutney spread and pimento puffs.

President Marilyn Clark conducted the 4-minute business meeting with that dispatch for which she is widely and gratefully acclaimed. Keith Lyon, not necessarily responding to popular demand, presented a reshewing of that heart throbbing Love-in-Aspen classic and who cared if he had seen it before?- Aspen skiing is always thrilling even if enjoyed only vicariously.

The evening ended with many thanks to the Kuffs for their warm hospitality.

MAY EVENT Old Rag Climb (About 8 miles)

Date: Sat. May 10. (Rain date: Sunday May 11)

Leader Lu Beale 363-3521

What: Climb Old Rag Mountain in Shenadoah National Park.

The Park Guide gives this description: "The rich rewards resulting from climbing Old Rag do not come easily. The climb is long and strenuous involving a total ascent of 2,400 feet in three miles (via the Ridge Trail). Portions of the trail are very rough, steep, or both. Nevertheless, if you have a stout heart, a good supply of energy, and the necessary time, you can look to Old Rag as offering one of the most enjoyable, worthwhile, and unforgettable experiences obtainable in the Park." Circuit hike- 8 miles.

Time: 8:00 A.M. Meet at the Cooper School just inside the Beltway at Exit 13, Rte 193, Georgetown Pike. The school is on the right of #193 on Battle Hill Road. Carpooling will be arranged there. See sketch map below.

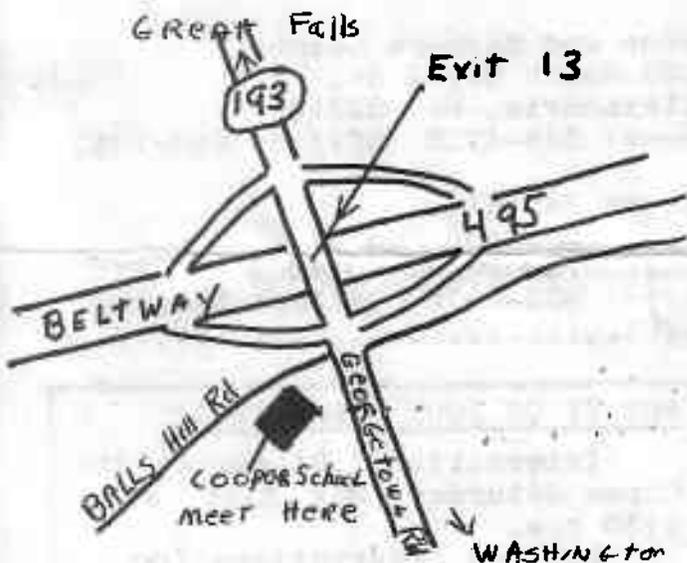
An early departure is desirable to allow for the 85 mile drive and an unpressured climb. Please be on time. Bring coffee and Danish to consume in car if you don't have time for breakfast.

Bring: Besides stout heart, stamina, and sturdy shoes, bring lunch, gorp (trail snack of granola bar, raisins, chocolate, etc.), plenty of water and, perhaps, liquid spirits left on ice in your car to restore muscle spirits at trail's end. If you care to bring a camera, there are magnificent views.

Cost: It is suggested that riders in car pools chip in \$2 each to their drivers.

Reservations: Please call Lu Beale (363-3521) by Friday May 9 so car pooling can be arranged and trail head parking determined.

Directions: See map on left for Cooper School rendezvous.



SKI SHARP in Murrysville, Pa. is offering all its products at a 25 % savings to PVS members. Featured: a skier kit for tuning-up your own skis. If interested, call Marilyn Clark: 978-9435.

SUTTON REPORT by

Bob, Jan and Carol

The Marxes, Ted and Penny Wied-erhold, Carol Parmenter, Peggy Lacey, the Lyons and guests Pat and Leslie Wilson (who left D.C. in a snowstorm) all arrived safely at the Sutton chalet Saturday and Sunday. Other guests, Carole Crutchfield and Jim Rivera arrived Monday night after car trouble delayed them. The Deightons, stricken by flu bugs, canceled.

Because of doubtful snow conditions, trip arrangements were being changed up to the last minute. But those lucky ones who went had lots of snow - the most (and, of course, the best) at Sutton all year. It snowed 3 days with 10 cm the 1st day and 3 to 4 cm the other days. While the 2 Marx and 3 Lyon boys went to ski school every day, little Ted went to nursery school mornings and entertained everyone on the slopes in the afternoons.

Our hotdogging fearless beginners, Brian (6) and Jason (7), were proud of doing "Youpe-Youpe" from top to bottom. Ski School races were held Thursday morning and we had all winners: Jason and David Lyon collected gold, Keith, Jr. a silver, and Eric and Brian Marx came up with bronze.

Bob Marx explored cross country skiing behind the Horizon Hotel. He liked it so much he made two circuits and took lots of pictures.

Food was gourmet, as usual, especially the turkey soup which became tastier as the week went on.

APRES FRANCE

The PVS 1980 Ski The French Alps party was held at the Wyckoffs March 29. Fifty persons, mostly PVSers, attended. It was a great party with excellent food furnished by the ladies, drinks by the men and photos and slides by many.

ADVANCE NOTICE: EUROPEAN TRIP

Bob and Margaret Wyckoff, with PVS Excom approval, are now planning a ski trip to the French Riviera area approximately January 23 to February 7. They probably will go to Isola, Auron, and Monte Carlo as they did three years ago.

The word from the popular 4-star Du Pilon Hotel at Auron is that they can accept only 23 persons and they plan to arrange for the overflow in the 3-star Savoie Hotel and Motel nearby.

To be impartial, preferences for the Du Pilon will be given to the first 23 persons making a \$25 deposit to the trip leaders. This will be fully refundable up to the time full trip details and price information are available.

Call the Wyckoffs: 589-5532.

WELCOME TO NEW APPLICANTS:

Marion and Peg Dongieux
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Reston, Va 22090
Home: 437-6239 Office: 351-3757

Gene and Barbara Geiger
808 South Royal St.
Alexandria, Va 22314
Home: 548-4229 Office: 897-1941

Irene Farrell
9461 Horizon Run Rd.
Gaithersburg, Md 20760
Home: 963-2075 Office: 565-7993

PUT IT ON YOUR CALENDAR !!

International Dinner at the Copes Saturday, May 31st at 6:30 p.m.

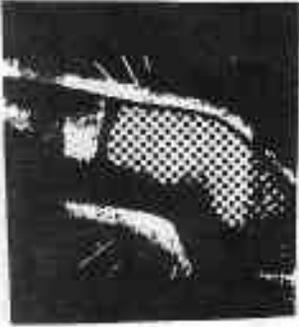
Limited reservations for this always oversubscribed event. Call coordinator Marilyn Clark soonest!

Best time to reach Marilyn is early evening: 978-9435

THE KNEE

by

Ray McKinley



Look out, PVSers- there's a hidden (perhaps) message in the column this month

As you know, the Knee likes nothing better than publishing little quips (big ones would be QUIPS) about the foibles of our members and I've got a great one (at least better than average) for you. However, it will take two months to tell so you're just gonna hafta wait til next month.

Until now, the Knee has not run any contests. However, that's about to change. Try these for size. The first (annual?) Who-Skied-the-Most-Days Contest. Three PVSers, Jacques Hadler, Alice Swalm and Norm Engleman, went on both major PVS trips this year. That's 25 days. Who can beat that? At the other end of the spectrum, I'd like to know which PVSer skied the least number of days (for reasons other than health). That person will get my "Snow Bunny" award. Anonymous tips will be accepted. Finally, I'd like to find out who skied the latest this year. So far, the frontrunner is Norm Engleman who skied Roundtop on March 18. Call me (790-8812) with entries for all three contests.

Bet you didn't know that Roundtop has a rare distinction. Keith Lyon reports that from the top you can see Three Mile Island. I always wondered why I came back from Roundtop with such a rosy glow. And that explains how they can have night skiing without lights! (I do realize that these puns may-er-bomb.)

Excom meetings can be fun. At the last one, the upcoming elections were the subject. After some jolly repartee, President Marilyn Clark said, "If you keep insulting me like that I won't run." "How should we insult you?" retorted Larry Pease who had obviously torted earlier. (My favorite tort is blueberry.)

Also at that meeting, one attendee did not think the Knee's

commentaries were all that biting. Alice Swalm defined them as "Shooting from the Knee." (That's better than I heard earlier "...running off at the mouth.")

Let's talk about skiing. The Wyckoff trip was a resounding success. It had the largest number of skiers (50) that a PVS sponsored trip has sent to any single place since I've been in the club. It was also, as far as I've discovered, the largest group of skiers from any Washington area club (and some of them are slightly larger than PVS - if you consider 5,000 member clubs "slightly larger") to go to Europe this year. Right on, Wyckoffs!

Even though I tried, the Wyckoffs would not take the Knee along gratis so I could write gossip. Margaret told me she'd help me write gossip. "It's spelled G-O-S-S-I-P," she said. Despite such help, I was able to obtain a few gems. Probably the most frightening item was about Thelma Belloti and Mike Rysavy who were at the scene of an avalanche which buried six people. Thelma and Mike helped in the rescue operations. Unfortunately, one life was lost.

Going on to more pleasant trip stories, the Knee hears that by being in the wrong chair at the wrong time, Bob Grasley ended up cooking raclette for 25 people. That's a real hot potato you landed, Bob. Helen Price turned down free drinks - at least when they were of a local brew which comes with an honest-to-God snake in the bottle. There was lots of deep, deep powder on the trip which made for some good runs. There was also a 24-hour flu virus going around - which also made for some good runs.

One of our new applicant members, Marion Dongieux (pronounced Dahn-jay), called me the other day (which was strange because my name is Ray). He was heading out on a business trip and wanted advice on where to ski in Utah. (On the snow, I answered.) He called back later to say what a great time he'd had. He shouted "Hi Knee!" "I'm not German," I replied. He hung up.

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THE KNEE (Continued)

The last month's meeting at the Kuffs was delightful despite the fact that everyone was supposed to bring trip slides and no one did. Could it be that Jim Stack is starting a harem? Seems that during the meeting he was off in a side room with several women for some time. A thorough search of the Kuff's house failed to reveal a sign of MORT'S yellow Morgan. Does he really keep it in a garage?

Can it be? A general presidential campaign in PVS? President Clark was trying to woo voters with promises of short meetings and short presidential messages. Could it relate to her height? (I realize that's not the height of humor but I'm a little -ah- short of material this month.

How can you top the skiing on the Utah trip? With trip leader Norm Engleman's great checks, that's how. Our gas refund checks had a drawing of a skier and the words PVS Utah Ski Trip in the upper left hand corner. Better yet, the checks were from the Potomac Valley Bank. Top that, Bob Wyckoff.

You won't believe this but, in Park City, normally placid Geoff' Wadey was detected leading Jean Heitchue and Marilyn Clark into Hidden Splendor. For shame! Incidentally, during the entire 10 day trip, not once did any PVSer go dancing. Kirk Burns, where were you? When boarding the mobile lounge at Dulles, Norm was counting PVSers. Max Bunnell asked if he was counting heads. Norm said he does not count heads. Tails, maybe?

And finally, Bob Grasley called to say he loved my Kneeo-classical humor last month. He also said he enjoys skiing under Kneeon lights and using Kneoprene rubber in his boots. Not too funknee, Bob. Anyone got any better? I do Kneed help.

P.S. The Knee has received an anonymous message that Penny Wiederhold learned on the Sutton trip that boots buckle in a strange fashion when they are put on the wrong feet. Next year, Penny, remember that the buckles go on the outside of the boot.

The Knee has made the same mistake and now reports: it's not all that funny!

EXCOM NOTES by Alice Swalm

Excom members met for more than 2 hours on March 25 at Lu Beale's home: Discussion centered around:

1. Board sanction for a Wyckoff European trip in Jan/Feb 1981 and for an Engleman trip to Jackson Hole/Sun Valley in March. Also discussed: proposed trips to Snowshoe and Wisp.

2. Plans were outlined for an April Billy Goat trail hike, a May climb up Old Rag, May's International Dinner, a June Picnic-Swim at the Hadlers, a July Steak-Out at the Elrods, and a September hike with the Masons.

3. Bette Walker was appointed chairperson of the Cookbook Committee.

4. BRSC April 20th meeting to which Geoff' Wadey will be the official PVS representative. Bob Wyckoff, now V.P. of BRSC, will also be present as will Margaret Wyckoff, Marilyn Clark and two other PVSers.

5. Larry Pease reported on the status of the NSPS Federal Charter. He will present additional information to all club members at the April meeting.

6. Resolutions were unanimously passed thanking Keith Lyon for obtaining slides and films for meetings; Lu Beale for her work editing TOOT; Ray McKinley for at last breaking his "Knee"; and retiring Excomer Geoff' Wadey for his faithful service to PVS and EXCOM.

SKI THE UTAH POWDER

By Rosemary Soler

Almost heaven ... Alta ... queen of the mountain mommas ... take us back .. The strains of that West Virginia song seem pretty apropos when 20 inches of new powder greeted us on our trek up Little Cottonwood Canyon in our rented cars, the first day out of Salt Lake City. However, that 20 inches of new snow caused some avalanching and tied up the canyon road which pushed our group over into Big Cottonwood Canyon (both scenic wonders) to Solitude where the skiing, although not as varied, was great and no lift lines! Then it was on to Alta the next day and the next to ski this beautiful area, where as one regular said "Alta powder is like the perfect martini ... very dry and enormously sought after." Although its an area that's always been known "for skiers" its got some lovely intermediate runs off the Germania Chair and the "Grand Ballroom" bowl (which is reminiscent of the Muggengrat Chair at Zurs with its high massifs ringing the terrain), not to mention the Albion lift runs. What can you say about Alta that hasn't all been said before ... its gorgeous! We 'll feel we've arrived as a club the day we see a PVSer plunging down from the top of High Russler ... any takers? Reg, Dick, Norm?

Snowbird, another formidable area just down the road had big bumps and deep snow, and aside from "Big Emma" and "Bassackwards" (long, gentle schusses) shook some of us up in the steepness of its descent at the end of the day, where bodies could be seen floundering all over a particularly mean mogul field. We did Snow Basin, near Ogden, next, a real skiers' mountain with some runs up to 3 miles long and the day we were there it snowed all day. This was Dick Clark's favorite and we all enjoyed it greatly.

Aside from the great snow conditions, the Wasatch sun shone so diligently and relentlessly that instead of Norm's Nomads we became the Zinc Oxide Kids, starting with Jim Glenn's nose, Geoff Wadey's lip and Norm's whole face, which took on a Paliacchi mask-like affect. Needless to say, he as usual, wasn't hard to spot on the slopes and was particularly discernible as he rounded the turnstile on a chair, having failed to get off at the proper time, leaping frantically to safety as it started down. What was the problem Norm? I'll leave it to THE KNEE to figure out.

Our digs in Salt Lake, the Salt Palace Travelodge, threw a welcoming wine and cheese party followed by a trip-kitty sponsored, six course Italian dinner. Molto buono ... delizioso!

Park City and the Prospector Square Motel was our next home where shuttle buses took us to the slopes. With its superb intermediate terrain P.C. probably is the best ego massager in the western ski world, but it gets solidly into the expert league with its Jupiter Bowl area which few skiers know about and which a few of our hardier types braved. Tony Perkins, alias Bob Meisler, was seen wending his way down the steep face with his usual aplomb, as were Marianne Soponis and Jane Quirk. We didn't make it over to Sundance to see Robert Redford. Too bad girls! Here again we were treated to a wine and cheese party at the Summit House on the mountain and an elegant dinner by our esteemed leader, Pagliacci Engelman, at night in town.

Park City with its uphill, Georgetown-like atmosphere has added some new restaurants and shops with one of our favorites being the Park City Coal and Lumber Company where the cheese enchiladas are grande!

March 3 arrived all too soon and we found ourselves rolling toward Salt Lake for our flight to Dulles. Despite the abundance of steep terrain and deep snow there were no casualties sustained. Great trip Norm! You do good work!

SCHEDULE OF FUTURE EVENTS

- April 12 10 a.m. Hike the Billy Goat Trail with Jacques Hadler (229-5453). See separate notice.
- April 15 8 p.m. PVS Annual Meeting at the McKinleys (790-8812). See separate notice.
- April 22 8 p.m. Excom Meeting at the Wyckoffs.
- May 10 8 a.m. Climb Old Rag. Call Lu Beale (363-3521). See separate notice.
- May 31 6:30 p.m. International Dinner at the Copes. Reserve now with Marilyn Clark (978-9435).
- June 14 Picnic-Sail-Swim at the Hadler Cottage.
- July ?/9 Steak and Swim at the Elrods
- Sept. ? Signal Mountain Climb

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