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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

## You're Spoiling Me!

Last month's President's message was titled "Help!" Many of you must have read it and decided I meant you.

When I made calls early in January to get a nominating committee together each person I called said "Yes."

A small request in the January TOOT for volunteers to work on a PVS cookbook brought forth three volunteers.

Two couples who are fairly recent members of the club have offered the use of their homes for PVS meetings.

I asked you to invite your skiing friends to meetings. We had four delightful guests at the January meeting. One of the couples decided to join our group and wrote a check for dues at the meeting.

Thanks to all of you. Keep spoiling me. Now - who would like to do something about getting more snow here in the East!

*Marilyn J. Clark*

Marilyn J. Clark, President

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FEBRUARY MEETING      Third Annual PVS Get-Lost-On-The-Way-to-Shakey's Pizza and Ski Movie Meeting

Date:            February 19, 1980  
Time:            6:00 - 8:00 P.M. for "all you can eat - chicken and pizza, salad and potato." \$3.10 per adult, tax included. Beer by the pitcher is slightly more.  
8:30 P.M. meeting and ski movie in private room.

Directions (giggle) : Shakey's Pizza Parlor, 147 1/2 Rockville Pike - one block north of Congressional Shopping Plaza. Take Route 270 north to the Montrose Rd. exit (north) to Rockville Pike (Route 355). ~~Right~~ Left on the Pike about a mile to Shakey's on your left. Park and eat!

Arrangements by Sandie Deighton, movie (untitled as yet) by Keith Lyon, directions by Anon.  
Prospective members are always welcome! Do come and bring a friend.

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REPORT ON WISP 1      By      Gail Gell

In a year when there is little snow our band of skiers approached the Wisp Weekend with great hopes. Alas, we started out Friday in heavy rain and fog instead of snow. The question was would there be water at Timberlake? Our advance party, Geoff Wadey with sons Gordon and Brian and friend Rudy, stopped by Timberlake just to leave off luggage on their way to the slopes and found the water tank on the floor! Three hours and many frantic calls later we were assured that it was routine maintenance and not a major disaster. By this time we had lost four of the fifteen people scheduled to go.

Saturday morning dawned bright and cold but no snow. The ground was absolutely bare. However, the ski area machines had made and were still making lots of the white stuff. As usual under these circumstances, only the Face, Rope tow and intermediate slopes were open. The good news was the almost total lack of lift lines. Skiing was actually good under these trying conditions.

Gail Gell started the day off right by leaving the key to the ski rack back at the lodge so had to make a second trip in order to ski. During the day Larry Pease was seen patrolling, Herb Neumann with Janet and Richard were seen on both the Face and Boulder runs and Kirk Burns was spotted checking equipment for the NSPS Binding Check Program. Greg Gell and Richard had a good time in the moguls. Angela Gell and Gail found the rope tow to be the safest - all the beginners were on the intermediate slope.

After skiing we headed back to Timberlake only to find that Geoff and his gang had decided to leave early and - but the Knee reports on this elsewhere in TOOT so we'll just say we were mighty grateful for the warm house and food when we finally got in.

Sunday was cloudy but still no snow. We enjoyed our day. On the way home we all stopped in Hancock to enjoy a delicious home style meal at Weavers. A fine ending.



### THE KNEE

By

Big Foot

PVS is participat-  
in the Olympics!  
That's right. PVS

will be present at Lake Placid all through the Olympics. John and Eloise Newdorp both will be officiating through the entire games. John is the chief of control for the telephone system for the computer during the alpine events. Eloise has a warmer job - indoors - helping keep track of scores. John has been preparing for this for four years including officiating at Lake Placid at the NORAM races two years ago and at the World Cup races last year. Ex-PVser Bruce Harstad and Whitey Willauer of BRSC also will be officiating.

Passing comment on the ski scene: "Woosh."

Take the Knee's word for it, notwithstanding instructions else where, the proper way to get to Shakey's Pizza Parlor is to turn right on Rockville Pike. Continue south until you hit the beltway (I 495), then make a U-turn and go north on Rockville Pike about two blocks past where you turned onto it until you get to Shakey's on your left. This must be correct - it's the way PVSers have made it the last two years!

And, speaking of finding places, it was not possible to find the Heitchue's house by turning right at the third corner. The street ended at the second corner! I ended up in the middle of Lake Anne. Bing Poon who arrived around 9:30 has vowed never to come to another PVS event in Virginia.

However, those 30 PVSers who got there had a ball and had such fun that two first time visitors, Matt and Sharon Egan, paid their dues on the spot and are now applicant members. Welcome aboard!

There was some last minute calling by Marilyn Clark and Ray McKinley to change the January

Excom meeting from Rays to Marilyn's. Seems Ray's house addition still wasn't ready.

It's February and it appears that almost everyone is out skiing. Some 35 of the 50 skiers on Bob Wyckoff's European trip are PVSers. That's amazing for a club with only a hundred or so members, isn't it? And that isn't all. By judicious searching, the Knee found a few PVSers who are skiing elsewhere. Club Secretary Alice Swalm is just back from Idaho. Penny Wiederhold is at Arapahoe Basin in Colorado - where the easiest runs would be rated "expert." Hank and Aina Thomas are at Alta, Utah. (Ask Aina to tell you a funny story about the late Brooke Armat and his ski cap in Utah). Adele Waggaman and ex-PVser Kitty Foy are in Engleberg, Switzerland (no relation to Engleman, Norman). If everyone is so busy skiing who is reading this column?

Second passing comment on the ski scene: "On your left."

If you're talking to Dean Worcester be sure to ask him about jazz. Dean's a jazz buff and has a great collection of 78's.

We understand that Bob Grasley just retired. And the following day he started a new job working for a company in Alexandria involved with munitions. He should get a bang out of that job.

At least one PVser took my advice and participated in the Hangover Classic 10km race on New Year's Day. John Newdorp completed the course along with about 1,000 others. Right on, John.

Now - Ta-Tah! - it's time for the Knee's Kneedle of the month. I realize it's been a few months but you've all been really good. Anyway, my coveted award goes to an ex-president who shall remain nameless. To preserve his anonymity I'll call him Geoff'. Geoff' went on the Wisp trip run by Gail Gell. After skiing Saturday he decided to quit early and return to Washington.

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THE KNEE (Continued)

Using the groups' ONLY KEY he returned to the chalet, packed up, shut the door and departed leaving the ONLY KEY on the table inside. It took the remaining PVSers about 2 cold wet hours and a long distance phone call or two to get in.

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REGRETS

May I express my apologies to the other PVS members on the recent Wisp trip? My absent-mindedness in leaving the lodge locked on Saturday night before the rest of you arrived was inexcusable. I sincerely regret the inconvenience to you. I had been looking forward to a pleasant evening together and was sorry to have to leave so hastily.

Geoff' Wadey

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ME, TOO!

The Editor of TOOT hastens to add her Mea Culpa for the misprint in the January Meeting directions and hopes no one will need directions to visit her dog house.

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THE ROSTER GROWS!

Welcome new applicant members:

Allan Mills  
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Ellicott City, Md. 21043  
H: 465-0927 O: 765-3869

Matthew and Sharon Egan  
11633 Hunters Green Ct.  
Reston, Va. 22091  
H: 476-9215 O: 351-3721

Bob and Jean White  
9010 Spring Ave.  
Lanham, Md. 20801  
H: 577-8595

JANUARY MEETING REPORT By  
Marilyn Clark

PVSers like a challenge. Not only is "the club for skiers" located in an area where finding snow is next to impossible but directions to the scattered locations of meetings are carefully worded so arriving at all is an accomplishment and arriving on time shows extraordinary interpretive reading skills.

All this is preliminary to saying that getting to the January meeting at Jean and Reg Heitchue's home in Reston was not easy. However, some thirty plus members and guests did make it and were rewarded with a very pleasant evening.

Your president did manage to conduct a brief business meeting despite being seriously undermined by ex-pres Ray McKinley aided and abetted by Mort Kuff.

There was a discussion about the National Charter for the Ski Patrol and information about writing to urge passage of this bill will be in a future issue of TOOT.

Keith Lyon showed a film on skiing in Aspen and we all looked longingly at that beautiful white stuff.

There was wine and cheese, good conversation and a chance to meet the two couples who were guests at the meeting.

It was a fun evening with members lingering until after 11:00 P.M.

Thanks, Jean and Reg, and all you PVSers who persevered against overwhelming difficulties to attend the January meeting.

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EXCOM REPORT By Alice Swalm

Marilyn Clark presided at the January Excom meeting which was held in her home. A quorum was present and the following business was discussed:

1. Geoff' Wadey's report on PVS bylaws relating to ESA's proposed change in dues collection - i.e. collection from individuals instead of clubs. Excom decided to take no action until after the ESA spring Convention makes its decision...

2. Plans for the PVS cookbook. Volunteers for this project include Pat Cope, Mort Kuff, Malle McKinley, Bette Walker, and Alice Swalm.

3. Future events including The February 19 Shakey's meeting; Excom meeting February 26 (time and place to be announced); March 18 monthly meeting at the Kuffs in Georgetown; April 15 Annual Meeting at the McKinleys; International Dinner in May and a climb up Old Rag in May to be led by Lu Beale.

4. Better directions to meetings and events. Is it necessary or is it more fun to feel your way?

5. Vote to discontinue the "pay-as-you-drink" policy at meetings which was briefly tried. Henceforth refreshments will be underwritten by club.

6. Acceptance of the nominating committee's proposed slate of officers for next year. (See below)

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NEW OFFICIERS

The nominating committee, chaired by Jim Wingrove, presents the following slate of new officers to be voted on at the April Annual Meeting:

President (second term) -

Marilyn Clark

Excom (two year term) -

Jean Heitchue

Jim Slack

Adele Waggaman

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- Feb 8 - 10 -- SKI WISP 11 Call the McKinleys 790-8812
- Feb 19 ----- Monthly Meeting at Shakey's
- Feb 21 Mar 3 - SKI THE UTAH POWDER Call N. Engleman 299-2635
- Feb 26 ----- Excom Meeting Place to be decided
- Mar 1 - 8 --- SKI SUTTON Call the Deightons 424-5707
- Mar 18 ----- Monthly Meeting 8 p.m. at the Kuffs
- April 15 ---- Annual Meeting 8 P.M. at the McKinleys
- May ? ---- International Dinner
- May ? ---- Climb up Old Rag



OKAY —  
SO  
BRING ON  
THE  
SNOW  
ALREADY!