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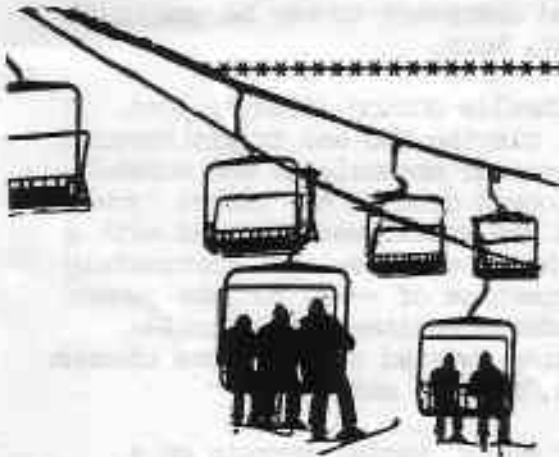
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: FOR APPLICANT MEMBERS AND THEIR SPONSORS

The April meeting of the club is when applicants are voted on for full membership. Sponsors should certify to the Membership Chairman (Marilyn Clark) prior to the March ExCom meeting that applicant members they have sponsored have met the following provisions for membership:

1. Attended at least two club meetings
2. Skied at least three days with a club member or members
3. Passed the USSA Uniform Basic Ski Test or displayed equivalent skiing ability (skied intermediate trails with some frequency)

If you are still an applicant, we urge you to try to meet the requirements for full membership.

Sheldon Drews, President



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FEBRUARY MEETING - SKIERS' MID-SEASON GET-TOGETHER

When: Tuesday, February 18. 8:00 P.M.

Where: Apartment home of Aase Berling  
10401 Grosvenor Place.  
Rockville, Md. Apt. 518

Directions:

From Silver Spring on Beltway take Exit 34 where you will see signs for Grosvenor Lane. Take Grosvenor Lane across Wisc. Ave, then first right into Grosvenor Park. Proceed to middle high rise - 10401. Take elevator to 5th floor and Apt. 518.

From Virginia, take Beltway Exit # 36, turning left on Old Georgetown Road. At 3rd light (about .7 mile) turn right on Cheshire/Grosvenor Lane and make immediate right turn on Grosvenor Lane. Continue 1 mile until, just before the overpass, turn left into Grosvenor Park. Continue around circle to middle hi-rise - 10401. Aase is on 5th floor, apt. 518.

PAST EVENT

'SNO FUN IN SUTTON by Mary Jane McCarthy

On Saturday, January 11th, 26 skiers took off on the overnight ski train for a glorious ski week at Mont Sutton, Canada--half were PVSers, the others were members of Ski-Docs, and etc. The train trip provided a good night's rest, either in berths, or the spacious reclining chairs. When we arrived at our auberge, La Paimpolaise, we were greeted by 2 PVSers who had driven up from Massachusetts, Ginny Larson and Thelma Belloli, and the first meal (breakfast) of what was to be a week-long--(lets tell it like it was)--"pig-out." Our leader, Jack Peoples, was accurate in his description of (1) the gourmet cuisine, which reminded us of our European dining experiences, and (2) the proximity of the ski slopes right at our door!

That afternoon some went cross country skiing, and most of us hit the slopes for some cheap afternoon skiing (3 of us skied for a total of \$12). The next morning we awoke to beautiful snow which continued through the day, providing several inches of that wonderful stuff--powder. Particularly pleasing was "sous bois" skiing--wooded or glade skiing. Dean Worcester declared that he would take it easy and only cruise that week. Guess what, he was off in flash, always the first one down, followed by his buddy, Charlie Gordon. Thelma displayed her graceful style, as did Dorothy Mills, Helen Davis, Denise and Carla. Kudos to Sally Finan and Joan Bonacker, both of whom capitalized on their week-long ski school lessons by winning medals in THE races (photos and autographs easily available upon request). We turned out en masse to witness both their races and medal presentations, amid clapping, snapping (shots) and disco-ing.

One day was so cold that the Canadians did not ski--frostbite, however, was evident on several of our hardy members who had to ski. That was the evening of the scheduled sleigh/hayride; about 14 diehards reported the sky was clear, starry and a great moon. I understand that the sleigh was packed with bodies for warmth, and straw underfoot which proved the undoing of Paul Yessler and Gladys Myers who gently "slipped" out into the snow. Norman was seen on a chairlift one day between two French beauties and overheard to say he was suffering from "burnout." Hope that doesn't last, Norm.

Evenings were spent seriously by bridge players Charlie Gordon, Gladys, Joan, Sally and yours truly, Most opted for hilarity, playing UNO and Trivial Pursuit. Much laughter and mixing with a group of our 5 younger enthusiasts who worked at Ft. Meade--they added to the night life and looked good on the slopes (you know who you are, youse guys!). Dina Taylor and the writer were blessed with a room whose noisy plumbing was the plague of the hotel one evening. Fortunately we were rescued from a sleepless night by the expertise of --no, not the owner/plumber, but several brilliant ex-Bureau of Standards engineers who single-handedly invented a complicated procedure by using twisted coat hangers through several floors to stop the racket. Thanks again, Charlie and Dean.

Unanimously declared: superb location, superior meals, varied terrain on a beautiful mountain, good company, and, contrary to the above title, fine fun which equalled a great trip, thanks to all hands.

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SKI!

LAST CALL FOR SKIING IN CORTINA, ITALY March 7 - 22.

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or, locally,  
Mary JANE MCCARTHY O=443-6520 H=949-3703

SKI!

PAST EVENT

WINTER STEAK AND SWIM AT THE ELRODS by Bob Grasley

Members of the Potomac Valley Skiing, Eating and Caring Society convened at Malda and Roy Elrod's residence on January 4th for their semi-annual Steak Fest. Ek and Sui Lou, who had only to step across the street, were among the first arrivals. Dina Taylor and husband Charles had to come the longest distance - all the way from Frederick and arrived very late mainly because hubby had forgotten the engagement and went to Sears to buy insulation while the hours flew by and Dina paced the floor at home. Never mind. Their steaks were saved for them and all was well that ended with wine and full plates by the roaring fire.

The Elrod strategy was to have beer/soft drinks and hors d'oeuvres in the bubble by the pool to attract the more athletic members to that area. Despite the outside chill, the bubble was quite cozy (and steamy - very good for the sinuses). The strategy worked to an extent. The jacuzzi was very popular and a number of intrepid souls, including Charlotte Reith, Dot Mills and Alice Swalm were actually observed doing laps.

However, the roaring fires and the TV finally proved irresistible magnets with two football games going on including one with the loathsome Cowboys soundly trounced by the L.A. Rams.

Tension began to mount when it was discovered Ray McKinley and the wine were missing. Eventually Ray showed up with a lovely on his arm plus the wine. The festivities then began in earnest and the World's Greatest Steaks were served to the accompaniment of loud cheers for the Rams.

The writer, just returned from a month in Czechoslovakia and Switzerland, really appreciated the warm "Welcome Home" and the opportunity to hear people speaking regular "American" again.

Following dinner a smaller group of diehards met in the dining room and a discussion of missing persons arose. It was the consensus that the whereabouts of Mr and Mrs Art Topping should be looked into. PVSE&C does care about its members and your correspondent, as a long time skiing buddy of Art's, intends to see if we can get him back on the boards.

In summary it was a great day in every respect. Our thanks and our compliments to the Elrods - the perfect hosts.

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT:

In accordance with PVS bylaws, a nominating committee appointed by President Sheldon Drews met in January to select candidates for president and three executive committee positions for the 1986-87 year.

Dick Comerford chaired the committee which consisted of Nancy Laymon, Huey Roberts, Jeanne Strickland, Jim Slack and Mary Ward. They offer the following slate of officers:

- President . . . Sheldon Drews (Second Term)
- Executive Committee .. Aase Berling
- Bette Walker
- Margaret Wyckoff

All candidates have agreed to serve if elected. Club elections will be held at the annual meeting in April.

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PAST EVENTS

JANUARY MEETING by Charles & Sara Huggins

Evergreens covered with Christmas lights marked the Leonhardt's Potomac home and greeted approximately 40 PVS'ers at the January 21 meeting. The Christmas decorations all through the house had been left up for our enjoyment. The 10-foot douglas fir, decorated from top to bottom, was spectacular! You could tell skiers lived in the house as the ski theme was everywhere, both in the art work and also dolls and stuffed animals on skis.

Barbara had the dining table laden with hot hors d'oeuvres, cookies, and fruit-cake, as well as "munchies" & "nibbles" elsewhere - both upstairs and down. Drinks were served in the new downstairs recreation room resplendent with an enormous bar with brass rail, carpeting, and drapes. After reading in the January "Toot" that the "new room" would be ready, Fred reportedly burned the midnight oil (and on into the wee morning hours) making it so.

Everyone exchanged tales of their skiing to date and to come. President Sheldon Drews conducted a brief business meeting, at which Bob Wyckoff reported 70 inches of snow in Austria for their trip departing on the upcoming Friday. Margaret was carrying around a stuffed koala bear all evening. It looked like she was thinking Australia, as well as, Austria ???

The screen was set up on the ping pong area of the rec-room and we viewed two films - one on avalanches in Montana and the second put out by Marker bindings on skiing at the Olympics. After the films, we went back to our socializing, eating, and drinking until it was time to call it an evening and depart for our respective homes. Thanks again Barbara and Fred for your hospitality and a lovely evening.

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WISP....'86 by Jan Marx

This three day weekend turned out, like most PVS events, to have its own memorable peculiarities. Most noteworthy was the weather. Saturday was in the 50's with skiers continually shedding something. Sunday we woke to misting and sprinkles. We put on our plastic raincoats and trash bags. (Bob was most stylish with his reversible bag and we decided that Gail needed to ask Santa for a fur lined trash bag for the cooler rain days.) We all called it quits at lunch and spent a delightful afternoon in front of the fire...eating. Monday we woke to 5 inches of real stuff...with several more before we all got our cars on the roll.

Again, this trip turned out an interesting, compatible group. The Wolcotts brought their friends, Mike and Christie Ensch and their two girls. Would you believe that I spent summers growing up with classmates of theirs from Kansas City? The we-hardly-ever-see-them Macalusoos with Joel, and Mahallatis with Sue and Nargas (our birthday girl) and friend John joined us for two days. Nancy Garrett flew in from Indianapolis to join Ray and we made them cook pancakes. Carol Parmenter left her car in Frederick and rode up with us. She later discovered that a critter (mouse?) spent three days building a nest out of shredded paper towels in her back seat!

Larry Pease spent two days teaching avalanche safety...indoors. Sunday, he, Gail and Greg joined us for dinner and showed us those wonderful films. When seeing the new snow on Monday morning, Russ and Colin Wolcott were all ready to help Larry do cornice stomping to prevent avalanches on the face of WISP.





# The Knee

by

Ray McKinley

Dateline Omaha....

What a kick to write from a city far away. But why can't it be Denver? Other people get trips to Denver. I get Omaha. So I decided to check out the skiing. There ain't none.

Proof for my theory that there are really only 37 people in the entire world: I was sitting at lunch here in Omaha when I was tapped on the shoulder by Dick Clark. (We later took a jog together.)

Another proof: I was discussing my upcoming ski trip to Utah to ski with Ted Cardwell with Alice Swalm at the last PVS meeting. She noted that she also is off to Utah and it turns out we are flying out on the same flight on the same day. Betcha she and Ted and I just happen to run into each other at my favorite restaurant, the Utah Coal and Lumber Company- (where the cheese enchiladas are not to be missed!).

More on coincidence: Dot Mills was seeing her doctor and mentioned that she was a skier. The doctor asked if she happened to know a skiing friend of his who had illustrated his wife's recently published cook book. Name - Lu Beale.

Aina Thomas is looking gorgeous and svelt of late. She's shed more than 25 pounds since summer. Right on!

Rumor has it that Mike Rysavy, just back from Czechoslovakia, met a young lady who is "more than just a friend." (Editor's note: Could the Knee have a similar "problem?")

Ginny Larson, just back from Utah, reports great ski conditions. And Ek and Sui Lou, back from Deer Valley agree with their neighbors, the Elrods, that it is really a super place to ski.

The big news at the Elrods' winter

steak and swim was that they have sold their house. And, this will kill you, they sold it to a mortician. Instead of having people fall into the pool after getting bombed, it will be after they are embalmed. Aren't you just dying to have me - er - decease from these mortician puns. I will because I just reread this and I am mortified.

Anykneeway, the good news about the Elrods' move is that it will be after this July's S & S. Further, their new house, on the bay, will have a pool. (That's the only way I would give them permission to move.)

As a KS (Knee Script) to this, the Elrod plans for the new house look even grander (if that's possible) than their current one.

At the Elrods, I had a nice chat with Dick Comerford about Halley's Comet. He told me he's set up a telescope on his front lawn. He says he hasn't seen the comet but he's learned quite a bit about his neighbors.

I worry about stepping on the comet and getting comatose.

Ted Cardwell was back from his Salt Lake City winter abode for a few days at the end of January. He's already skied about 50 days out there but turned down an invitation to drive 3 hours each way to ski for a day at Wisp I can't imagine why.

Did you note the art work in last month's TOOT? Two new illustrators were represented. The darling little penguin on Page 2 was done by the Marx son Brian (with some help from his computer) And the drawings accompanying Jack Lilly's grand piece on the Great Falls Hike were done by Nancy Monacelli who also designed our annual TOOT Christmas frontpiece. We hope for more contributions from all of them. (By the way, Nancy, my ears aren't quite that big!)

Here is a special bulletin just received by telephone from our group skiing in Austria. Bob Wyckoff is skiing again! Since his stroke in '84, Bob has spent 18 months in stubborn rehabilitation efforts to get back on those boards. Now he is successfully negotiating the lower slopes at Zurs while PVS onlookers cheer. Lead on, Bob!

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Feb. 18 ... Monthly Meeting at Aase Berling's. 8:00 P.M.
- Feb. 25 ... ExCom at Alice Swalm's. 7:30 P.M.
- Mar. 4 ... Ski Trip Leader Meeting.(See Below). 7:30 P.M.
- Mar. 18 ... Monthly Meeting at the Garretts. 8:00 P.M.
- Mar. 25 ... ExCom at the Clarks. 7:30 P.M.
- Ap. 15 ... Annual Meeting at the Englemans. 8:00 P.M.
- Ap. 26 ... BRSC Sponsored Spring Fling Auction at the U.of Maryland for benefit of handicapped skiers. Details in March TOOT.

Also upcoming: Clark Fun Run, Billy Goat Trail Hike, Old Rag Hike, International Dinner and many other oldies but goodies.

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COORDINATING MEETING FOR 1987 SKI TRIP LEADERS

Potential 1987 ski trip leaders should attend this coordinating meeting to present their plans.

Proposed ski areas, dates of the intended trips and any commitments to date should be provided. Attempts will be made to minimize any conflicts.

The meeting will be held at 7:30 P.M. on Tuesday March 4th in the cardroom at Sheldon Drew's condo.

Please call Shek at 521-5167 if you plan to attend.

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