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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Occasionally there is an event noted in TOOT which is not specifically a PVS event. Normally, such events are Blue Ridge Ski Council sanctioned ski trips which we have agreed to advertise. In addition, there can be other programs or entertainment which we deem to be of sufficient interest to PVS members to warrant their publication. However, these are the exception and need to be available for review by the Executive Committee before being placed in TOOT.

Two such exceptions are printed on page 2 of this issue of TOOT.

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Sheldon Drews, President



MARCH MEETING - ALMOST END-OF-SKI-SEASON PARTY

When: Tuesday, March 18th. 8:00 P.M.

Where: Home of Nancy and Ray Garrett
5804 Canvasback Road
Burke, Va. Tel:250-4791

What: Business

Pleasure

Ski Stories

Picture Swapping

Food

Beverages



DIRECTIONS TO THE GARRETTS: Take Beltay Exit # 5 West on Braddock Road. Turn left onto Burke Lake Rd. (Counting the light at the Beltway Exit, Burke Lake Rd. is the 5th traffic light.) Go past Lake Braddock High School on the right, proceed through the little town of Burke and turn right on Coffey Woods Rd. (First right after the town of Burke.) Turn left on Canvasback Rd. (3rd left). 5804 is the middle unit in the first series of townhouses.

PAST EVENT

FEBRUARY MONTHLY MEETING - by Irene Farrell

The regular February meeting was held at Aase Berling's lovely apartment at the Grosvenor. Fifty or more members and guests converged to socialize, indulge themselves on the culinary delights that Aase had prepared, as well as the various liquid refreshments provided and swap ski experiences.

Tony Soler brought his movies of white water rafting on the "Yock" to show what it was like in 1959 before the days of guided tours. Most of the rafters (???) owned their own rafts in those days - army surplus type, I believe. Was that Rosie we saw floating down the river on a raft all by herself?

It was nice to see so many faces that have been scarce at past meetings - Joan and Glade Flake, Rachel and David Abraham, Joan Bonacker and the Lewis's. The latter are leaving soon for a prolonged stay in London and were saying their "auf Wiedesehen's". Of course, we are looking forward to their joining us on the European ski trips.

Somewhere during the patter, our President, Sheldon Drews, managed to gain the attention of the group and bring us up to date on coming events.

Thanks Aase for a lovely evening.

COMING EVENTS

SPRING SKI AUCTION

This fourth annual auction which was started to help handicapped citizens learn to ski, provides resources to the 52 Association for the Handicapped, Inc. which for 40 years has worked with veterans and civilians to help them gain confidence through sports.

Spring Fling '86 Will be held on Saturday, April 26, 1986 at the University of Maryland. The affair will include a buffet dinner and the chance to bid on some fantastic ski bargains including trips to many well known ski areas as well as equipment, apparel, ski art, lift passes, and condos - over 400 items in all!

PVS is one of the 25 ski clubs sponsoring the event. Auction/Buffer tickets are \$15.00 and can be purchased by calling Fred Zedeck at (703) 892 1985.

THE POTOMAC RIVER JAZZ CLUB

The Potomac River Jazz Club is sponsoring a benefit for the American Cancer Society on Saturday, March 8, 1986, noon to midnight at Georgetown University. Admission: \$10.00. For more information contact John Gable at 979-3646.



The Knee

by
Ray McKinley

It's the height of ski season and just everything is wonderful. Sliding down the white stuff on slats is truly exciting (as is sliding on the white stuff on the beltway...but it's a different kind of exciting!) We all know that skiing is the greatest sport. But sometimes not just everything turns out to be wonderful.

Consider, for instance, Norm Engelman, busy shepherding his flock (as in opposition to flocking a shephard) of skiers to Utah recently. On arrival at the airport, the rental car company told him it was charging him twice as much per car as it had previously quoted him on the phone. It took a while to work out but finally the group got its cars. On their arrival at the motel they found only half as many rooms available as Norm Kneeded. It took a while to work out.

Or consider Jacques Hadler. He had a cab scheduled to take him to the airport on a recent ski trip. After the cab was 5 minutes late, he called. It was "on the way." 45 minutes and 3 calls later it was "on the way." It was less than 30 minutes to flight time when a cab from another company happened by. He arrived at the airport 6 minutes before flight time but when he tried to drop his luggage at curbside check in he found they had no baggage claim checks. He had to drag 3 weeks worth of clothing, 2 sets of skis (downhill and cross country) and, of course, his computer, through security to the gate. He made it.

Or consider Alice Swalm and the Knee. We both, independently, (I at Powder Mountain, she at Brighton) discovered a new method for turning in deep powder. We call it "the head plant." In this unique, patented method, you stick your head into the snow and pirouette around it. When it works it's beautiful. Unfortunately, it has yet to work. I ended up with a black and blue hip, Alice with broken goggles and a black eye.

Special note to the Elrods and the Lous: everything you claimed about Deer Valley is true. It's clearly a step above other ski areas in services and amenities. And the skiing ain't too shabby either!

Nancy and Joe Lewis will be moving to London in March. They'll be missed but they plan to stay in PVS and reunion with members on our European trips. Jolly good.

Barbara Leonhardt just published an article on pheromones (pronounced fairomoons). As everyone knows, these are the sex attractant odors emitted by insects. And I thought Barbara only skied well. Ankneeway, women use the same thing - perfume. In the literature it's called unpheromones.

Special note to Larry Pease, Jim Slack, Shirley Rettig, Norb Kulpa and any other USGSers I may have missed: Saw a kneet job for one of you. Based in Vail, Colorado, it's the position of Park Service snow manager whose duty it is to assure that ski resorts use National Forest land correctly. Three days each week you are forced to ski a different Colorado/Utah ski area to make certain that everything is proper. The bad news is that it's a GS-9 position. (For those of you who are not govies, the GS scale relates to salary. You take GS ... 9 in this case... and multiply it by \$10,000 to get the approximate salary.)

While in Utah I ran into Max Bunnell who now lives in Pennsylvania. He has been skiing a lot at Elk Mountain not far from his home in the well known metropolis of Meshoppen. Max had forgotten my name - (he kept referring to me as the Elbow). That's not nice considering that we're both ex-presidents, Geoff - er - Max.

Finally, late in February the Elrods were skiing at Alta on the run where the avalanche killed a skier. They were skiing it only twenty minutes before the avalanche hit. Whew!!

Herald INTERNATIONAL Tribune



AMERICAN SKI GRÜPPE TOURS AUSTRIA

24 January to 9 February, 1986

by Irene Farrell and Jack Lilley with apologies for Gelousy German

The PVS GOLDENER ADLERS (Golden Eagles) gather at Silver Springs "Y" in upbeat mood and bus up to Philadelphia. LUFTHANSA has welcome cocktail party - ADLERS' spirits soar - and we wing it to MUNICH.

Bad news on arrival - pass to ZURS closed due to over 3 meters of new snow. Margaret arranges overnight stay at the GRUEN BAR in INNSBRUCK. Next afternoon the pass opens and it's over the alps to ZURS and the HOTEL ALPENROSE-POST.

This four star hotel has all the amenities including a superb cuisine. One night it's a champagne cocktail party and lavish buffet; the next a nine course gourmet dinner.

The first day of skiing was the best - lots of SONNE SCHEIN and PULVER SCHNEE. Great skiing to LECH and back on MADLOCK run. Then came DER WIND, along with flat light, closing the upper trams and chairs for the rest of the week. Short bus trips to LECH and ST. ANTON for variety. Overall, LECH has best skiing as trees provide contrast in flat light. Also great lunches at the AMBROSIUS, the POST and the PETERSBODEN in OBERLECH.

Two noisy drinking parties took place - one on the third floor hosted by Nancy, Joe, Frank and Steve and, the next night, one on the 5th floor hosted by Huey, Dick and the Wyckoffs. Singing and Tansing FÜHNER, Kirk, led group sing-a-long. Joe, (a classical (?) violinist) claims that all were off key including DER FÜHNER.

The five star ZURSERHOF provided PVS Jetsetters with SCHWINGEN music by an English girl band. Meanwhile, the MATHIES STUBEL became the peasants' hang out (cheaper beer) - frequented by Huey, Irene, Dick, Phil and Eugenia. In celebration of Huey's birthday the accordion player was asked to play "Good Night, Irene" but the best he could manage was "Edelweiss."

CHAPTER TWO

Saturday, it's over by bus to ZELL-AM-SEE with lay over for lunch and shopping at TYROLIA KAUFHAUS, then on to the HOTEL NEUE POST. An accordion player greets us in bar and plays late into the night.



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AMERIKANER SKI GRUPPE TOURS AUSTRIA (Continued from previous page.)



The first morning it's up and out early - there's lots of SONNESCHEIN and great skiing for the next four days. Everyone gets back in form. Great lunches at the GLOCKNERHAUS on the mountain.

One day it's over by bus to KAPRUN GLETSCHER. At the top of the tram we walk in ski boots through what must be the longest tunnel in Europe. Great form skiing on the wide packed slopes. The last two days dawn grey and cold with only 1" of new snow.

Some SLOPE DOPE: Bob is seen happily skiing and yodeling on top of the mountain...Rosemary almost skis barefoot when toes of her boots split off...Huey smashes both poles in chairlift turnstile...Dotty and Nancy sport black eyes...Charlotte knocks Jack off chairlift...Phil knocks Nancy off T-bar...Austrian boy says to Tony after collision "Entschuldigen Sie, I, too, am only a beginner." Barbara becomes "KRANKENHAUS" case - breaking pelvis while taking a private lesson. Determined to come home with the group, she escapes hospital using a walker. Thanks to tender care by roommate Eleanor and assistance from Larry and all the guys moving her from hotels to buses to planes she courageously endures the painful trip home.

The NEUE POST food was substantial but not as gourmet as the ALPENROSE. For apres-ski, the indoor jacuzzi was popular with Charlie, Larry, Adam, Charlotte and others. The question is, who were the three unidentified CHERUBS seen cavorting nude around the outdoor jacuzzi?

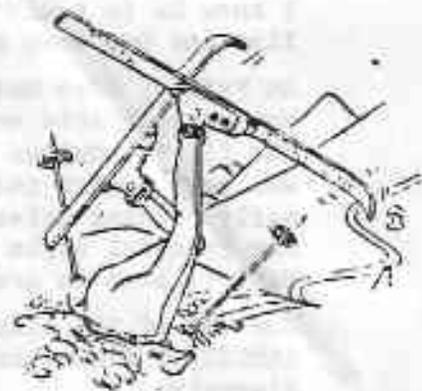
TANZ FUHRER Kirk and the other PVS jetsetters dance away the nights at the GRAND HOTEL while the STUBEL gang celebrates at the CRAZY DAIZY PUB with some hard drinking Swedes. Eleven PVSers enjoyed a sleigh ride to a real farmhouse for dinner and dancing. Katherine and Eleanor do a mean polka but Phil emerges as the Polka King.

Saturday, it's off to the PENTA HOTEL in MUNICH. Some dine with old friends, others dine at the HUNDSKAGEL, then a final hoisting of GROSSE BIERS and shouting EIN PROSITS at the HOFBRAUHAUS.

Sunday, it's up early to chaos at the check-in counter at the MUNICH AIRPORT. After a wheelchair mixup by LUFTHANSA Barbara is finally boarded and we fly back to Philadelphia and board the bus for home. Kudos again to Bob and Margaret for another super trip.

POST SCRIPT

After the first day of skiing in ZURS some AUSTRIAN ski instructors, were over heard whispering "Those PVS GOLDENER ADLERS look more like TRUTHAHNERS (turkeys) on the piste. They do too much GeTRINKEN, GeESSEN und GeMESSEN around." However, by the end of the second week, after observing the terrific downhill (and drinking) performances by PVS, instructors were overheard muttering, "Dieser Amerikaner Damen und Herren sind



ALLES KAPUT

PHANTASTICH (Fantastic) **V**ERDAMMEN (Damn) **S**PORTLERIN (Athletes)

VIEL GLUCK und AUF WIEDERSEHN!!!

SNOW AND POWDER, THE MOST AND BEST OF THE WEST, 1986 by Dina Taylor and
Sal Mahallati

On February 8th, 24 PVS'ers and friends headed for Salt Lake City for a week or two of relaxation and fun in the Utah mountains. Upon arrival, a few details (cars not ready, no ski racks, a totally confused hotel desk clerk, doubly booked rooms or no rooms) were successfully negotiated by our diplomatic leader Norman Engelman. It certainly helped a great deal also that the trip participants were patient and very cooperative.

Next morning, the snow was beckoning and we were ready to go at 8:15 AM. Alas, Max Bunnel got so excited that he locked himself out of his car with engine running. No big problem, he joined us a few hours later for great skiing at Alta. Subsequently, we also skied the superb areas of Solitude, Park West, Brighton, Snowbird, Park City and, of course, the gem of all, Deer Valley. Under varied conditions, skiing was excellent due to a heavy base and lots of fresh snow.

Ted Cardwell and Ray McKinley joined us at a wine and cheese party on Tuesday. The next day Ted shared with us "his best cruising trails" of Brighton. Magnificent they were. Met Malda and Roy Elrod a few times, lastly at the airport. In winter it's a small world for PVS'ers. Reggie Heitchue combined business with pleasure and added another dimension to our trip by skiing with us for three days. Wonder who tripped over the cable at the Utah Coal and Lumber Company restaurant and extinguished all the lights?

The enthusiastic Baltimorians were the magnificent dozen of avid skiers and a lively addition to our group. One day they observed Max skillfully wrapped around a tree, and thus, Max was dubbed "Fearless George of the Jungle". The delightful four Mahallatis sharpened their skills on skies and ^{was} seen cruising in fine form. Darius and Ladan, our youngest skiers soon mastered those turns in waist deep powder at Solitude, a sight to behold.

Snowbird provided us with a host, J.T., a charming cruiser, to acquaint us with the area. I sincerely suspect that he gave us invisible wings and the adrenalin really started flowing. Was Banana (a trail) sprinkled with nuts and raisins? Oh, no, they were belly landed PVS'ers and friends. No problem though, the snow was soft and forgiving. An eyewitness (remember, visibility was poor occasionally) reported a collision on the hill involving three members and Stormy Normy was spotted to be one of those rolling down the slope. Yours truly overheard someone shouting "Now I know he is human". Glenn Wiltshire and Don Pless were seen schussing the fall line and Don even perfected his method of skiing on his back.

On Friday, Norm had arranged a delicious chicken dinner with all the trimmings. It was an enjoyable evening with lots of warm friendship and camaradery. Thus ended the first fabulous ski week in Utah. All but six skiers left on Saturday. There was more superb skiing under varied conditions the second week. We enjoyed the early morning drives through the spectacular canyons. Alice Swalm demonstrated her graceful style on her 190's and finished a record 19 days on the slopes. Jacques Hadler, also in great form, was not much behind.

The day of the blizzard (and avalanches at Alta) was a good time to visit the RAMSES II exhibition at Brigham Young University which provided an interesting diversion.

The bottom line for this trip: Utah skiing indeed ranks among the best and a good time was had by all. Thanks, Norm, for a well planned and managed trip. And thanks also to all the wonderful participants who contributed to and shared the joys of a splendid skiing experience.

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ELECTIONS

KNOW YOUR CANDIDATES! by Lu Beale

Below are brief profiles of the three candidates chosen by the Nominating Committee for the three upcoming vacancies on the Executive Committee. Come to the April 15th annual meeting at the Engelmanns and cast your vote. Also to be voted on are those applicants who have met all requirements for full membership.

AASE BERLING'S first name is often mispronounced but she doesn't mind and responds to any reasonable approximation. The name is Norwegian, of course, and Norway is where Aase was born and raised. She attended elementary school above the arctic circle and, like most people in the Land of the Midnight Sun, practically grew up on cross country skis - the preferred and often quickest means of winter transportation.

After attending the University in Oslo, Aase came to New York to join family. She graduated from Columbia University and tried New England skiing between semesters and, later, on job vacations. In 1967 she took a big chance and came to Washington. While looking for a "real" job she took several "odds and ends" jobs to keep going until, after a year, she joined the Securities and Exchange Commission where she has been ever since.

In the early '70's Aase joined PVS and served on the Executive Committee in those early formative years of the club. She skied frequently in Europe with club groups and says her favorite ski place is St Anton. Her most memorable ski experience was in Norway where after ascending a very high mountain on cross country skis she lost a ski and had to come all the way down on one ski.

Aase lives now where she has lived since she came to Washington - in the Grosve Park complex in Rockville where she regularly opens her home to PVSers for monthly meetings. Tennis and reading are her hobbies but skiing remains her first and best love.

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BETTE WALKER is that gal who zips to meetings and events in a mint condition white 1968 Mercedes Coupe that is the envy of all vintage car connoisseurs. She is also a club rarity - a born and bred Washingtonian. She graduated from Central High and from George Washington University. Ice skating was an early hobby and she often cut figures on the reflecting pool and the frozen C & O canal.

She married into the marine corps and had three children - skiers all and all now departed from Bette's home on the waterfront near Arena Stage. But, when the family was younger and husband Bob retired, the family lived for seven years in Europe. One Christmas vacation in Kitzbuhel, it was too warm for the customary ice skating so Bette rented ski equipment, took a few lessons, drank a good bit of glühwein and in no time was hooked on the combination.

When the family returned to the U.S. Bette went on a 1975 Wyckoff ski trip and was so impressed she joined PVS and has been on every Wyckoff trip since. Her favorite ski place is Davos and her most memorable ski experience was snowplowing 14 kilometres from Davos to Klosters. She has been an active member of the club since 1976. Among her contributions was the editing of the cook book (still available at \$6.95).

But, it is on the ice that Bette continues to star, inspiring fellow skiers to hit the rinks for apres ski entertainment. She skates twice a week and is an officier of the Ice Club of Washington. Ice dancing is her forte.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE PROFILES (Continued from previous page)

MARGARET WYCKOFF needs no introduction to PVSers for she and husband Bob have themselves introduced countless new members to the club as, for 20 years, their ski trips have attracted newcomers because of their extraordinary reliability.

Margaret, born in Breslau, Germany, came to Washington in the early 50's, joined SCWDC and, on a Pennsylvania Ski Federation trip to Europe, met Bob. Their romance blossomed in Paris (naturally) and on returning home they tied the knot and set up housekeeping in Silver Spring where they have lived ever since. In due course Patricia joined them adding joy to their lives and sparkle to many a ski trip on which she often accompanies the group.

Every October the Wyckoffs welcome PVSers to their home for Oktoberfest one of the club's most popular events. Besides being leader and hostess, Margaret is also a lady with money. For 11 years she has served as club treasurer, paying our bills, keeping the books, and holding the IRS at bay. Thanks to her expertise, the club has never operated with a deficit. (Regan should take a lesson!)

In addition to all this, our wunderschon (lovely) frau with the impish grin and ever helping hand, has a full time job with the National Sauna and Pool Institute where, as accountant, she is also known as the lady with the money!

Margaret began skiing in Germany on wooden skis in areas with no lifts. Her favorite ski places today are in the Austrian and French Alps which boast the best lift complexes in the world. Understandably, Margaret's most memorable ski experience was the trip to Austria in 1960 when she met Bob. Turned out to be a memorable event for PVS as well!

PVS'S VERY OWN SKI BAEDECKER

Useful Information When Skiing in Utah by Ray McKinley

The greatest ski bargain today is the result of the price war between Brighton and Solitude in Big Cottonwood Canyon. Monday through Thursday a day lift pass costs \$5.00. (You read that right.) The remainder of the week it's an exorbitant \$10.00!!

In the Salt Lake City area you can get discount lift coupons for Snowbird at Smiths Supermarkets and, for Sundance, at Albertsons.

Lift tickets at Deer Valley are \$29.00 but considering the amenities it's worth it. Also, they limit sales of lift tickets so, even on weekends, the lift lines are minimal.

Powder Mountain (outside of Ogden) is the place to go after a dump of snow. On a Tuesday after 11" of powder, there were 30 cars in the lot. And they don't groom most of their slopes. At 3:30 p.m. I was the fourth person down a still unpacked slope. What a kick!

Coming Events

WATCH	UPCOMING	TOOTS	FOR DETAILED INFORMATION ON THESE EVENTS
April	15	...	Annual meeting at the Engelman's
April	19	...	Annual Hike on the Billy Goat Trail
May	3	...	Annual Fun Run with Dick Clark
May	17	...	Biennial Old Rag Climb
May	31	...	International Dinner at the Copes. Reservations are now being taken by Coordinator Marilyn Clark (978-9435)
June	28	...	"Yough" River raft trip weekend. Put it on your calendar now. Dina Taylor leading.

Dot Mills May

CALENDAR

March	18	...	Monthly Meeting at the Garretts. See page 1.
March	25	...	ExCom at the Clarks. 7:30 P.M.
April	15	...	Annual Meeting at the Engelman's. 8:00 P.M.
April	19	...	Hike the Billy Goat Trail. Lu Beale leading.
April	22	...	ExCom Meeting.
May	3	...	Clark Fun Run and lunch. Dick and Marilyn presiding.
May	17	...	Old Rag Climb. Lu Beale leading.
May	20	...	Monthly Meeting
May	27	...	ExCom Meeting.
May	31	...	International Dinner. Marilyn Clark coordinating.
June	14	...	Picnic at Jacques Hadler's beach house on the bay.
June	17	...	Monthly Meeting.
June	24	...	ExCom Meeting.
June	28	...	"Yough" River weekend. Dina Taylor leading.
April	26	...	Spring Fling Auction. See page 2.

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