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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

The requirements and procedures for applicants to become full members were affected by the changes in the PVS by-laws approved last summer. The new procedures are for the application to be presented to the membership chairman one month prior to the annual April business meeting of the club.

This provision allows the sponsor to certify that the applicant he or she has sponsored has met the membership requirements. These provisions for membership are now:

1. Attended at least three 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

Sheldon Drews, President

MARCH MEETING

WHEN: Tuesday, March 17th. 8:00 P.M.

WHERE: Home of Barbara and Fred Leonhardt
4919 Jongroner Court
Potomac, Maryland

Telephone: 279-9056

WHAT: Almost -end-of-the-season ski tales
Ski slides and pix of in-season escapades
Food and drink



DIRECTIONS: From Maryland, take #270 north to first exit (Old Georgetown Rd.). Bear right and go to first traffic light (Tuckerman Lane). Turn left and proceed 3.8 miles to Falls Rd. (Rt 189). Turn left at light and then take first right onto Winterset Dr. Go 2 blocks to end of street, go right onto Winterset Terrace and then right onto Jongroner Court. Second house on left is 9419. Enter there.

From Virginia, take beltway to River Rd. exit. Go north to Potomac Village (about 3.5 miles). Right onto Falls Rd. (Rte 189). Go 2.5 miles to Winterset Dr. (1 block after light at Glen Rd.). Turn left and proceed as above.

Longwood

Special Events

WINE, CHEESE AND THEATRE

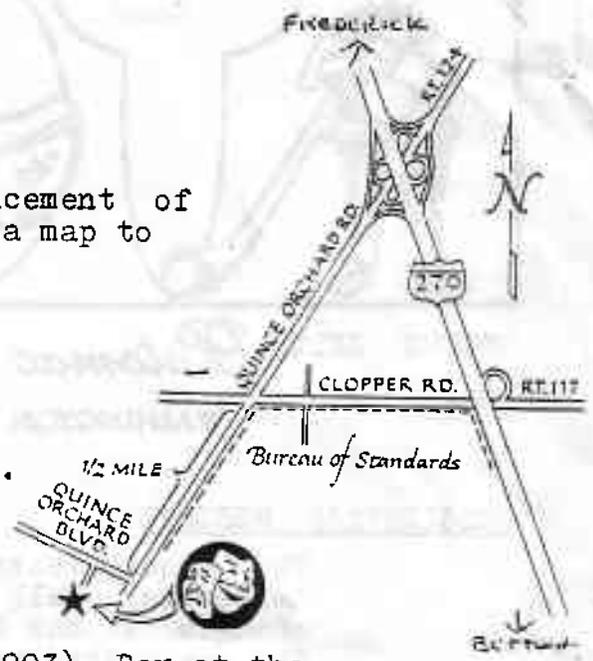
For your convenience, the following announcement of our upcoming theatre party is reprinted plus a map to the area so you won't get lost:

Date: Sunday, April 5, 1987

Time: 6:15 P.M. for our party in a corner of the theatre lobby.
7:30 P.M. curtain.

Where: Montgomery Playhouse in Gaithersburg, Md.

What: A performance of "The Butler Did It", a spoof of English mystery plays, produced by PVS's own Sara Huggins.



Reservations: Call Vince Macaluso (265-4903). Pay at the party. The cost will be five or six dollars, depending on the size of our group.

Directions to the Playhouse: Drive north on Rte. 270 to the Bureau of Standards exit, Rte 124 west (Quince Orchard Rd.). Follow to Quince Orchard Blvd. Turn right. The Playhouse is the first left turn.

AUGUST

Special

WHO SEZ WE AIN'T CULTURED?

There are now 39 PVSers signed up for the Saturday, August 1st performance at the Kennedy Center of Romanda by the Bolshoi Ballet.

This means that the event is now fully subscribed. However, if you wish to be wait-listed in case of a club cancellation, call coordinator Steve Grenleski (384-9013).

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Mar. 10 ... Trip Leaders Meeting at Sheldon Drews' 7:30 P.M.
- Mar. 11 ... Trip Policy Meeting at the Heitchues' 7:30 P.M.
- Mar. 17 ... Monthly Meeting at the Leonhardts'. 8:00 P.M.
- Mar. 24 ... ExCom Meeting at the Marx home. 7:30 P.M.
- Apr. 5 ... Theatre Party.
- Apr. 18 ... Hike on the Billy Goat Trail.
- Apr. 21 ... Annual Meeting at the Engelmans'. 8:00 P.M.
- Apr. 25 ... Spring Ski Auction. U. of Maryland. Call Fred Zedeck(892-1985
- Apr. 28 ... ExCom at Bette Walker's. 7:30 P.M.
- May 2 ... Fun Run with the Clarks.
- May 16 ... Hike in White Oak Canyon.
- May 19 ... Monthly Meeting at Shirley Rettig's. 8:00 P.M.
- May 26 ... ExCom at Charlotte Reith's. 7:30 P.M.
- May 30 ... International Dinner
- Aug 1 ... Bolshoi Ballet



THE KNEE

by
Ray Mckinley

A new ski area on a completely new ski mountain opened last fall just outside of Calgary, Alberta, Canada. It's called Mt. Allen, has a 2300' vertical and three chair lifts. The first week in March, Mt. Allen hosts its first World Cup event -- the women's downhill (the men's event is being held at the same time in Aspen). Not bad for an area few have ever heard of. But by this time next year the entire sport world will know about Mt. Allen. The Canadian government-built resort will host the Winter Olympics next February. If you are planning to attend, it's not too early to make arrangements now.

I ran into Charlie Farwell at National Airport a bit ago. Kneedless to say, he was returning from a ski trip. Unfortunately, I wasn't.

Joan Bonacker was a tad upset with herself for not skiing much the past couple of seasons so this year she bought a season ticket for Ski Liberty. As of February, she has used it twice!

Mort and Angela Kuff were also busy not skiing on a vacation to Mexico. Coincidentally (?), during the same period Dick and Marilyn Clark took a non-skiing vacation in Annapolis. They house sat for the Kuffs.

To write this column is my destiknee.

Special note to Reg Heitchue from a PVSer who wishes to remain anonkneemous: "You're 'sposed to land on your buns, not your thumbs."

Reg's thumb injury has apparently spawned a look-alike contest. Bob Wyckoff is in a similar cast after breaking a finger while skiing in France. And Heitchue's son, Tom, also with a broken finger. In this case, Tom, like father, like son, is dumb.

Ted Cardwell notes that seniors can get books of Delta Airline tickets, each good for a trip anywhere that Delta flies. In books of eight, they are only \$82 each ticket.

The Jan. 27 ExCom meeting attendance was low due to snow or skiing. Without secretary Irene Farrell to take minutes, veep Jan Marx was pressed into duty. (The Knee has just realized why, when approving them, we always "second the minutes". Take the time to think about that.)

Ankneehow, I hope Jan recorded Marilyn Clark's words describing a potential new member. "He is basically a nice guy but he doesn't know how to act like one."

At a later event, Mary Jane McCarthy noted that "shrimp weren't made to be in water."

The Knee has finally done it. I made a mistake. Sol Jacobs was not glacier skiing in August in Austria. It was in Chile. I was only a bit off course. Just a hemisphere and a continent or two.

In early March there will be a gathering of PVSers at Lake Tahoe. The Marx family, Jim Slack, Mary Ward, Jack Peoples, Steve Grenleski, Charlie Huggins and John Pulos will meet for some Western skiing.

The February meeting at the Yesslers was simply great! Funny note: the radio was playing softly in the background when Sheldon Drews started the meeting. He had just announced the upcoming trip-planning meeting when a voice from the radio blurted out: "Oh, come on now!"

Ginny Larson was at the meeting hoping for snow - she was sporting battery-operated mini windshield wipers on her glasses.

Reg Heitchue's trip policy committee wants your help. At our April meeting, you will be asked to fill out a short ski trip survey. The Knee has done a random pre-survey survey asking for favorite ski resorts: Glade Flake's favorite is the St. Anton, Zurs, Lech area. Sheldon Drews likes Vail -- especially at Christmas. Steve Grenleski is a Heavenly Valley fan and Norm Engelman likes Whistler Mt. but remembers the best snow ever as being at Isola 2000 on the Wyckoffs' first trip there.*****



Bob



Margaret

FRENCH CONNECTIONS

by

Shirley Rettig and Katherine Reynolds

The annual European migration of the PVS club began at Dulles on January 31 when 21 people embarked for Geneva. The trip was uneventful except for a few moments of panic for Shirley Rettig when she lost the group at Charles de Gaulle airport. On arrival at Geneva, Lynne Blei's suitcase turned up missing - for the duration, alas! Several people loaned her clothing, but by midweek, she had blossomed in a sharp one-piece French ski suit.

Dick Comerford met the group in Geneva; and Nancy and Joe Lewis and their friend Bob Wormet from Wisconsin were on hand to greet us in Deux Alpes.

The week at Deux Alpes began with beautiful weather but June Kelsay's knee was a first day casualty and limited her skiing for the rest of the trip. On the only snowy day with poor visibility just about everyone piled into telecabins and descended into the valley to the quaint village of Vanosc where we visited the church and had lunch in a pleasant little restaurant.

Everyone had high praise for the Hotel Berangere - its warm sunny rooms and excellent food. One evening the hotel presented local entertainment in the person of a one-man band who had quite a few PVSers cutting a rug into the wee small hours. Nancy Monacelli was a favorite partner.

Everyone's favorite ski area seemed to be the glacier runs at the top of Deux-Alpes. Bob Wyckoff skied there with Margaret acting as rear guard. He was able to manage the T-bar with aplomb. Gutsiest skiers of the week undoubtedly were Al Kehs, Dick Comerford, Frank Shelburne and Joe Lewis who assaulted the Super Diable black trail and won.

Saturday morning found us waiting for a late bus. Once underway, we encountered the world's biggest traffic jam coming from the opposite direction as we drove towards Val d'Isere. It must have been 20 miles long and drivers were pushing their cars to save gas!

Betty Comerford joined us at Val d'Isere. Unfortunately her skiing came to an abrupt end the next morning when her legs went in opposite directions and her knee cartilage was not equal to the strain. She expects to be wearing a cast for 3 to 5 weeks.

In mid-week, the weather deteriorated into snow and flat light. The intrepid skiers who ventured out found their technique had regressed to the snowplow. Certain people are rumored to have resorted to buses and taxis rather than face the trip over the mountain from Tignes to Val d'Isere. Friday morning dawned cloudy once again but by noon the sun was shining and everyone was able to end the trip with an afternoon of great skiing.

Our weekend in Paris was cold and rainy but the weather failed to dampen PVS spirits. A large party led by Jeanne Strickland and Bette Walker had a raucous Saturday evening at the Sargeant Recruiter restaurant eating and joining other diners in song. Sunday everyone scattered to do his own thing. One group spent the evening at the Lido show.

Monday morning it was off to Ch. de Gaulle in the snow and and uneventful trip back to Dulles. A great trip, and up to the Wyckoffs' high standards!

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NEW DEAL AT WISP by Linda Wolcott

The Marx family organized another successful PVS trip to Wisp the weekend of February 7-8. Always on the look-out for ways to make the trip better, they had scouted new accomodations for us at Red Run Inn - a very comfortable lodge with a lovely view of Deep Creek. All agreed that private rooms with private baths were worth the extra expense. New at the ski area was a large addition to the lodge - making it a very pleasant place to lunch, warm up or just rest the feet and watch the skiers.

Our group settled into the Red Run on Friday night with the usual assortment of good snacks and beverages. However, some PVSers weren't seen until breakfast the next morning because they closed down the nearby (directly downstairs!) bar and dance floor at 1:00 A.M. Nevertheless, everyone was out on the hill Saturday morning where the snow was adequate and the weather A-OK. PVS ski patrolman Larry Pease put the group through warm-up paces and pronounced everyone a "skiing" club member in good standing. Well, most of us were standing most of the time!

Saturday night the group ate at the Red Run Restaurant and enjoyed listening to or dancing to the live music. Sunday morning found everyone back on the slopes for what eventually turned out to be a snowy day. Although skiing was good and the lines were short, most of us left early to avoid a more lengthy drive home through heavy snow,

Members on the trip included Janet and Bob Marx and two sons, the Garretts, Bonnie Young, the Walns, Sheldon Drews, Linda and Jim Wolcott and sons, and Jack Peoples. We had a great trip!

FEBRUARY MEETING AT THE YESSLER'S



Paul Yessler's neck was in a brace. Reg Heitchue's right hand was in a cast. Bob Wyckoff's left hand was in a cast. PVS aspirant Walter Bungler's left eye had a cast. Emile Sherrard's nose was frost-damaged.

Not your typical Washington society scene, perhaps, but a normal PVS get-together during ski season where a cast is haute couture and slope mishaps (not Irangate) are the conversation fodder of the evening.

That's the way it was at the February 17th club meeting where 45 people ignored persistent snow storm warnings to gather at the Silver Spring home of first-time club hosts Paul and Kaye Yessler for ski talk and good cheer.

It was a warm and comfortable setting with guests moving easily from room to room to chat and to admire the collection of exquisite lladro porcelains displayed in the living room. A great deal of time was spent around the dining table which was heaped with cheeses, home made chocolate chip cookies, baklava and a chafing dish of deliciously sauced meat balls replenished from time to time as Kaye prepared fresh servings in the kitchen.

Sheldon Drews conducted a brief business meeting, the Marx presented a double-feature movie show, and the lovely evening was over. Thank you, Kaye and Paul!

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MEET THE CANDIDATES

by Lu Beale

Following are brief profiles of the 1987 Presidential and three Executive Committee candidates chosen by the club's nominating committee to be voted on at the April annual meeting. Other candidates following the club's procedural rules, may be presented.

PRESIDENT: JANET MARX has been on the executive committee for the past two years and vice president since July 1985. She has been "written up" in TOOT so many times she surely needs no introduction to PVSers long familiar with her efforts on behalf of the club. However, for newcomers, here is a reprise of past write-ups:

Jan comes from the Minneapolis area and graduated from the University of Minnesota where she majored in Occupational Therapy. She met Bob Marx when they were both undergraduates and their shared interests in skiing, camping, and other outdoor sports led to love and marriage. In December they will celebrate their 22nd anniversary.

In 1966 they came to the Washington area where Jan worked as an OT at Crippled Childrens' Clinic where she met Pat Calef (now Pat Cope) who introduced them to PVS. Subsequently, Bob served as treasurer, veep, and president, and the two led annual trips to Sutton and many trips to Wisp. The Marxs now live in Springfield, Va., with two sons, Eric, 16, and Brian, 13, both fine skiers.

Jan is very active in the boys' scout activities, PTA, and her sorority (Alpha Omicron Pi) alumnae affairs. She and Bob produce (zerox, address, stamp and mail) TOOT and provide PVS's answering service. Other pursuits: crafts and practically all outdoor sports, including birdwatching.

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EXCOM:

HUEY ROBERTS, a resident of Alexandria, was born and raised in Northern Virginia. After graduating from the University of Virginia he joined the Harry Diamond Laboratories where he continues to work today as engineer and physicist.

Huey first skied - well, sort of skied - in 1978 when on a Christmas visit to Waterville, N. H. he was persuaded to try the boards. By mistake he found himself on the death-defying True Grit trail. He was scared silly but his own grit and willingness to "eat snow" got him safely down and he was hooked. In 1980 and '82 he went to Mt. Tremblant to ski with the D.C. Fire Department Ski Club. (He swears there's such a club!)

In '82, fellow-worker Bob Wyckoff invited Huey to the Elrods' Steak and Swim. The following year he went to La Plagne, France, with the Wyckoffs and joined PVS on his return.

It was on the Gorman Young/Bob Grasley trip to Switzerland in '85 that Huey had his most memorable ski adventure. On Zermatt's Klien Matterhorn slope he, Jack Lilley, Dean Worcester and Tony Soler were caught in a zero-visibility blizzard when Tony suddenly broke through a snow bridge and disappeared in an 8' hole. Only the determined rescue efforts of the other men (who somehow heard Tony's call for help) prevented a tragedy.

Huey skis three or four weeks a year on club trips. His favorite ski area is Aspen. He is a devoted PVSer and especially likes the club for its small size, informality and family orientation. Other hobbies besides skiing, are hiking, backpacking and golf.

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MEET THE CANDIDATES (Continued)

ROSEMARY SOLER was born and raised in the capital city. After graduating from Woodrow Wilson High School and Stanfield Business School she went to work for the government. She retired after 30 years service of which a good many had been spent at the Natl. Bureau of Standards where she met and married Tony Soler. They live in Silver Spring, have one daughter and three small grandsons living in San Diego (who will surely ski some day

Tony introduced Rosemary to skiing at Laurel Mt. Pa. (on over-long wooden skis, with bear trap bindings) where the only lifts were rope tows. They then progressed to masochistic weekend trips to New England with other PVSers where driving all night and skiing all day was the norm. After joining PVS in its first year of inception, the Solers made several trips to Colorado with the club and, eventually, to Europe with the Wyckoffs on their many trips to France and Austria.

Rosemary's most memorable ski experience was, like Huey Robert's (see previous page) the time when Tony disappeared in a crevasse during a freak snow storm on the Little Matterhorn slope at Zermatt. Although Rosemary wasn't with him at the time (he was helped from his predicament by Huey and Dean Worcester) she spent some very anxious moments awaiting his long over-due return.

Rosemary's favorite ski areas are Alta, for its natural beauty and varied terrain, and Zurs, for the same, with particular emphasis on the apres ski ambience at the Hotel Alpenrose.

"The great thing about PVS," says Rosemary, "is its many likable personalities with the ability to ski well being outstanding in a group of this size."

Rosemary is, herself, a fine example on both counts.

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PHIL UFHOLZ comes from Fairview, N.J. After graduating from Tulane he attended Georgetown University Law School ending with a LL.M. in tax law in 1975. He worked for 7 years as Tax Counsel for the Senate Finance Committee but since 1983 has been Metropolitan Life's Vice President for Federal Relations - working the opposite side of the street, so to speak.

In 1971, Phil met Eugenia (then working on capitol hill) on a blind date and they were married in 1972. They live in Bethesda and often host club events in their home.

Phil first skied in 1975 when Eugenia dragged him (it's all her fault!) to Vermont when a friend offered them the use of a ski lodge at Haystack. He became an instant enthusiast and his love for the sport has never waned. He continued skiing locally until a trip to Vail in '78 introduced him to the magic of powder. After that, it was goodbye to New England ice and hello to the world of "real" skiing.

He and Eugenia joined a Wyckoff trip to Austria in 1979 and on their return joined PVS. Since then they have been to Europe 5 times with the Wyckoffs. Phil's favorite ski resort is Val d'Isere for charm and variety.

His most memorable ski experience was at Alpe d'Huez in France. Skiing in flat light, he fell and slid 500 yards before finally coming to a stop, his skis, gloves, goggles, et.al., strewn over the mountain side. A Frenchman helping him, up said, "May be is best you no ski again today, oui?"

Mais non! Phil reassembled his gear and skied on. Of course.

But skiing is not Phil's only sport. Since boyhood he has excelled in a number of athletic pursuits, particularly swimming and tennis and, more recently, golf. He now divides his playing time between golf (he plays 180 rounds a year) and skiing. Truly, a PVS man for all seasons!

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