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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The ski season is coming to an end with our last trip to Waterville Valley, N.H. on March 26th.

For those "gung ho" skiers who can't wait for the next ski season, how about trying summer skiing in Argentina, Chile, or New Zealand? Our trip committee has also been working to give us some great trips here and abroad.

Spring Fling at the University of Maryland on April 29 is \$25 per ticket which includes a buffet dinner and the chance to get a variety of trips, lift tickets, etc. This affair supports the "Learn to Ski" program for handicapped skiers. See inside for more information. If you're interested in attending, call Charlie Huggins (301-424-5725) to join other PVSrs.

*Mary Jane*

Mary Jane McCarthy

### MONTHLY MEETING

Tuesday, March 21, 1995. 8 P.M.

The meeting is at the home of Suzanne Boisclair.  
6821 North 31st Street, Arlington, VA 22213.  
Telephone: 703-532-0511

**DIRECTIONS:** From Maryland, take 495 S to Route 66 (Exit 12A - McLean). Leave 66 at Exit 68 (Westmoreland Drive) and go left at end of ramp. Go straight ahead a few blocks to Suzanne's house at left corner of 31st and Westmoreland.

From Virginia, take 495 N to Rte. 66 (Exit 9B). Leave 66 at Exit 68 and proceed as above. Or within Beltwy, take Rte. 7 to Rte. 29 in Falls Church (also called Washington Street). Turn north on 29. Drive 0.6 miles, turn left at First Virginia Bank, then straight 9 short blocks to Suzanne's. From D.C., get on Rte. 66, leave at Exit 69 (Suzanne's street). Turn right at ramp's end, make immediate left at traffic light on Washington Blvd., drive straight for 10 short blocks.



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COMING EVENTS

SPRING DINNER AT THE COLONNADE - April 8, 1995. 7 p.m.  
2801 New Mexico Ave., N.W. This delectable event is  
now filled. If you would like to be put on the  
waiting list, call Marilyn Clark at 703-978-9435.



ANNUAL BILLY GOAT TRAIL HIKE - April 15, 1995. 10 a.m.  
Meet in the parking lot across from Anglers' Inn.  
Frank Shelburne will be leading this trek, so call  
him if you have questions. 202-331-9492.

WINE TASTING AT THE COPEES - April 22, 1995. 8 p.m.  
Almost to the max, but at presstime there were a couple  
of openings left. Call the Copes at 703-836-5436.

SPRING FLING 1995. If you're interested in this event below,  
call Charles Huggins, 301-424-5725.

# SKI AUCTION

Spring Fling  
1995

April 29, 1995 • Univ. of Maryland  
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Additional Bidders: (if more than four, please use the reverse side of this form)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ NAME \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ NAME \_\_\_\_\_

# OF TICKETS \_\_\_\_\_ AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

CLUB AFFILIATION \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to NATIONAL HANDICAPPED SPORTS  
Mail form and check to: SPRING FLING AUCTION COMMITTEE  
P.O. Box 5138, Springfield, VA 22150-5138

Thank You For Supporting National Handicapped Sports



WATERVILLE VALLEY SKI TRIP. March 19-26, 1995.  
One more male skier needed. Call Myron  
Marquardt, 301-460-3269.

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BLUE RIDGE SKI COUNCIL MEETING - April 30, 1995.  
Holiday Inn, Gaithersburg, Md. Call Dina Taylor,  
301-427-3240, if you're interested.

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FUN RUN/BRUNCH WITH THE CLARKS. May 20, 1995.  
There are still a few places left for the brunch. Call  
Marilyn Clark, 703-978-9435 if you'd like your name  
added. Any number are welcome for the athletic portion.

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AND FOR NEXT YEAR'S SKIING-- A trip leader is needed for  
the trip to Winterpark in December. Please call Glade  
Flake to volunteer. 301-762-6890.

YOU ARE  
CORDIALLY INVITED  
TO ATTEND THE  
30TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER  
October 7, 1995  
Officers Club  
Naval Medical Center  
Bethesda, Md.  
SAVE THE DATE NOW!

PAST EVENTS

THE ASPEN TRIP.....Ned Flaherty

The drive from Denver into dusk and darkness was pinpointed by the warm, welcoming glow of roadside lights which became at last Aspen's glow. The welcoming Wine and Cheese party was a mix of arrival relief and excited anticipation of the 9 days "in situ." We were met by fresh snows each of the early days, by Colorado blue skies, light winds, and uncrowded slopes. An added bonus was a Winterskol Festival featuring a unique parade, ice sculptures, roving bagpipers, mountain-top-launched hang gliders, fireworks blazing out at night from the mountain.

The trip dinners were jolly times. First came "at home" pizza, then two nights out with excellent food service and Dina-sponsored attentions for the PVSrs. Everyone partook eagerly, especially after Betty Byrne proclaimed calorie intake above 5000-foot elevation doesn't count. At a Chinese restaurant, indomitable Joe Blum, staring at white chunks floating in his soup, admitted to being intimidated by tofu. Many of the group enjoyed the satirical songs and skits at the famed Crystal Palace.

Trippers daily wrestled with the question of which of 4 mountains to ski that day. More serious difficulties involved physical problems. Charlie Gordon's tooth abscess had local dentists rooting--at \$150 a root--but Charlotte Eddy's broken molar didn't break her cheerfulness. Aina Thomas's numerous consultations identified her as PVS's official travel-dontist. Two PVSrs visited the local hospital ER. Mary Jane McCarthy attacked a chairlift with her head and lost (a first). Dot Mills had an ankle bone which felt disconnected from its usual attachment. In fine PVS style, both returned to ski hard the rest of the week.

As did others. The Snowmass bulletin board proclaiming distinguished skiers of the week named Liz Triau twice and Charlie Gordon once. PVSrs also garnered medals on NASTAR runs: 5 silvers to Serge Triau, 4 silvers and a bronze to Liz Triau, 3 silvers and 2 bronzes to Charlie Gordon, and a bronze to John Matthews. Congratulations to all!

The last evening ended with grateful cheers for Dina Taylor for leading a memorably great trip. Who could ask for more? Except a repeat in 1995-1996!

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FOUND: Pair of red leather gloves, left at the Wyckoffs after February ExCom. Call Margaret at 301-589-5532.



# THE KNEE

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by  
Ray McKinley

It's the middle of ski season, and the Knee has been skiing. But he always finds time to keep his loyal readers informed. (I love it when I use the third person; it makes me feel so far above myself.)

On the cover of the current "Ski Country" is this interesting headline: "How to unlock your trunk for quickening and balance." How to unlock your trunk? These poor guys or gypersons that write on improving your skiing month after month need to use new body parts.

The Knee can help. Herewith some great new titles:

"Follow your nose down the hill for a running start." (Think about it. You know, nose, running. OK, it needs work.)

"How pierced ears can improve your skiing."

"You can ski better by more effective use of your pancreatic fluids."

If these give you any more ideas, let the Knee know. I'll print the best.

It's Christmas on the slopes time. Jeannette Albersheim spent Christmas Eve at Winter Park. First over the top of the hill surged some 300 skiers with torches making out a bell. Next was a gigantic Christmas tree, with large clumps of colored lights everywhere. As the "tree" progressed, it was made from the snow grooming equipment, each individually decorated with hundreds of colored lights. Great idea.

In Telluride, Penny Hanshaw reports that after Christmas partying, the Ski Patrol flamed down the slope with torches. One patroller got too close and torched another's pants. I can see the headline: Christmas Cheer Leads to Christmas Char.

The newest rumor is that Denver International Airport will open. Thereafter it will be an extra half hour to the slopes and a \$20 airline surcharge to all flights in and out. Whoopee.

Liz and Serge Triau, just back from Aspen and Whistler, have a new granddaughter, their eighth grandchild. And Jean and Reg Heitchue just back from Vail and Whistler, are grandparents for the first time.

It's time for my Eastern skiing report. Sorry it's all whited out, there's gobs (a technical term) of snow

everywhere. Right on. About time.

Glade and Joan Flake like Whitetail where those over 70 ski free and on Tuesdays women ski for half price. (You figure out who likes what.) Lu Beale is pleased that with the opening of Whitetail, Ski Liberty is now virtually empty on weekdays. And Betty Lawrence reports that the skiing at Blue Knob has been "super."

A western friend and ski patroller has discovered Wolf skis, the "skis of a lifetime." They are refreshingly a solid black with no markings whatsoever and are made by a Sun Valley company.

Speaking of colors, ski clothes this season are really boring. Not a yellow or orange to be seen. Indeed, at a local shop there were about 200 pairs in black (obviously designed by Wolf Skis), 7 in navy and 4 in dark gray. Boooooorrrring.

Do you know which ski area has the only single chairlift in the US? I'll give you a hint. It's in Vermont. Give up? It's Mad River.

The menu for our Spring Dinner is being epicureanly planned by Marilyn Clark, Genee Boykin, and Nancy Garrett. The main course is still a secret but I'll give you a hint. (Another hint? What's the column coming to?) The main course rhymes with Teef Benderloin.

Enroute back from Aspen, Bill Anderson bought a bottle of Bombay Blue Sapphire Gin. He packed it thoroughly. But the bottle broke nonetheless. Bill is now the one with "essence of gin" ski clothes--and underwear.

You should plan now to attend PVS' 30th Ankneseversary Party. It's on October 7. At our 25th Ankneseversary, 133 of us were there.

What if you gave a pre-trip party and no one came? It almost happened at the Whistler pre-trip party hosted by Nancy and the Knee. Ok, so there were six inches of snow. And some 20 of the hardest (not most foolhardy) did arrive, albeit for some the trip took 2 hours.

George Hicho's thoughts on the drive, "What you guys won't do to save 32 cents postage."

One wag noted that she came "Because I always ski the black runs."

There was discussion of Whistler's great snow and one mile vertical. Thereafter, both Jeanne Strickland and Charlotte Couture decided it was time to start working out and getting in shape.

Our solution to the no-shows? A second pre-trip event the following day. Some called it the Wimps' Party.

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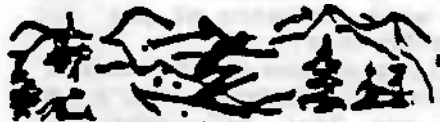
CALENDAR

Mar. 21 ... Monthly meeting at Suzanne Boisclair's.  
Mar. 28 ... ExCom at the Triaus'  
Apr. 1 ... Whistler Post Trip Party at the Heitchue's  
Apr. 8 ... Spring dinner at the Colonnade. Page 2.  
Apr. 15 ... Annual Billy Goat Trail Hike. Page 2.  
Apr. 18 ... Annual Meeting. Place to be Announced.  
Apr. 22 ... Wine Tasting at the Copes. Page 2.  
Apr. 25 ... ExCom at Mary Jane McCarthy's.  
Apr. 29 ... Spring Fling 1995. See page 2.  
Apr. 30 ... Blue Ridge Ski Council meeting.  
May 16 ... Monthly meeting at Charlotte Couture's.  
May 23 ... ExCom at Jessma Blockwick's.  
June 20 ... Monthly meeting at Betty Lawrence's.  
Oct. 7 ... 30th Anniversary Dinner.

ADDRESS CHANGES: Change Bob Grasley's apartment # from 907 to 1009.

New: William Stecher, M.D., 2nd General Hospital,  
CMR-402 Box 1881  
APO AE 09180

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