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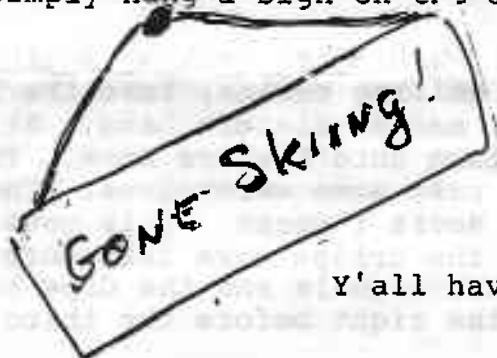
VIRGINIA

PRESIDENT'S SITZMARK

On February 22, eleven of the sixteen club officers, together with 29 other PVSers, left town to have fun in the snow at Big Sky, Montana.

As we departed, 20 other PVSers returned from skiing in Switzerland. On our return, other PVSers will be off for spring skiing in Colorado, Maine and Canada.

With all this going on, you'll understand that club business, including TOOT production, has come temporarily to a halt and we have simply hung a sign on the door saying



Y'all have fun!

Lu
Lu Beale, President



MONTHLY MEETING

Tuesday, March 17, 1998 - 7:30 p.m.

Home of Philip and Eugenia Ufholz
8613 Long Acre Court
Bethesda, MD 20817
Tel: 301-469-6135

DIRECTIONS: Take the Beltway Exit for River Road going towards Washington. Move left immediately and take first left onto Burdette Road (at Johnson's Nursery). Continue on Burdette to Bradley Blvd. Turn right. Go approximately 1 mile (pass light at Fernwood and Bradley Presbyterian Church) and turn left onto Valley Rd. Then take first right on Ridge Rd. 8613 Long Acre Court is at the top of the hill. If lost call 301-469-6135.



BICYCLE RIDE, Thursday, March 19 10:30 AM 15 miles

Meet at Shirlington Area (Arlington) Directions: Take Shirley Highway (I-395) south from Pentagon about 1½ miles and exit at Shirlington/Glebe Rd ramp (Exit 7) and follow signs to Shirlington. Bear right at the fork to turn right on Shirlington Rd. Easiest to look for five story square office building with a big green Shirlington sign on it near top (*not* the first tall curved building labeled Shirlington Gateway). There are three parking lots in the area (which is essentially only one block long). Two are usually pretty full, but the one behind the movie theaters (fronting on S. Randolph St) is largely empty. Meet in front of Metropolis Bicycles in Shirlington area (4056 South 28th St.). Leader should be drinking his cappuccino at cafe right next to bike shop. Ride will head west on Four Mile Run Trail and return on W&OD Trail with a stop at the Long Branch Nature Center. Lunch on return to Shirlington at the Capital City Brewing Company. Leader: Marvin Hass (703) 751-4737

WINE TASTING AT THE COPE'S - March 28, 1998, 8 p.m.

117 West Monroe Avenue
Alexandria, VA 22301
703-836-5436

This wonderful annual event is limited to 20 people. Check to see if there is still space.

Directions: Take the George Washington Parkway south past the airport. Just past the sailing marina, take the first right onto the service road, marked Slaters Lane. At the first signal, make a right turn onto Slaters Lane. The Lane makes a left-hand turn past some warehouses. There bear left at sign that says Route 1 North. This puts you on a bridge. At the end of the bridge turn left onto Monroe Avenue. Go through two signals and the Cope home is the big, white house on the right before the third signal.



TRIPS PROPOSED FOR 1998-1999 SKI SEASON

The following ski trips are proposed by the Trip Committee and have been approved by the ExCom. Certain details and exact arrangements have to be worked out and should be firmed up within 30 days:

<u>DATES</u>	<u>LOCATIONS</u>	<u>TRIP LEADERS</u>
Dec., 1st or 2nd week	Steamboat Springs, CO	Don & Nancy Dillon
Jan., 2nd or 3rd week	Telluride, CO	
Jan. 31st to Feb. 6th*	Sun Valley, ID	Dina Taylor John Smith & Pat Tengel
Feb., 2nd or 3rd week (ten-day trip)	Europe	
Mar., about the 15th	Vail, CO	Ray and Nancy McKinley

*These dates and location are firm and this is a BRSC trip.

PVS Spring Dinner

The annual Spring Dinner will be held on May 2, 1998 at the Colonnade, 2801 New Mexico Ave. N.W., Washington. This event is limited to 40 people so call Liz Triaou now to make a reservation. Details later about what to bring.

Luau At the Wain's



After three years, the Wain's "Hukilau" (Hawaiian Party)

returns to Northern Virginia

On Saturday May 16th at 6:30 p.m.

As always, there will be an assortment of drinks and Pu-Pus followed by a full Luau Buffet.

There will be lots of island music, door prizes, and more.

So grab your ukuleles and grass skirts or don your muumuis and floral shirts and escape to the South Pacific.

Cost will be approximately \$15 per person. Space is limited.

Call Janet or Chris at

703-256-3543 if you haven't already signed up.

ALOHA!



Broadway's Newest Musical Hit Matinee (2:00 pm) Saturday July 18.

RAGTIME

Tickets are all sold. Call the McKinleys at (703) 527-7126 for the waiting list.



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 Hass, Marvin
 King, Dick and Julie
 Lewis, Nancy
 Marx, Bob and Jan
 Matthews, John and Ramona
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Herewith the bio of the third nominee for the Executive Committee which will be voted on in April.

MARTY McNEILL, a member of PVS for more than ten years, is a native Marylander, born and raised on a tobacco farm in Camp Springs, P.G. county, home of Andrews AFB. Early life revolved around a large extended family and endless church and school activities.

She graduated from Surrattsville High, and attended G.W.U. and U.Md. After running the transportation committee for the '57 inauguration of Eisenhower & Nixon, she went to work for the Washington office of Ford Motor Company in the international area. There she eventually met and married hubby Bob and the ski experience began. Always part of the scene as ski wife, mom, confidant, hostess and Ski Liberty "angel" (having earned that award for years of work on the ski swaps), she insists that Bob skis enough for both of them, and she tends to everything else! For a time, in the 1970s, you could have also found her on the slopes, and "It was a thrill when I got it right."

Ever a people-person, Marty has kept busy with church, school, community association and garden club (including neighborhood beautification) activities, while raising the boys, entertaining and keeping up with Bob's demanding career.

Marty and Bob have four grown sons and two grandchildren, and their Boxer, Apollo. One year old Ian lives close by and in retirement (retirement??) they love spending time with him. She likes to sing and dance, dabbles in gourmet cooking, gardens, and is passionate about her three-times-a-week aerobic exercise. And, of course, PVSers and PVS activities are THE BEST, she says.

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PAST EVENTS

FEBRUARY MONTHLY MEETING

A terrible downpour throughout the day tapered off enough to bring 37 PVSers to Ruth Schrider's home for the February meeting. There was some trepidation at entering the lovely white interior with wet and muddy feet, but quickly the rush was on to the dining table where a huge feast of cold vegetarian pizza, devilled eggs, and marinated chicken legs was spread.

The conversational buzz seemed even louder than usual, as skiers returned from the European ski trip eagerly recounted their adventures (even horseracing!) while others anticipated their coming adventures at Big Sky. The handing out of luggage tags and menu choices began to make that trip seem real at last.

The brief business meeting continued the festive mood. More raves for the European trip--John Smith really knows the ropes--or somebody very important! Brief announcements of upcoming events--and it was back to the table, now graced with cherry crisp and sponge cake. Ruth, you really shouldn't have--but we're glad you did!

As the members departed for home, a July-style thunderstorm suddenly erupted. Somehow the heavens didn't know it was February. Everyone made it home safely through the rushing waters. Another extraordinary PVS event!

SWITZERLAND

Bob Harmon

Trip leaders John Smith and Pat Tenge couldn't possibly have ordered better weather for the 22 participants in the Swiss trip, since we had nothing but sunshine for the entire two weeks! We spent the first week at Zermatt, site of the spectacular Matterhorn, arriving by train from Zurich. Most of us tried all three of the extensive ski areas in Zermatt, and two groups of us made the very enjoyable run from Zermatt into Italy. To do this you have to take a series of lifts up to the Klein Matterhorn, then ski over the Theodulpass, near the base of the Matterhorn, and down into Cervinia where you can have lunch or whatever before taking the cable car back up to return to Zermatt. When our group arrived in Cervinia, Dina Taylor regaled us with an electrifying rendition of "O Solo Mio," though her knowledge of the words seemed a bit shaky.

Fumiko had an interesting experience in Zermatt when she returned to a store where she had bought a watch 14 years ago. She and the salesman recognized each other after all that time, and the salesman cleaned and polished the watch free of charge!

To digress just a bit, Zermatt is still an attractive town in a magnificent setting, but it was very sad -- though not surprising -- to see how drastically it had changed since I was first there in 1954 for hiking and climbing. It has completely and forever lost the bucolic charm it had as a remote Alpine village. And of course the same kind of thing has happened/is happening not just in Alpine villages but everywhere else in the world as well. Progress is all well and good, but it comes at a tremendously high cost, and now that all colorful national and regional cultures worldwide are rapidly blending into one gray, characterless international culture, most of us of a certain age can be glad we travelled as much as we did in years past, before all these deplorable developments were in full swing.

Anyway, after our week in Zermatt we took the very scenic 7-hour Glacier Express train ride westward to St. Moritz for our second week. Glitzy St. Moritz, where elegant ladies in ermines and pearls can be seen walking little bitty dogs that look more like overgrown woolly bear caterpillars than like real dogs. More importantly, St. Moritz offers great skiing too, with one excellent area right in town and several others accessible by bus to each side of town. It was in St. Moritz that Charlotte Eddy set the trip record for the longest slide downhill after a fall -- about 300 yards, I would estimate, and it was quite a spectacle to behold! Had I been judging the event, I would have given her a 10 on both form and technique, but the performance was marred by the fact that she got pretty well banged up and couldn't ski for the rest of the trip.

After our week in St. Moritz we took another scenic train ride (there's great scenery everywhere in Switzerland!) back to Zurich, where we spent the evening before returning home the following day. Glade Flake delighted in telling me how on the train it appeared that he had lost his and Joan's tickets -- when the ticket puncher asked for them, they were just nowhere to be found! Whereupon Glade (poor fellow!) was subjected to a bit of wifely reproach from Joan (probably something like "Why can't you be more careful about such things, like me?!", I would guess). Anyway, they somehow bluffed their way through, and when they arrived at the hotel, lo and behold, it was discovered that guess who had had the tickets in her possession the whole time?! Good guess!

One of the great features of this trip was the baggage handling: We were able to check in at Dulles and not have to worry about baggage until it arrived at our rooms in Zermatt. The same thing at the next stage, between the Zermatt train station and our hotel in St. Moritz; and again between the St. Moritz train station and pick-up at Dulles the next day, all with only a few little glitches -- such a civilized way to travel, and I believe we all considered it well worth the extra charges involved.

Many thanks to John and Pat for the great job they did in organizing and running this trip. For me personally, it was one of the best ski trips I have had.



THE KNEE

by

Ray McKinley

It's the middle of ski season. To help increase your skiing

enjoyment, the Knee has a special new service for the safety-conscious. Perhaps you are worried about the spate of injuries to PVSers. Stop worrying, I can help. I will design your next trip, and book your airline, bus and hotel reservations. But here is where the Knee service is ukneeque. After making the arrangements, I'll actually take your trip for you whilst you remain safe at home. I'll take pictures with your camera and send postcards to your friends. Each postcard will be guaranteed at least one witty comment--unlike this column.

Kneeophile Ramona Matthews pointed out that last month I incorrectly spelt *el nino*. It should have been *el kneeno*. Kneea culpa.

Here's the status of those having medical problems at Steamboat Springs. Those with minor problems are all recovered--except those with male pattern baldness. There were two serious problems. Irene Farrell had a stroke and Dick Will had a heart attack. Both are recovering, although Dick's recovery has been somewhat slower than he would like.

After his attack, Dick Will was met by family and proceeded home. He is still in treatment, with a heart arrhythmia that, if it does not change, will preclude him from skiing again. Dick mused if that's the case, he will have started and ended his ski life with PVS. He started skiing 12 years ago when Jack Peoples "forced" him to go to Mt. Sutton and take a week's lessons. Thereafter Dick was hooked. QED

After her stroke Irene Farrell lost feeling on one side and had a speech impediment. Feeling returned the following day. Speech therapy has resolved our club secretary's speech problem. Anyone who heard Irene read the minutes at the last Excom meeting can attest to it. Our best to both of you.

A footnote on Irene Farrell. Shortly after she entered the emergency room, Jack Ragen stopped by to check on her condition. The check-in nurse saw Jack and said "I remember you. We admitted you

last year with a heart problem." Small world.

Some of us are traveling south. Charlotte and Jim Kline are back from three weeks in Florida visiting Charlotte's children. And applicant Jaleh Morassaghi warmed up for Big Sky whilst cruising the Pankneema Canal. Avoiding *el kneeno*, guys?

PVS does politics: While discussing the upcoming Luau, Bill Anderson noted that he had lost his lei. Hostess Janet Wain told him not to worry as she would make certain he got leid again! Perhaps we should rename the event a Luauwinsky.

The Knee received a note from Ski Liberty patroller Jim Wingrove. It's a list, apparently refined by the Liberty Patrollers waiting...and waiting for snow. It's titled "Skiing With No Snow." Here are some of their suggestions:

To simulate finding your car, go to an ice rink and walk across the ice 20 times in your ski boots carrying skis, accessory bag and poles.

To simulate ski boots, put a large pebble in your shoes and tighten a C-clamp on your toes.

Buy a pair of gloves and throw one away.

Go to McDonalds, stand in the longest line, and insist on paying \$10.50 for a hamburger.

Yuck. As compared to ten years ago, ski sales are down some 15%. Over the same period, snowboard sales are up 700%.

During the recent WETA marathon (a euphemism for a single, 10 day long, extremely boring commercial), Bob and Jan Marx won tickets to the National Press Club for Pete Seeger. The 78 year old singer, Seeger is now "Blowin in the Wind."

Our own Wayne Yessler made the Wash. Post on a recent rainy Tuesday. He was pictured with his umbrella inside out. Does that make it an rbmuale? (My spell check won't like that!)

After an audition, Karen Felker was asked to join the Oratorio Society of Washington. She will participate in their summer tour to Prague, Budapest, and perhaps other cities. The featured work will be Mozart's "Requiem"--in which I understand that Karen will sing the part of the Scuba Diver--Bubbles. Right on. Not to be outdone, Knox will accompany the singers on their tour. He will play the part of the second groupie.

CALENDAR

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- Apr. 21 ... Annual Business Meeting at the Klines'
- Apr. 25 ... Spring Fling at the U of Md to benefit handicapped skiers. Call Serge Triau if interested in attending. 301-840-1128.
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- May 26 ... ExCom
- July 18 ... PVS at Ragtime, p. 4



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