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PRESIDENT'S On a recent Saturday Ned Flaherty suffered a gashed
SITZMARK forehead when he fell in his bedroom.

We are sorry about Ned and glad it was not a more disabling injury. But the thing about this incident that astonished us is that in a few minutes the news of Ned's plight had been relayed to 26 PVS homes and a small army of PVSers immediately began exchanging views, news and updates on the situation.

The 26, of course, were club members who have E-mail numbers and have registered them with Karen Felker who, with the push of a single button, was able to transmit the news to 26 homes simultaneously.

It was Karen who, recognizing the possibilities of disseminating club news by E-mail, volunteered to act as conduit for emergency club information such as changes in trip or event plans.

But, following the Flaherty bulletin, there was an explosion of interest in the club's use of E-mail and a kind of inner circle of PVSers now shares the fun of exchanging the latest in club news with one another.

That circle, of course, is limited to the computer literate--may their tribe increase! To be included, call Karen at 703-931-6843. E-mail karknox@erols.com.

Meanwhile, the rest of us, certain that nothing can take the place of print journalism, will continue to rely on TOOT for all the news it's fun to read.

President



MONTHLY MEETING - MARCH 16, 1999, 7:30 P.M.

HOME OF PAT SUMMERS AND AL RICHMAN

3914 Morrison St., N.W.

Washington, D. C. 20015

202-362-6226

Directions to the Summers-Richman home:

From the inner loop of the Beltway:

Exit south onto Connecticut Avenue. Proceed to the District line at Chevy Chase Circle. Go 1/2 way around the circle and stay on Connecticut Ave. into the District. Three blocks into the city, turn right onto Morrison St between the American City Diner and the Riggs Bank. Drive one block to stop sign at 39th St. Continue across the intersection to the 5th house on the south side of the street -- that is 3914. It is a semi-detached house and the porch light will be on. Park anywhere on the street.

From the outer loop of the Beltway:

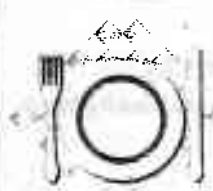
Exit south onto Connecticut Avenue. Turn left at the traffic light off the beltway onto Connecticut Avenue and follow the above directions.



MIDWEEK BIKE 'N LUNCH

Glen Echo to Georgetown (and return)

Thursday, March 18, 1999 10:30 AM



Starting Point: Glen Echo/Clara Barton Parking Lot [West side of Glen Echo; on MacArthur Blvd. Near Goldsboro Road]. Ride will proceed along MacArthur Blvd, C&O Canal Towpath, and Capital Crescent Trails to Georgetown and monument area to Albert Einstein statue. Lunch at deli/cafe in Georgetown. Total distance: 15 miles. [Short Towpath segment will not be used if muddy; any type of bike OK.]

Leaders: Marvin Hass (703) 751-4737 and Betty Byrne (202) 483-4048

WEEKEND AT BETHANY BEACH WITH THE DILLONS

March 19-21, 1999. This event is full, with a waiting list. If you'd like to be on that or have questions, call the Dillons at 301-330-5371.

SPRING DINNER

The annual spring dinner will be held April 10 at 7:00 P.M. at The Colonnade, 2801 New Mexico Ave., N.W. in Washington.

To reserve your space in this limited event, call Marilyn Clark at 703-978-9435.



*****17th ANNUAL SPRING FLING*****

This annual event raises money for disabled sports, and PVS usually has a table or two.

Date this year is May 1st, and the fling will be held at the Inn and Conference Center of the University of Maryland. Watch for more details.



It's not Mill.....It's not Mill End.....It's not Linen.....It's not Knee 'um.....It's Millennium!

Keep your eyes and your calendars fixed on that amazing date--January 1, 2000-- for the wonderful PVS elegant lunchtime- till-when party.

Let Sue Walsh know (301-589-7159) if you're interested in coming. (You can change your mind later--but you won't want to!)

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March 27 to April 3, 1999

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Pre Trip Party 5 pm March 6, 1999.

Regrets Only (703) 527-7126

At McKinleys, 2326 North Upton Street, Arlington, VA

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POST-TELLURIDE PARTY: See you at the Dillons, Sunday, March 7, 4-6 PM. Bring yourselves and your pictures. Call, if you need directions and call with regrets: (301) 330 5371.

Nominating Committee Report

The Committee nominated Nancy McKinley as President and Don Dillon, Sheldon Drews and Charlotte Kline for two-year terms on the Executive Committee. Three profiles were in the February TOOT. Charlotte Kline's follows.

Elections will be held at the annual business meeting in April, and additional nominations may be made by the signed proposal of any five members presented one month prior to the April meeting.

CHARLOTTE KLINE was born and raised in Wethersfield, CT, a historic suburb of Hartford. She was graduated from Lasall Junior College. As a child, she became exposed to skiing, carefully learning on a pair of child's wooden skis in a neighbor's cow pasture. Her best ski trips as a youth were to Big Bromley, New Hampshire, and Stowe, Vermont, having progressed to wooden skis with STEEL EDGES. Her snow skiing days were interrupted by marriage, six children, and many relocations throughout the United States. During this time, location enticed her to take up water skiing with her growing family, and she still has a tendency to revert to water skiing form when schussing down a mountain.

She settled in Springfield, Virginia in 1964 at the urging of her Lasall College roommate. In addition to raising her family she took on responsibilities such as multiple terms as President of her Garden Club, organized both swim and dive teams for her fledgling local swim club and then served in various judging capacities, and was Team Representative to the Northern Virginia Swim league. She also found time to be a Girl Scout Leader.

With children approaching college age, she began a career in Property and Casualty insurance. She also returned to College in 1980 and earned a Bachelor's Degree in Marketing from Marymount University.

In the mid-eighties, she, looking for a group to ski with, she saw Lu Beale's article about PVS in the Style section of The Washington Post. She contacted Lu, was invited to attend the next meeting, and subsequently became a member resuming her love for snow skiing.

She married Jim Kline in 1995 and moved to their current home in Vienna, Virginia. She retired from the business world in 1997 and now spends her time gardening, birding, traveling, and taking drawing and calligraphy lessons while wondering where the time goes and how she ever found time to work.

APPLICANT MEMBERS

The vote on applicants applying for membership in PVS will take place at the annual business meeting in April.

The following applicants have fulfilled the requirements to become active members in PVS:

Annemarie Black
Jean and Nick Chybinski
Dave DeVilbiss
Pat Egan
Sylvia and Walter Lukens
Robert Knopes

Bill Matzkin
Emma Plowman
Pat Summers and Al. Richman
Marion Webb
Karen Webb

According to the ByLaws, five negative votes bar an applicant from membership in the club.



PAST EVENTS



FEBRUARY MEETING

Merry members travelling to the Marxes' for the February meeting were happy to find a PVS sign, a spotlight and a flag assuring them they had come to the right place. Inside, the greeting was enhanced by a row of sparkling lights highlighting a display of beautiful crystal objets d'arte.

One other spectacular art item--redecorating of a bathroom--is reported in the Knee. Attention quickly turned to the display of delicious goodies and the buzz of delightful conversation. All of which was briefly interrupted by the items of business. With the Tremblant and Cortina groups soon to leave, only the Vail trip was left to report--and all is go there. Trip Committee Chair Glade Flake again asked for trip wishes for next year.

The crowd was soon able to return to feasting, and the Marxes had kindly labelled the several desserts as to nonfat or evil. So everyone could leave happy!
Thanks, Jan and Bob!

PVS Sun Valley & BRSC Winter Carnival

Mary Ward

Ever since the sumptuous pre-trip dinner at leader Dina Taylor's, we had been eagerly awaiting our western adventure. Finally on Saturday, 30 January, the intrepid group of PVSers and friends checked in at Dulles airport under the watchful eye of assistant trip leader Sheldon Drews. Our trip was uneventful, except for some temporarily misrouted luggage. Some of our fellow Blue Ridge Ski Council clubs had bus breakdowns between Boise and Sun Valley; our bus, however, was slow but steady.

We were happy to welcome a first-time-ever skier on our trip. Julie Puglisi was traveling with grandfather Charlie Puglisi, a friend of trip leader Dina. By the end of the week Julie was whizzing along the slopes at Dollar Mountain and Elkhorn. She even skied Baldy. Ah, youth!

Traveling with BRSC had many benefits – not least of which were good food, big parties, and prizes. At each of the fun events prizes of various sorts were handed out. Charlie Puglisi won a sweatshirt (last seen in Julie's possession). Our group contributed three racers to the BRSC NASTAR slalom: Annemarie Black, Charlie Puglisi and Bill Emerson, an OTHGer travelling with us. We didn't get any racing awards, but given the snowy day and the steep and icy course, we were plenty proud of our racers. Another benefit of being with BRSC was seeing PVSers travelling with other clubs. Lois Rose was there with the Fredericksburg Ski Club, John Matthews skied with the Over The Hill Gang (John took away a special NASTAR racing award!), and Nancy Lehman was also there with the OTHG.

Along with our daring racers we found that we had an aspiring freestyle skier in our midst. Ellen Burgess was surprised to see hubby John executing a complete flip on the slopes. He says it was unintentional, but we think he was practicing. Unfortunately his landing was a bit off resulting in a sprained hand.

The other members of our group showed talents both on and off the slope. Joe Blum did his best to teach us Italian (personally I never got beyond "Ciao, Baby!" and "Gorgonzola") and John Pulos also showed his knowledge of languages by explaining the differences between Portuguese and Spanish and how they got that way. Jim Slack, who had been looking all over the Washington area and the WWW for a specific pair of binoculars, demonstrated shoppers luck by finding them at the local drug store (where else?) and at a steep discount to boot.

For those who have not been to Sun Valley, it makes a wonderful ski vacation. Baldy is a large mountain with challenging runs (you don't find greens like this at Ski Liberty) and luxury appointments. ("Would you like chocolate sprinkles with your hot chocolate and whipped cream, sir?") Even the hot "tub" at the Lodge has bar service and is so large you can't see through the steam to the opposite side.

Thanks to Dina for putting together such a fun trip. We should take advantage of the BRSC carnivals more often.



THE KNEE

by

Ray McKinley

I assume that you, like the Knee, have been reading about the bribery regarding the 2002 Winter Olympics. Will skiing ever recover? The utter idea of paying to enhance one's ski image! What do they think skiing is, a business? It's like being paid to plug a particular type of skis.

Do you know what ski season is? Cool.

The last week of February, PVS's entire Colorado female contingent, Nancy Lewis and Gladie Youngblood, had a ball skiing together. They skied at Monarch on 5 inches of glorious new powder. And both Gladie and Nancy have assured the Knee that they were not paid to enhance Colorado's ski image.

From the Knee's "You Figure Out How I Got This Information," Department: The TV show "Turks" is filmed in Chicago. Recently the show was filmed on Astor Street where unbeknownst (the Knee just loves to use Shakespearean language such as the word "to") to each other, both Betty Byrne and Ned Flaherty lived whilst growing up. And they lived there at about the same time (approximately 3 pm).

A cute ad for **FISCHER SKIS** in most of the ski magazines:

"2% of Americans have sex twice a day.

2% of Americans have IQ's over 145.

2% of Americans ski on Fischer skis.

Coincidence?"

Let the Knee assure you that I was not paid to enhance **FISCHER SKIS'** ski image.

Last month I mentioned that FAA employee Nancy Garrett was adamant that the planes will fly through the Millennium. "They may not be able to land, but they will fly..." Nancy later asked her boss if she would be fired for such a statement. "Only if someone sees it." Whoops, here's another chance.

It's a tad late for this Valentines Day. But next year ask Charlotte Kline to make you a paper heart out of a dollar bill. What a widely useful skill!

The February meeting at Janet and Bob Marx's house gave us a chance to see their redecoration. The ukneequely wallpapered bathroom wasn't wallpaper.

Rather it was hand stenciled by Jan. Jan had tried foot stenciling, but it was easier with the hands! (Of course it's true! Especially high on the walls, feet just won't work.) There were also 2 similar wooden clocks. One was made by each son who had the same woodshop teacher. What a widely useful skill!

Boo! Gorman Young, now 86, has had surgery on his Achilles tendon. He tore it crossing a parking lot. He is recuperating (having cuperated earlier), but will definitely not ski this season.

It is not true that the Knee suffers from Attention Deficit Dis...

Later this month Reg Heitchue and David Abraham will be off to Canada to heliski. Both are really excited about the prospect, working out to get into better shape. Almost exactly two years ago, Dick Harsh was in Canada's Bugaboos to become PVS's first heliskier. Did he ever. In a week Dick skied 136,000 vertical feet (the Knee skis flat feet), and had "the greatest week of skiing in my life."

Recently, "Ski Liberty" received some really heavy snow. How heavy was it? It was so heavy that Liberty had to close the glacier because of the avalanche danger. You can ask Ski Liberty patrollers Jim Wingrove and Bob McNeill. Both were part of the group that had to roll down the glacier head over heels to eliminate the threat. It's true. The Knee would never, ever fib about Liberty.

This item is for the three of you who were a) not at the Steamboat Post Trip party, b) do not have e-mail and c) were not at the February meeting. The evening before the Post Trip party host Ned Flaherty fell and bashed (a technical term) his head. The ensuing morning he went to the hospital, ending up with 23 stitches. (Had Ned gone the evening before, he would have needed only 2.55 stitches, because as everyone knows "a stitch in time...") Ankleway, he arrived home a mere hour before the party--in Mardi Gras bandages. In summation, Ned fell down and damn near broke his crown.

FISCHER SKIS. Our Millennium Committee has been selecting gourmet food. They were nearly smoked out of a meeting at Lu Beale's. It seems their {gourmet?} cardboard pizza box nearly caught fire in the oven! **FISCHER SKIS**

CALENDAR

- Mar. 6 ... Vail Pre-Trip Party, p. 3
- Mar. 7 ... Post-Telluride Party, p. 3
- Mar. 16 ... Monthly meeting at home of Pat Summers and Al Richman
- Mar. 18 ... Bike Ride, Glen Echo to Georgetown, p. 2
- Mar. 19 ... thru 21, weekend with the Dillons at Bethany Beach, p. 2
- Mar. 23 ... ExCom at the Clarks'
- Apr. 10 ... Spring Dinner at the Colonnade, p. 3
- Apr. 17 ... Post-Vail Party
- Apr. 20 ... Annual Business Meeting at the Klines'
- Apr. 22 ... Bike ride, Belle Haven to Mt. Vernon and return
- Apr. 27 ... ExCom at Bette Walker's
- May 1 ... Annual Spring Fling at U of Md
- May 18 ... Monthly meeting at the Leonhardts'
- May 20 ... Kent Island Bike Ride, lunch, and trip to bird sanctuary
- May 27 ... ExCom
- Jan. 1 ... 2000, Millennium Party
- Nov. ... PVS 35th Anniversary

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