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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I want everyone to know that I am very happy, proud, and honored to serve as president of PVS. Liz and I are very happy that Lu Beale wrote the article about PVS in the Washington Post back in January 1990, as that is how we got acquainted with PVS and got to know this great group of people. We have enjoyed many experiences, skiing plus all the other fun activities, with all of you. So we thank you for making us feel so welcome so quickly when we joined the club, and for electing me to this office.

I have been impressed with how well the club is organized and how everyone pitches in to help each other when required. It is my intention to do my best as your president so the club will continue in the same way as it has the past 30 years. I encourage everyone to tell me how we are doing (plus or minus), as I am very open to suggestions and input from everyone. I welcome the three new EX COM members and look forward to working with all the officers as well as the whole membership.

Here's to a great year of fun and skiing!

Serge Tria
Serge Tria



MONTHLY MEETING - May 16, 1995, 8 p.m.

Home of Charlotte Couture, 5307 Southhampton Drive, Springfield, VA 22151.

Directions: Take 495 to Braddock Road exit heading west. Go one mile, take left on Southhampton Dr. There is a traffic light at this intersection. House is #5307.

If you have questions, call Charlotte at 703-978-8136.



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C O M I N G E V E N T S

RETURN OF THE DOG - May 9, 1995

The DINING OUT GROUP will return on Tuesday, May 9, 1995. This month we will try a little "Taste of Tuscany" (Italy that is) at the PANEVINO RISTORANTE at 1755 Duke St. in Alexandria. The PANEVINO RISTORANTE features authentic Tuscan specialties and the magnificent antipasto table makes a great meal in itself. Dinner will be at 7:00 P.M.

Directions: Coming South on N. Washington St. in Alexandria, turn right at DUKE St. and go about 0.5 miles, PANEVINO RISTORANTE is on the right at 1755 Duke St (at the corner of Dangerfield St.). Free parking in the CarrPark garage below the restaurant when you get your ticket validated.

So that we may know how many to expect, please call Pat Tengel or John Smith at (301) 299-8376 by Monday, May 8.

SPRING BIKE OUTING - Saturday, May 13, 1995, at High Noon.
(Rain Date - Sunday)

The route goes from St. Michaels to Tilghman Island (13 miles) with a stop at a restaurant on Tilghman for refueling. Reservations for dinner will be made at the Town Dock Restaurant for five o'clock.



See directions in April TOOT. Call Ruth Schrider (301-989-4606) to let her know you are coming.

Linganore Winecellars/Eisenhower Farm - May 18th, 9:15 A.M.

PVS members going on this outing should call Charles Huggins for a head count Tel (301) 424-5725. We will meet at the bowling alley on Shady Grove Road as we did during the ski season and carpool to Linganore Winery at 9:15 A.M. Wine tasting will be available for those who wish to sample some of the different wines. PVSers should bring lunch for eating at the Linganore Winery's picnic area. After lunch, we will travel to Gettysburg and tour the Eisenhower Farm. Admission is \$3.60. Holders of Golden Eagle, Age, or Access Passes \$1.60 per person.

Directions to Linganore Winecellars:

Take I-270 north to exit 22 route 109-N to Hyattstown. Turn left on 355 at traffic light in Hyattstown and then right on route 75 north just past the Pontiac Dealer on your right side. Follow route 75 north 12.7 miles to Glissans Mill Road. Turn right on Glissans Mill Road and proceed 3.8 miles to Linganore Winery on the right side of the road. Route 75 north crosses over I-70 eight miles after the beginning and Glissans Mill Road is 4.7 miles north of I-70. Glissans Mill Road is the next road on your right after Old Annapolis Road and Linganore High School.



ANNUAL FUN RUN AND BRUNCH WITH THE CLARKS.
Saturday, May 20 at 9 a.m. RAIN OR SHINE.

Directions to Trailhead for the 5 mile trek around Lake Accotink: Take Beltway Exit 5 (Braddock Road in Virginia). Go West 0.1 miles to light and well-marked sign to Wakefield Park on right. Drive to main parking lot (as far as the road goes) and meet by the small bridge immediately on your left as you enter the lot.

The brunch is limited, but call the Clarks (703-978-9435) to see if spaces are available.

Catoctin Mountains

HIKE, TOUR AND DINNER COMBO - June 10 (Rain or Shine)



Our Annual Spring Hike will include a private tour through a micro brewery and dinner at a nearby restaurant. We will meet at the Visitor's Center in Catoctin Mountain Park at 11:30 am. Nat Seeman will lead a 5-6 mile hike and Lu Beale will lead a 2 1/2 mile hike to Cunningham Falls. Directions: from Md. Beltway, take 270 to Frederick, left lanes lead to 15N, continue to Thurmont, exit at Route 77, go west to Visitor's Center. *(beyond Admin Office)*

After the hike, we will proceed to the brewery for a one hour tour at 4 o'clock. Return via Route 15, exit at Jefferson St., go east, at 3rd traffic light turn right on South Street, at 4th traffic light turn left to 103 S. Carroll. Brewery is on left near end of block. There is parking on All Saints Street.

Dinner is at 5:30 at TAURASO's, a **** restaurant that serves pasta, pizza, salads, sandwiches and full course dinners. Weather permitting, we can eat in the garden. Tauraso's is on corner of Patrick and East Sts. To walk from brewery, continue on Carroll, cross bridge over canal to Patrick, turn right, go 1 block to East St. Restaurant is in first building on east side of street. (to drive, go past Patrick, turn right on Church, go 1 block to East St., turn right; entrance to parking lot is on left).

Call Nat Seeman —703 461 0895 —by June 3 so that reservations can be made....You may sign up for any or all events. Nat will also coordinate 10.30 carpooling from Fair Lanes Bowling Alley on Shady Grove Road.

Note: The mountain laurel should be in bloom.

Note: The beer tasting is free.

BRITISH EMBASSY MUSIC HALL - June 13, 1995.

We're all set for a fun-filled evening at the British Embassy. Doors open at 7:30 but try to arrive earlier for parking on the embassy grounds in the lot near the Naval Observatory. Car pool if possible as parking is limited.

The show starts at 8:00 p.m. and lasts approximately 2½ hours. The admission charge includes beer, wine, sodas, peanuts and goldfish snacks.

For those who've signed up for this event and are not on the waiting list, it's time to send a check for \$17.50 per person to Marilyn Clark, 8953 Falling Creek, Annandale, VA 22003. Make checks payable to Marilyn and mark "Music Hall".

THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY DINNER - October 7, 1995.



DON'T MISS IT! PVS gala celebration of its 30th anniversary will be held on Saturday, Oct. 7 at the Bethesda Naval Officers' Club.

Start now to look through old photos of yourself, not necessarily ski photos, for the board we're going to put together to see how much or how little each of us has changed. The photos will be numbered and everyone will get to guess who's who.

More info will be published in future TOOTs. This event has a large limit so there's no need to sign up as yet, but do dust off those old photos and SAVE THE DATE!

SPECIAL NOTES:

Bob would like to thank those of you who sent him good wishes. It helped him feel happy and thought of. He's home now doing a little R&R. I also thank all of you for your prayers. Thanks.

....Margaret Wyckoff

Dear PVSers--Thank you,

Thank you,

Thank you.

Thank you for all of the get-well cards--I've kept every one. Thank you for the telephone calls with cheery wishes. Thank you especially for the visits, for the flowers, and for the wonderful food and wine.

I am well on the mend and expect to cast aside my crutches by mid June.

I thank you from the bottom of my heart for your well wishes.

....Ray McKinley

PAST EVENTS...

POTOMAC VALLEY TO WATERVILLE VALLEY AND BACK - Bette Walker

On March 19, after various Sunday morning activities - church services, paper perusing, grasses matinées, last minute packing - 29 PVSkiers left National Airport heading for Manchester, New Hampshire, to bus to Waterville Valley and meet the 9 who drove up and over. The Snowy Owl, a charming mountain inn, was ready for us as was the dining room of the Conference Center where we enjoyed a superb 4-course dinner, the first of many.

Arriving during the day were the McGraths from Lancaster, VA; Carol Parmenter and Franklin Fiske from York, ME; Audrey Conner and John Newdorp from Wayne, PA; Geoff Wadey from Scituate, MA; Therese St. Louis from D.C. We were delighted to welcome them - and their vehicles.

The New England winter had not been kind to the ski resorts, but Monday morning found most of us on the slopes enjoying the man-made snow - for about four hours. By noon the slush had taken over, and we headed for the slope-side lodge, the meeting place for lunch. Along with the usual fare was an outdoor service of grilled delectables, including chili which Aina Thomas desperately wanted, but unable to think of the English translation she settled for a grilled cheese.

Although mornings followed the same pattern, afternoon activities were varied, bridge, shopping, swimming, ping pong, even visits to the local art gallery to view an exhibition of Winter Light, oils and water colors by Stephen Hodecker. The paintings were beautiful but huge. Lu wanted a particular snow impression but said she'd have to buy a bigger house to accommodate it. A few stalwarts worked out at the recently-opened Sports Center with tennis courts, swimming pool and exercise room. Lack of a measuring tape made it impossible to measure success. At 4 PM all gathered in the pleasant Snowy Owl lounge where wine and cheese in copious quantities were offered by the management.

Fear of the weekend crowds (2500 were expected) led Barbara Leonhardt to rent a car Saturday to transport a group to North Conway to take advantage of the outlet stores. Ever generous Bill Anderson bought gifts for everyone he knows, but left space in the trunk for seven or eight pairs of shoes. The highlight of the day was lunch, luscious lobster rolls, a treat for which no superlative exists!

Saturday evening our farewell dinner was a real celebration, birthday wishes, cards and cake which trip leader Jack Peoples had arranged for the three octogenarians, Lu Beale, Franklin Fiske and John Newdorp (whose daily skiing partner was his granddaughter, the lovely Katie Brosius). Even with the combined hot air, it was impossible for the celebrants to blow out the candles! Jack - up to his tricks again!

As Sunday came, so did many more car and busloads of skiers, making it much easier to leave for Manchester, although for most of us it was farewell to skiing until next winter. It was not great skiing, but it was a great party!

ANNUAL ANTICS by Lu Beale

The Leonhardts' new house in Gaithersburg wasn't quite ready for occupancy. Not to worry. They carted all the portable potables and bowls and platters and chafing dishes of Barbara's delectable specialities ten miles to Grosvenor Place in Rockville where Barbara hosted the club's annual meeting with customary style and apparent ease. (Fred, having done his chores, stayed home to put finishing touches on the new house.)

Grosvenor Place resident June Kelsay and June Read provided the hostess with moral support and shared KP duties. The three kept the platters and glasses full and cleared away the trash while 50 PVSers snacked and socialized, snacked and took care of important club business, and, what else? snacked again.

In the midst of all this festivity the following took place: Serge Triau was elected president for the upcoming year; Ned Flaherty, Ray Garrett and Shirley Rettig were elected for 2-year terms to the Executive Committee; 7 applicants were elected to full membership (see accompanying box); reports on future events and ski trips were given; and outgoing president Mary Jane McCarthy was overheard muttering to herself "Free at last!" as she pounded the PVS gavel for the last time.

And so another club year was completed and a new year, full of promise, began. Thanks again to the Leonhardts and the kitchen squad. Hope we'll see them next year--in Gaithersburg !!

WELCOME!!

The following club applicants, having completed all necessary requirements, were elected to full membership at the April meeting:

Betty Byrne	Tony Drago	Marvin Haas
Marilyn Durkin	Nancy & Ron Ewing	George Welti

PVS OFFICERS, 1995

President	Serge Triau	EXCOM
Vice President ...	Lu Beale	First Term:
Secretary	Irene Farrell	Ned Flaherty
Treasurer	Nancy Garrett	Ray Garrett
Membership	Marilyn Clark	Shirley Rettig
Program Chairman .	Ray McKinley	
TOOT editor	Jessma Blockwick	Second Term:
TOOT production...	Bette Walker	Jessma Blockwick
Ski Trip Chairman.	Glade Flake	Charles Boykin
Midweek Activities	Charles Huggins	Betty Lawrence
Ombudsman	Bill Anderson	

Our annual "spring fling" held in the cozy party room of Bette Walker's elegant Colonnade condo on April 8th was attended by 39 PVS&Eers (with emphasis on the E for eaters) for a sumptuous repast of epicurean delights, prepared as a coordinated effort.

Starting with Bette's whiskey-sour punch and various hors d'oeuvres, we sat down to a banquet of beef tenderloin, cooked to a fair-the-well by Genee Boykin, pecan wild-rice pilaf, fresh asparagus and a chocolate-layered dessert, whose recipe was so complex Bill Anderson declared he "dirtied up 6 bowls in the making!" Needless to say it was consumed in a flash the minute it hit the dessert table. Naturally there was mucho vino to accompany all this gorgeous food and liven up the dinner conversation.

The dress code was classy with chic spring styles in evidence. The tables were particularly well-dressed in turquoise cloths with matching candles and centerpieces of daffodils and varied greenery, whose artistic and expert arrangements were the creation of Dot Mills. Aside from hashing over the winter's ski stories, Jan and Bob Marx regaled us with a colorful description of their trip to India and their elephant ride through the countryside, which put them right in step with the new political scene in Washington.

Highlighting the evening was the arrival of Ray McKinley in a wheelchair propelled by Nancy. As everyone knows by now, it was a jogging accident that did Ray in. Considering the formidable steps to their house, and the hill they live on, plus the great job they did on the Whistler trip, they exited to a standing ovation!

Planners and coordinators, Marilyn Clark and Nancy Garrett deserve kudos for making the evening a smashing success. The ambience, as always at PVS parties, was warm and even hilarious at times.

BILLY GOAT TRAIL HIKE

By Bob Harmon

On April 15, 17 PVS-ers and guests, under the capable leadership of Frank Shelburne, made the annual Billy Goat Trail hike on the Maryland side of the Potomac near Great Falls. Frank very considerably chose to take the easier middle section of the trail, starting out across from Old Angler's Inn, lest the more rocky northern section prove too demanding -- not for him, of course, but rather for those hikers who might be getting up there a bit in years (i.e., the chronologically challenged).

When I agreed to write up the hike for the Toot, Frank said rather apologetically, "Nothing much happened," which was quite true, and which makes it challenging to write about it. Of course there's always the weather: we had a beautiful, sunny, cool day, albeit with a nippy breeze blowing in unsheltered stretches along the river. It was also a beautiful day visually, with the soft green of the emerging new foliage against a kind of cobalt blue sky, trees profusely bedecked with pink and white blossoms, and blue, purple, and yellow flowers, none of which this reporter could identify, though he was informed by those in the know that they included wild phlox and bluebells, among others.

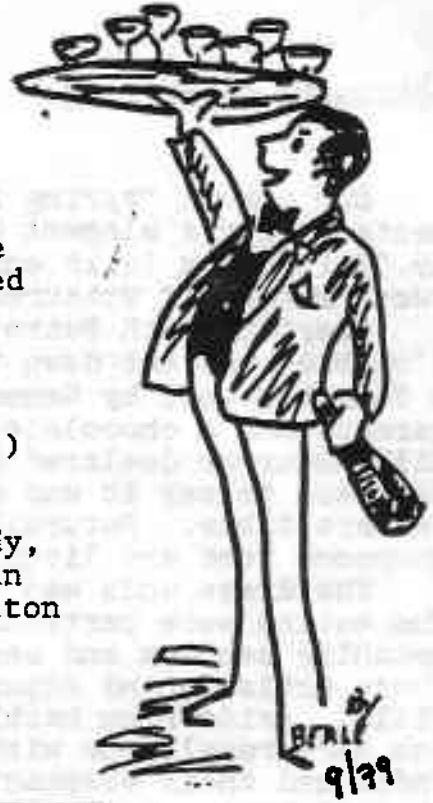
Anyway, we all survived, and I believe I can speak for all when I say we much enjoyed it. Many thanks to Frank for leading the hike again this year.

1995 ANNUAL WINE TASTING - by Pat Tengel.

On a lovely spring evening, twelve of us gathered at the Copes' beautiful Alexandria home for the annual wine tasting. The evening started with a lively Riesling accompanied by Jarlsberg cheese and crackers.

Next came an even more delicious white Burgundy served with veal in tuna sauce. (Yummy!) A mid-evening break brought forth a sparkling Moscato d'Ansti with pear sorbet. Then it was time for three red wines: A Bordeaux, a Burgundy, and another Burgundy along with a pork tenderloin with currants. The grande finale was Port, Stilton cheese with coffee.

A delightful time was had by all. Thanks to Pat and Don for another great gourmet party!



Start next season early!

DECEMBER IN WINTER PARK

Seven days in Winter Park's best lodge, the Iron Horse Inn. Ski-in, ski-out.

Trip leaders are examining several early December dates and room arrangements alternatives. Cost is expected to be \$800-1050. For more information, call trip leaders Ray McKinley (703-527-7126) or George Hicho (301-963-1836).

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Limited Space Available. One bus only. To assure a spot send your check for \$75 per person (made out to Ray McKinley and fully refundable through July 15) to Ray McKinley, 2326 North Upton Street, Arlington, VA 22207-4045

COOK'S CORNER



by
Nancy Garrett

The Annual Spring Dinner held in the party room at Bette Walker's home was wonderful.

The recipes will be printed in the next two issues of Toot so you can prepare these for friends and family.

Irene Farrell wrote that a very important ingredient was omitted from the Chutney Chicken recipe provided in April - 1/2 jar of "Rafetto" Chutney - available at Giant. Add this to the apple and tomato mixture.

Spring Dinner Menu

- Whiskey Sour Punch
- Black Olive Spread
- Chili Bacon Bread Sticks

- Tenderloin of Beef
- Green Peppercorn Sauce
- Pecan Wild Rice Pilaf
- Steamed Asparagus
- Caesar Salad

- Chocolate Delight
- Coffee
- Red or White Wine

WHISKEY SOUR PUNCH

The following proportions will serve approximately 40 people. Increase or decrease according to your guest list.

- 5 large cans frozen lemonade
- 5 small cans frozen orange juice made into juice using 15 cans water
- Equal proportions of lemonade and whiskey
- 8 tall bottles of ginger ale or 7-Up

Serve in punch bowl with ice ring. Add ginger ale just before serving for the bubbly effect. As the evening wears on, add less and less whiskey.

BLACK OLIVE DIP

Mix until fluffy:

- 2 8-oz. packages lite cream cheese, softened
- 2 Tablespoons milk

Add, stirring after each addition:

- 2 teaspoons mayonnaise
- Garlic Salt to taste
- 1 4 1/2 oz. can chopped black olives

Mix well. Refrigerate until chilled. Serve on crackers.

CHILI BACON BREAD STICKS

Let stand at room temperature to soften:

- 1 lb. thin sliced bacon

Purchase:

- 1 box very thin bread sticks

Wrap 1 bacon slice in a spiral around each bread stick.

Mix together:

- 1/3 cup light brown sugar
- 3 Tablespoons chili powder

Roll each bacon covered bread stick in chili mixture coating bacon well. Arrange 1/2-inch apart on broiler pan. Bake 20 minutes at 350°. Bread sticks will be soft when you remove from oven. Loosen from pan, but leave on pan. Sticks will harden as they cool. Makes 30 bread sticks.

TENDERLOIN OF BEEF

- 1 beef tenderloin, approximately 4-5 pounds
- 1 package Good Seasons French Dressing Mix

Rub 1/2 of dressing mix into one side of meat. Repeat on other side. Marinate at least 2 hours, preferably overnight in:

- 1 1/2 cup oil (mixture of olive and vegetable)
- 1 1/2 cup red wine

Cook 40 minutes at 350° for medium rare in center. 10 lbs. dressed was used for the dinner.



THE KNEE

by
Ray McKinley

Now that ski season is winding down (OK, so it's totally wound down, kaput), there's time to update you on PVS happenings.

First, some old news. Perpetuating our old image, Lu Beale is PVS' oldest Vice President. Lu could eventually be an 84-year-old President!

Genee Boykin became the first person in memory to walk to a PVS meeting. In March, she hiked the three miles to Suzanne Boisclair's home for the meeting. She hitched a ride home with hubby Charles.

Glade and Joan Flake have a piling for their Annapolis dock too close to the property line. They are now on the Zoning Board's -ahem- dock-et. Jack Peoples has an acronym to describe this situation. PITA. It stands for Pain In The -ahem- Rear End.

Knox Felker, looking at snow boarders taking lessons, noted "Boarding School." Later, when Marilyn Clark was having difficulty with right turns but not left turns, Knox knew the reason, "It's purely political."

Check out the pictures in Virginia's Great Falls Visitor's Center. Bette Walker is pictured there as a child, readily recognizable because she still has the same hairdo. Right on.

At the annual meeting were several faces (along with the remainder of their anatomy) unseen in quite a while. Gail and Larry Pease, Bill Hager, Edith Rabinowitz, (who, the Knee discovered, grew up in Europe's most beautiful city, Prague) and Charlotte Reith. Charlotte is back from several months in the country formerly called Burma. Now it's Myanmar. She reports that throughout the country they now have small road signs with a rhyme that ends "Myanmar Shave." Guess you had to be there.

On the trip to Whistler, Betty Lawrence had a sweatshirt with her hometown Great Falls

on it. Like the Tour de France yellow coverlet, the sweatshirt was passed each day to the PVSer who had the greatest fall. (Now, after the Knee's jogging injury, John Smith suggests that I retire the sweatshirt.)

While out to dinner in Canada, Jackie Flaherty claimed a birthday. The entire table got birthday cake! More recently Jackie is recovered from her back injury. She, to the joy of hubby Ned, has even been mowing the lawn!

While at dinner at Umberto's, one of Whistler's top restaurants, Charlotte Couture bought the owner's cookbook. The maitre d' signed it for her--as Umberto!

Every day Marianne Cook went to the Chateau Whistler to practice on their baby grand piano. One day the piano was stored in a coat closet. Marianne became a closet pianist!

From the proud grandparents department, Reg Heitchue was seen in a Tee shirt with his grandchild's picture on it.

The Knee will not comment on the potential ecological havoc and international repercussions caused by Dot Mills when on returning from Canada, she "liberated" several pieces of moss. The Knee likes Kate Moss.

In April, Bruce and Penny Hanshaw left their sailboat in Nassau to close the ski season in Telluride. Bruce will soon fly back to Nassau to fetch the sailboat. Tough life.

Bad news. Loudoun County's first murder in two years was between Dick and Betty Comerford's next-door neighbors. Dick was of course in Colorado skiing.

Good news: Ted Cardwell is now home and recovering remarkably from surgery to correct an aortic aneurism. Bob McNeill hopes to avoid surgery as his back is much better (no word on his front).

Finally, my Kneedle of the Month goes to Myron Marquardt. Marilyn Clark entrusted a recipe for the Spring Dinner to him. "Can I be certain this will get to Fumiko?" Of course, Myron promised. He provided the recipe, but neglected to say it was for the dinner. The Marquardts arrived sans food.

CALENDAR

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- May 23 ... ExCom at Jessma Blockwick's.
- June 10 ... Catoclin Hike. Page 3.
- June 13 ... British Embassy Music Hall. Page 4.
- June 15 ... Mid-Week Bike Trip, Candy Cane City, 10:30 a.m.
- June 20 ... Monthly Meeting at Betty Lawrence's.
- June 24 ... Whistler Trip party at the Heitchues'.
- June 27 ... ExCom at Bette Walker's.
- July 22 ... Second Annual Pre-Ski-Season Party at the Clarks'.
- August 12 ... Annual party at the Flakes'.
- October 7 ... PVS Thirtieth Anniversary Party.

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