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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

November, 1992 brings to us three memorable events: The Presidential Election, The P V S Autumn Dinner and the first big holiday of the season, Thanksgiving. I sincerely believe that the P V S Autumn Dinner will be the most enjoyable event.

This gala evening scheduled for Friday, November 20th, 7 P.M. at the Arts Club of Washington is fully subscribed with 55 members and guests planning to attend.

The Arts Club is located at 2017 Eye Street, N. W., between 20 and 21st Streets at Pennsylvania Avenue. 21st Street is one-way southward bound and you may park on both sides of the street after 6:00 p.m. There is also a Park and Lock lot on the Northwest corner of 21st Street.

So, enough statistics on the dinner, as I wish for all of you a plentiful and Happy Thanksgiving.

PLEASE, continue to THINK SNOW.

Bill -

Bill Anderson, President



MONTHLY MEETING

TUESDAY, NOV. 17. 8:00 P.M.

Where: Home of Fumiko and Myron Marquardt
1708 Woodwell Rd.
Silver Spring, Md. Tel: 301-460-3269

What: Annual presentation of latest in ski equipment by
The Ski Center's Brian Eardley PLUS
the usual fun and games and general good time all around.

Directions:

From the beltway, Hwy 495, turn at exit 31A toward the north onto Georgia Avenue, Hwy 97. Proceed 3.3 miles north. (This will take you through Wheaton). Turn right onto Layhill Road, Hwy 182. Proceed 2.0 miles. Turn right onto Queensguard Road. If you miss this turn, you will see a traffic light a few blocks farther and a shopping center on the left. Turn around and come back about a third mile. On Queensguard, go 0.2 mile and turn left. (This is the last turn on Queensguard). 1708 is the second house on the right.

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COMING EVENTS

GREAT FALLS HIKE/CHILI WITH NANCY SEXTON & RAY MCKINLEY

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14 ...1:30 P.M. RAIN OR SHINE.

This trip is wait-listed. Please promptly inform leaders if you cannot come so that others may take your place. Call Ray or Nancy about what to bring.

Cost: about \$5 if you bring salad or dessert, \$7 for others. Bring *your own* chili bowl if you wish. The club's cancellation policy will prevail and you are responsible for your share of costs if you are a no-show.

The hike is a six mile circuit. Meet at the Visitors' Center at Great Falls at 1:30 P.M.

DIRECTIONS TO GREAT FALLS: Beltway Exit 13 for Great Falls via #193 (Georgetown Pike). Go west 4 miles to Old Dominion Drive where there is a traffic light and a sign for Great Falls Park. Turn right, continue through main gate and park in lot near Visitors' Center where we will meet.

AUTUMN DINNER AT THE ARTS CLUB OF WASHINGTON

Friday, November 20th. 7 P.M. See the President's Message on page 1 for directions to this grand event.



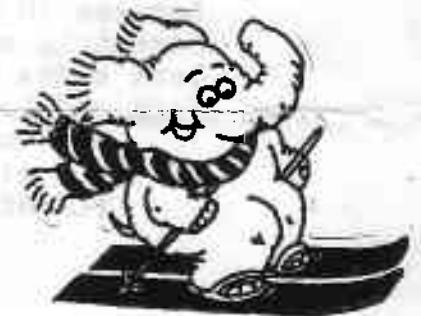
SKI TRIPS

Steamboat Springs, Colorado. Dec. 5 - 12, 1992. ALL SYSTEMS GO.
Trip leaders: Betty and Dick Comerford. (703) 777-9374

Stowe, Vt. Jan 9 -16, 1993. Still a spot for you.
Trip leader: Jack Peoples (301) 881-6220.

SKI-O-REE AT BLUE KNOB...Jan. 29-31, 1993.

See flyer in August TOOT and send \$26 deposit promptly to coordinator Jack Peoples (301) 881-6220.



SKI FRANCE

Because leader Gorman Young suffered a knee injury which may require orthoscopic surgery, the 5 trip participants decided to cancel this trip.

BIG SKY, MONTANA.. Feb 17-26, 1993

This trip is full. However, due to popular demand, a townhouse was located a few miles from the slopes. It has 5 BRs (8 beds); 3½ baths; jacuzzi; kit.dining,living rms.on 2 levels. Accommodates eight. Five have definitely signed up. Need 3 more.

Two rental cars will be available for the entire stay. The price is less than the price (\$980) for the original trip. Call Dina Taylor to sign up or for more information. 1-(301) 663-6089.

SKI UTAH --- March 16-23, 1993

See flyer in this issue of TOOT and call leader Shirley Rettig pronto (703) 836-0147.

PAST EVENTS

October Monthly Meeting - Irene Farrell

On October 13, that fun-loving couple, Serge and Liz Triau, welcomed 42 or more PVSers to their lovely home in Derwood, Md. The first order of business was to rally around the buffet table which was laden with all types of goodies and an endless supply of hot hors d'oeuvres which seemed to appear out of nowhere.



The call to order came and we reluctantly trickled down to the Recreation Room where the meeting became a microcosm of the Presidential debates. Our "don't read my lips" President Bill Anderson admonished Party Chairman Ray McKinley for his tax and spend policies. Not so, countered Ray, who declared he really understood poverty.....why even Nancy (who, by the way, is calling for a recount of the number of crabs she consumed at the Crabfest) could not afford the two dollars to attend the meeting. That's realpolitik!

After the meeting adjourned, it was back to the real issues.. skispeak and delectable desserts. (The recipe for those delicious chocolate peanut butter confections is in the December '91 issue of Toot.)

Thank you, Liz and Serge, for your warm and friendly hospitality. Hope you'll have us back next year.



THE BEST LIL' 5-STAR B & B in REHOBOTH by Mary Jane McCarthy

Friday, October 16th and we're off for sumptuous feasting at Vivian and Bob Barry's hospitable home for the weekend. Eighteen PVSers assembled for cocktails upon arrival - the tables were laden and waiting. This year we lodged at the host home with several other couples while the Hensleys and the Millers stayed at the dwelling on Spring Lake: where they spent their free time watching the geese arrive and depart.

Others shopped, ran, walked the boardwalk, hot tubbed or napped. Whatever - as also happens on the slopes, we kept bumping into each other around town (figuratively speaking, Ray, or should I have said we were ubiquitous?). Dina Taylor, in keeping with the season, wore her Halloween costume - a hot looking Marilyn Monroe type dress - wow!

Each evening, we gathered to drink mash, talk trash, watch Perot on TV and engage in our own political debates.

I do declare that the Barrys went sleepless that weekend preparing food (in keeping with our club purpose): lobster, oysters, breakfasts, etc. They indeed surpass themselves as bed and breakfast hosts; they are more like old time innkeepers seeing to their guests' every wish.

Many, many thanks, Bob and Vivian, for your generosity in providing a 5-Star weekend for club members.

PAST EVENTS

FUN ON CAPITOL HILL by Lu Beale



Seventeen Skeeters (Skiers/Eaters) turned up for the October 10th Capitol Hill Explosion hosted by Marilyn Donahue at her beautifully decorated restored 1830 townhouse in southeast Washington. Marilyn and coordinator Jack Peoples served Bloody Marys and hors d'oeuvres to the happy group assembled on the lovely patio enjoying a super Indian summer day and the company of good friends at this first-time PVS event.

When we judged ourselves suitably fortified we set out on a leisurely stroll through the tree-lined streets admiring the front yard gardens and the restored 19th century houses (March King Philip Sousa's was one) each presenting a different and beguiling facade.

Having earned our lunch, we stopped at Tunnickliff's Tavern to restoke from a varied menu. Since we are Skeeters, we thought you'd like to know that the Triaus and Peggy Burns, among others, chose burgers; Kirk had chicken breasts with champagne sauce; Roy Elrod had Catfish Poboy while the Boykins and others chose scrambled eggs and grits. And that's about as far as this reporter could observe.

Surfeited, we crossed the street for a visit to famed Eastern Market (so named because of its geographical location in the city and not, as some had supposed, because it specialized in far-eastern delicacies, which it doesn't).

All in all, it was a day to remember and we thank Marilyn and Jack for dreaming up the idea and for making it so happy and successful an occasion for all.

LEESBURG BIKE HIKE & SUPPER

By Bob Harmon



This year only 8 of us made the Leesburg bike hike on October 3, but what a great day we had--the weather was cool and overcast, perfect for biking. We covered the very scenic 10-mile stretch of the Washington & Old Dominion bike trail from the Comerfords' home to Purcellville, where we stopped at a local watering hole before returning to the Comerfords'. Seven of us rode our bikes to our destination, but John Poulos arrived much later (not surprisingly) walking his bike, much to the bafflement of our waiter, who assured him he could make much better time if he rode it.

After our return, Betty provided us with a great meal which much more than offset the beneficial calorie-burning effects of our exercise. Especially noteworthy were the lasagna, the Schwarzwälder Kirschtorte, and the best dip ever (equal parts of mayonnaise, parmesan cheese, and artichokes [or avocados maybe?]; bake 20 min. at 350. I trust this wasn't a secret recipe, Betty.)

Many thanks to Betty and Dick for organizing this event and making it so enjoyable.

OKTOBERFEST '92 by Rosemary Soler

As a study in contrasts - on a glorious, golden day, October 3, - a day before the Redskins' ignominious defeat at the hands of the Phoenix Cardinals - PVS was whooping it up with abandon on the deck of the Evans' lovely home in Fairfax County. Oktoberfest, the celebration, Bavarian style, of the harvest and tapping of the kegs of new beer, was the reason.



As usual, we "skeeters" (Dick Clark's apt name for us as a contraction of skiers and eaters) were busy downing copious steins of beer plus fantastically delicious hors d'oeuvres. As the feast materialized, Myra's dining room table literally groaned under the weight of various kinds of wurst (bratwurst, weisswurst, knockwurst) grilled on the patio by Ken, plus sauerkraut, kartoffel salat (hot and cold potato salad), purple cabbage slaw, all topped off by pflaumenkuchen mit schlag, apfelkuchen, German chocolate cake, etc. SEHR GUT!

This meeting had one very sad note in that it was Myra and Ken's swan song, so to speak, as they are leaving the area to pursue Ken's new career as President of the Congressional Construction Corp. in Atlanta. PVS is going to sorely miss this couple, who have contributed so much with their warm hospitality to the success of the Club. We can't thank you enough Myra and Ken. Aufwiederschen!

REPORT FROM THE TREASURER: The ski club books for years ending June 30, 1991 and June 30, 1992 were audited professionally and found to be in good order. Cash receipts and disbursements and cash balance were fairly stated. Thanks to Margaret Wyckoff for many years of excellent service as our club treasurer. (Signed: Nancy Garrett, Treasurer.)

Karen Felker shares this lovely poem with us and all lovers of the winter scene:

SNOW by Helge Rode

(translated from Danish by Arthur Westbrook)

There is nought on earth so still as the snow!
Wrapping all the world with downy covers;
Hushing ev'ry sound;
On the frozen ground,
O'er each noisy footfall silence hovers.

There is nought on earth so pure as the snow!
Swan's-down freed from heav'nly pinions falling,
On the hand appears,
Swiftly turns to tears;
From the crystal air white dreams are calling.

There is nought on earth so gentle as the snow!
Sinking soft as sleep on eyelids weary,
Hark! a silv'ry sound
Fills the peace profound,
Like a chime of bells from regions airy.

NOTE FROM A READER: It may be of interest to skiers seeking a pair of clipon yellow sun glasses that I obtained a pair (good color, good optical quality) from Carol Wright, P.O. Box 8503, Lincoln, Nebraska for \$5.20, incl postage. (Signed: Geoff' Wadey.)

THE KNEE

by

Ray McKinley



In this election season, the Knee can offer only this advice. Read my quips.

To set the tone - for you T.S. Eliot fans: please note what happens when T. Eliot is spelled backwards.

For Knee pundits this is a wretched election. There's nary a Knee pun amongst the six candidates. Bring back the halcyon days of Kenkneedy or Kneexon, or Ronknee and his program for "the truly kneedy." We even made do with Dukaknees.

From PVS' standpoint, our unemployment rate is at an all-time high. And it's rising (assuming retirees are unemployed). The Knee has a snow plan. All unemployed PVSers can grind up their ice cubes and send the snow to Ski Liberty. Human snow making. I know what you're saying. "That'snow plan."

Retired PVSers are taking part-time jobs. Bob Harmon as a prufreadr at Gallaudet College. And Jack Peoples as a pharmacist at Giant. Why isn't Jack at Peoples Drug?

Early skiing news. Aina Thomas, after visiting Dick and Julie King in Albuquerque, was in Lake Louise Canada, September 27. They had 5" of snow and some locals did ski.

Returning home from a trip to Idaho, Alice Swalm picked up the October 3rd Denver Post. The first page had a picture of smiling young skiers and a headline "First Skiing of the Season." It was about Killington.

Bob McNeill skied the selfsame Killington October 24th to become PVS' first skier of the year (about the same time the Knee was in Denver, where the temperature was 77° and the 5-day forecast was all above 70°. YUCK).

Blue Knob at Halloween? Yup. It was Betty Lawrence's birthday and she spent it there in her slopeside house. No report yet on skiing.

However, Betty reports that it was colder than a witch's .er..broom.

The Knee occasionally pokes fun at a certain local ski area. For instance, Ski Liberty did not make the list of 50 best ski areas. Do you know Glen Plake? He's the extreme skier who wears his hair in a foot long Mohawk hairdo. He skied Liberty last season on his honeymoon. His goal: to ski the 50 smallest ski areas. Liberty was number 47. Q.E.D.

Anykneeway, the Knee believes PVS should actively support a policy encouraging varied haircuts. We'll call our program "multi-coiffural diversity." (Well, I thought it was funknee.) Those without hair will be considered to be bald.

From the Knee's mailbox. A card from Dina Taylor at Berlin's Brandenburg Gate. Dina apologized for not visiting England as the Knee had errokneecusly reported. Myron and Fumiko Marquardt, from Italy saw lots of snow in the mountains. The Italians, by the way, canceled the card on the wrong side so the Knee will sell Italian stamps.

Marilyn Clark has a new vanity plate. It's on the Virginia plate with the mountains. It reads PVS SKI. I didn't know Marilyn was Polish.


Congrats to Bob Marx who has been selected to receive the Meritorious Presidential Rank Award. I wonder when our President Bill Anderson will present it.

Speaking of our Pres., I'm not going to vote for Bill this fall. With our new two dollar entrance fee, it's just tax and spend, tax and spend.

Ubiquitous PVS (again). Dina Taylor and Mary Jane McCarthy ran into Bob Harmon and Nancy Monacelli at the recent Luciano Pavarotti concert. Easier to run into Luciano; he's bigger than the four of them.


Fairy tales used to begin with "Once upon a time..." Today they start: "If elected, I promise..."

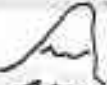
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SKI UTAH MARCH 16-23, 1993

End the '92-93 ski season by joining fellow PVSers for a week of super skiing on the world's greatest snow in Utah. This year we will be staying at the Comfort Inn near the SLC Airport. The Comfort Inn has comfortable rooms, restaurant, hot tub, and guest laundry facilities. It is easily accessible to the restaurants and other attractions of downtown SLC and to seven great ski areas. Prices at Utah ski areas are relatively low: in most cases under \$30, under \$20 for skiers 65-69, and free for skiers over 70.

INCLUDED

7 nights lodging, dbl occ.
Van service to and from airport
Rental cars, 4 people per car

NOT INCLUDED

Air transportation
Lift tickets
Meals

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Refundable deposit	\$25
till Jan. 15	
First payment Jan. 1	\$125
Final payment Feb. 1	\$100
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	\$250

To sign up, complete the form below and mail with a \$25 deposit payable to Shirley Rettig to:

Shirley Rettig
604 Princess St.
Alexandria, VA 22314

For additional information
call
(703) 836-0147

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I acknowledge that PVS, their officers, and trip leaders are acting as agents in making these arrangements and assume no responsibility for any injuries, loss or damage to personal property, nor for additional expenses caused by weather or other events beyond their control.

SIGNED _____ DATE _____

CALENDAR

- Nov. 6/9 ... Winter Sports Festival at Ballston Common. Friday 4 - 9:30 P.M.
Sat. 10 A.M. - 9:30 P.M. Sun. Noon - 6 P.M.
- Nov. 14 ... Chili Hike. See page 2.
- Nov. 17 ... Monthly Meeting at the Marquardts'. See page 1.
- Nov. 20 ... Autumn Dinner. See President's Message.
- Nov. 24 ... ExCom at Bill Anderson's. 7:30 P.M.
- Dec. 15 ... Annual Glühwein Party at the Heitchues'.
- Jan. 19 ... Monthly Meeting at June Kelsay's.
- Jan. 26 ... ExCom at Mary Jane McCarthy's.



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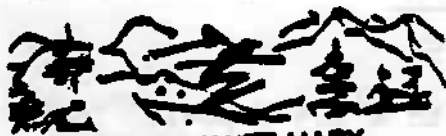
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