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## Don't Miss the 2011 Ski Fair—Saturday, November 5, 2011

By Jennifer Bine

It's been a long hot summer, and maybe you've caught yourself gazing longingly at your skis, dreaming of the cool seasons ahead. You are not alone! Join the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club's Ski Touring Section as we kick off the coming season with our annual Ski Fair. Whether you're looking for basic information about cross country skiing or gear, want to know more about local destinations, or interested in joining one of our regional or out-of-area trips, you'll find it on Saturday, November 5, 12:30-4:30 at the PATC offices, 118 Park Street in Vienna, VA (directions below).

Catch up with old friends and new and be among the first to sign up for trips scheduled from December 2011 through March 2012. STS trips are a travel bargain, fun, friendly and led by members with years of experience. Consider yourself a Nord-wannabe? No problem! We have learn-to-ski trips designed just for you. Bring your checkbook to sign up for trips and begin or renew your membership, and buy or swap for used cross country ski equipment at the Fair. Bring healthy and not-so healthy snacks to share. (For last-minute shoppers, there's a Safeway and a Whole Foods nearby.) STS will provide coffee, tea and sodas. Enjoy talks on ski gear, ski destinations and score some bargains on Open Air Wear ski clothing while you're at it.

### Ski Fair

**Saturday, November 5, 2011**

**12:30-4:30**

**WHERE:** The Potomac Appalachian Trail Club (PATC) headquarters at 118 Park Street, Vienna, VA 22180 [directly in front of the Safeway which itself is on the corner of Park & Maple Sts. (VA Rt.123) in Vienna]

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## Memorial for Dave Holton

By Erma Cameron



The Ski Touring Section is mourning the death of longtime STS member Dave Holton earlier this year, in his 80th year of life. Dave was a member of STS for many years, joining sometime in the mid 1980's (our records from that decade are not complete, but he is listed as a member in 1988). Dave served as both STS Chair and Vice-Chair during his years of membership, but his most lasting legacy is as a teacher of skiers. At one point in time during his many years with the Foreign Service, he had the good fortune of being assigned to Norway. This is where Dave learned to ski. Having skied in Norway myself, I can tell you that he learned from the best! He had many fond memories of skiing at night on the Nordmarka, a huge park on the outskirts of Oslo, with hundreds of kilometers of X-C ski trails, about 90 of which are lit at night until midnight. That's what the Norwegians do... instead of cursing the dark-

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The weather in the mid Atlantic area has not cooled very much yet, but we know that winter is coming, and with it, snow. So the leadership of the Ski Touring Section has been working hard to develop a list of prospective trips that will delight and meet the needs of the members of the Section. And those trips are . . . ? Well, it’s too soon to tell you!

Our annual Ski Fair is scheduled for Saturday afternoon, November 5 th , this year, and that is the best time to sign up for trips. We’ll be presenting the winter ski schedule in the October issue of our Upslope newsletter—several weeks before the Ski Fair. That will give you time to cogitate and figure out which ski locales you want to visit during the winter months. As always, we will have a wide range of “local” trips to Canaan Valley and Pennsylvania. We may also have one or more to Western Maryland, but as of the time I write this, none is on the list. “What!?!”, you say. “What about New Germany State Park and Harrington Manor State Park—two of several wonderful skiing locations in Garrett County, Md.?” I agree. And are you willing to lead a trip there so that others as well as you can enjoy those locales? If so, then contact Kathy Brumberger, Trip Coordinator, right away at [kathybrum@verizon.net](mailto:kathybrum@verizon.net).

O.K., I will relent and open the kimono a bit to give you an idea of the excursion trips the Section is planning. By “excursion trips” we mean those to locations outside of the mid-Atlantic area. All participants on these trips must be current members of the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club and not just the Ski Touring Section. At the end of December and the first few days of January, Peggy Alpert and Steve Brickel will be leading a trip to the Tug Hill plateau north of Syracuse, New York. I will be heading up a trip to the White Mountains area of upper New Hampshire over the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday weekend in mid January. Peggy and Steve will also host an excursion trip to Stowe, Vermont in mid February. I will be looking for skiers to journey out to Pagosa Springs, Colorado for a week of skiing (mostly backcountry) and snowshoeing the latter half of February. And Greg Westernik will be rounding out our excursion offerings with a ski trip up to the Tug Hill area of New York the first days of March. Not familiar with some of those spots? Google them and see what the winter sports opportunities are and see which will fit into your winter plans!

In Snow,  
 Rob Swennes, Chair



**Are You Already Part of YAHOO GROUPS?**

If you haven’t joined Yahoo Groups, make sure to do it.

Go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/PATC-STS/>

Ask to join the group.

You will get a confirmation message in your email.

**Memorial for Dave Holton**

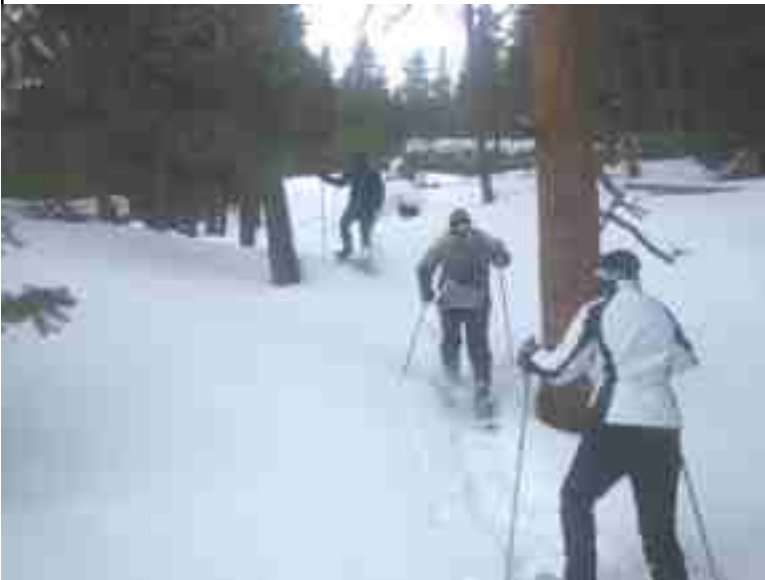
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ness, they put in some ski trails a few electric lights and have a blast. Dave developed into a phenomenal skier. The teaching that Dave did was both formal, such as at the Ski-Dance weekends, and informal on a one-to one with individuals who were either just learning to ski or needed some pointers in technique. Many a story can be told about all the skiers he helped over the years.

Dave was also active in volunteering for ski trail maintenance and shelter work with PATC. Dave had a few idiosyncrasies, such as the wool knickers he never gave up, even years after they were passé as X-C fashion. He was the only skier I knew who wore leather gardening gloves for skiing (with wool liners...thanks heavens!). His daughter Ruth and his wife Dorothy arranged a memorial service for Dave in early May of this year. It helped to bring closure for some of us who have known him for so many years.

One of my favorite stories about Dave is the weekend some of us were skiing at Whitegrass WV. The conditions were really poor - we were literally skiing from patch of snow to patch of snow, sort of like connecting the dots. Dave's comment on the ski conditions at the end of the weekend: "The snow was good...there just wasn't much of it". That was Dave!

**Start Planning your Upcoming Ski Season**



**Skiers at Yellowstone National Park**

Fellow cross-country skiers, we have a full season of trips scheduled from December and into March. Some of our longer trip destinations include the Crystal Lakes/Endless Mountain area of PA (new trip), Pagosa Springs, CO (new trip), Stowe, VT, Tug Hill, NY (two trips), and the White Mountains, NH. We have trips scheduled for Canaan Valley and Blackwater Falls, WV, as well as the Laurel Highlands area.

In addition, two work trips are scheduled. Erma Cameron will lead a group to the Laurel Mountain area on Oct 7-9 and Lynn Yates will lead a work trip to White Grass on November 11-13.

Don't miss the Ski Fair to be held at PATC headquarters in Vienna, VA on November 5. Many of the trips fill up at the ski fair so try to be there!

**Kathy Brumberger**  
Trip coordinator



**Skiers at Garnet Hill, Adirondacks**



**White Grass Work Trip, 2008**



**Ski Fair!**

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**By Car:** Once you find the intersection of Interstate 66 and Interstate 495 (alias the Washington Beltway), take the Nutley Street North (VA Rt. 243) exit just outside the Beltway. Go north just over 1 mile passing two traffic lights. When you get to the third light, turn right onto Route 123 (alias Maple Avenue). Continue in the right-hand lane for about ¼ mile or count traffic lights. When you reach the fourth light, turn right onto Park Street. The PATC headquarters is the second building on the left, a red brick two-story structure with parking in front. There is ample parking in the area.

**By Bike:** Yes, many of our members enjoy other forms of self-propelled transportation, and reaching PATC headquarters couldn't be easier. Take the Washington & Old Dominion Trail to Vienna. Where the trail crosses Park Street, turn north and ride roughly a block and a half until you see the headquarters on your right at 118 Park Street. Lock up, and come on inside; helmet hair and Lycra are welcome!



Lots of folks will be at the Ski Fair

***Don't forget to bring and share healthy snacks to the Ski Fair.***

***See you there!***



Signing up for trips—Trip Coordinator Kathy Brumburger mans the desk

Open Air Wear will be back—Doug Tilton shows a parka



**Be Part of UP\$LOPE**

Send us your comments, pictures, stories and articles. We will be happy to publish them.

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## CROSS COUNTRY SKIING IN ESTONIA

If you asked an ordinary person on a street of Washington DC, New York or Boston a question about skiing, it's pretty safe to say that the person would assume that the question relates to downhill or Alpine skiing. However, if you would ask the same question on a street of the capital city of Tallinn or any other city in Estonia, that person would, with great certainty, assume that the question relates to cross-country skiing. This is because XC skiing is traditionally the most popular winter sport in Estonia; it is also a part of the Estonian culture in the winter.



Old town Tallin in the Winter

When the winter season starts and snow covers most of the country (which sometimes happens in November), you can see the XC skiers everywhere - at the ski resorts, city suburbs, parks and rural areas. Usually, a ski season in Estonia starts in December and lasts until the end of March. However, some XC ski resorts make snow and the ski season may be extended well into April. In Estonia XC skiing is a national sport and truly for everyone, men, woman and children of all ages young and old. In a grade school, XC skiing is part of a physical education class curriculum during the winter months. During the winter season many XC ski competitions are held throughout the country.



A show at the Tartu Ski Marathon

The most popular and well known is the Tartu Ski Marathon established in 1960, which now attracts professional and amateur skiers around the world. More than eight thousand skiers participated in the Tartu 40<sup>th</sup> marathon this year including the Estonian Prime Minister Andrus Ansip. A short video of this year's marathon can be seen at [www.tartumaraton.ee](http://www.tartumaraton.ee) (Click Tartu Marathon, first item on the top left).

In recent years Estonian professional XC skiers have won medals at the Olympics, Nordic skiing World Championships and World Cup races. The most famous and successful Estonian XC skiers are Andrus Veerpalu and Kristina Smigun-Vähi, each with two Olympic gold and one silver medal). Estonia offers ample opportunities for XC skiing with many ski resorts throughout the country. Some of the best ski resorts are located in the south western part of Estonia near the town of Otepää (226 km/140 miles, some 3 hours drive from Tallinn) and beautiful Lake Pühajärve (which means Holy Lake). Otepää (population about 2,200) is called the "Winter Capital" of Estonia and has been internationally renowned for years. Otepää got its name, which in Estonian

slang means "bear's head" after the shape of the castle hill - which reminds you of a bear's head. It has the most popular winter sports resorts not only in Estonia but in the entire Baltic Sea region and offers ideal conditions for cross-country skiers. The area's most popular ski resort, Kääriku Leisure and Sports Centre is located some 13 km (8 miles) south of Otepää and has a famous Kekkonen trail (named after the Finish president Urho K. Kekkonen who visited Kääriku and skied there in 1964). That trail is 15 km of well groomed tracks (both classical and free style). About 3 km (1.8 miles) of these ski tracks are lighted for night skiing. The famous Tartu Marathon 63 km (39.15 miles) trail runs from the Tehvandi stadium to the town of Elva near the university city of Tartu. There is

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**Skiing Estonia (continued)**

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also about 12 km (7.4 miles) of track (classic and free style) from Pühajärve Lake Spa Hotel to the Kääriku ski center of which the last 3km (1.8 miles) from Sihva to Kääriku is lighted at night. The shorter 2 km (1.2 miles), 5 km (3.1 miles) and 15 km (9.3 miles) groomed tracks are also located in that resort. Another XC ski resort in the area is the Tehvandi Sport Center with several trails from 2 km to 10 km including the 3.75 km (2.3 miles) classical and 3.75 km free style track. Both of these tracks are lighted and open daily until 9 pm. There are also 2 km (1.4 miles) and 2.5 km (1.6 miles) of lighted race tracks and a 10 km (6.2 miles) hiking trail available for backcountry skiers.



**Tehvandi Sports Center**

The best downhill slopes (in otherwise flat Estonian landscape) are also located in the Otepää / Kääriku region. The longest run in Otepää (450 m/1,476 ft.) is called Vaike-Munamägi and another downhill resort near Otepää is Ansomagi with 5 lighted smaller slopes. During every winter season a number of Nordic ski events, including the World Cup Cross Country stages are held in the Otepää / Kääriku region. Otepää is one of the locations in Estonia where you can always find snow during the winter season since Otepää is located up-country and far from the sea. The last two winters have been generous with abundant snow in Otepää and in Estonia. If you are tired after a long day and night skiing, there are plenty of opportunities to relax in and around Otepää. You could visit a ski museum, the Sangaste 19-th century castle, Estonian Flag museum or just relax at the Pühajärve SPA or other nearby spas with saunas, hot tubs, and swimming pools and other amenities. At night, Otepää area offers several restaurants, pubs, cafeterias and nightclubs with live music on weekends.



**Après Ski in Estonia**

Another good place for XC skiing is a Jõulumäe Recreation Center resort near the town of Pärnu (118 km/73 miles, 1.5 hours drive from Tallinn). The Recreation Center has 15 different ski trails (classical and free style tracks) ranging from 1 km (0,6 miles) to 15 km (9.3 miles) including 1,2 km (0.7 miles) and 2,3 km (1.4 miles) of lighted tracks. The snow conditions at the Jõulumäe ski resort are usually good and as in Otepää, they are able to make snow if it becomes necessary. There are plenty of opportunities for XC skiing near and around Tallinn. The suburbs such as Pirita and Nõmme both have well prepared and well-lit, professional standard tracks (classical and free style) and slopes for beginners as well as advanced skiers. An advantage of skiing near Tallinn is an opportunity to do some sightseeing in the old town, a beautiful, and one of the best preserved, medieval old towns in Europe. Its hilly cobblestone streets include a fortress, museums, several large churches and many shops, restaurants and pubs – all of this in a walking distance within the ancient walls of a medieval fortress. Last, but not least, all of the XC ski resorts in Estonia offer full equipment rental with reasonable prices.

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**MINUTES BECOME DAZE**

Or Annual Meetings Only Seem to happen Once a Year for Some Reason



The Ski Touring Section of the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club held its annual business meeting, and end-of-ski-season social soiree on April 10, 2011, at the home of club member Catherine Payne.

Section Chairman Rob Swennes called the meeting to order (after confirming that there was indeed food and drink awaiting in the kitchen). Rob asked all present to introduce themselves, and it turned out we had a nice mix of long-time members, new members, interested folks who had not yet joined, friends or spouses, and two people who had gotten lost but saw platters of food being carried into Catherine's house.

**Approval of Minutes** The first order of business was an offer to have a dramatic reading of the Secretary's minutes from the previous year's annual meeting. But, as the minutes had been published in the Upslope, and also were available at this meeting in hard copy, the minutes were approved on motion by acclamation, without the reading.

**Treasurer's Report**

Brian O'Konski presented the Treasurer's report. The section continues to maintain a healthy positive balance in its account. The primary categories of expense are: the newsletter (production cost for the hard copy editions and postage); costs for volunteer work parties to help prepare and maintain areas where we have multiple club outings (e.g. at White Grass and Laurel Ridge); the Ski Fair; computer equipment and other administrative expenses; and trip expenses. The primary sources of revenue are membership fees and trip revenues. In theory, the trip expenses and the trip revenues should net to about zero. That is, some trips use the club account for lodging deposits or other expenses, but then the trip leader reimburses the account from the payments from those who go on the trip. That way, the leader doesn't have to front the deposit in September and carry it until the trip occurs in February. Not all trips are run through the club account. Sometimes a trip leader will price a trip based on having 10 participants, for example, and if 12 go, there may be an economy of scale that nets a few extra dollars that then may accrue to the club treasury. On the other hand, there may be a shortfall for some reason. That occurred this year on two trips, and the club absorbed the shortfall. One occurred when the club had to make a nonrefundable deposit in the fall, but too few signed up to have the trip go. The club covered the deposit. The second occurred when a trip had to be cancelled for lack of snow, and even though it was a "no go if no snow" trip, there was a partial non-refundable amount on the lodging deposit. With partial credit as deposits for next year on those trips, the net loss to the section this year was about \$400. For the future, leaders will clarify whether participants bear any cost responsibility if there is a trip that is to be cancelled if there is no snow. For example, the cost of the trip may be \$200 per person with 10 participants. But, if the leader has to make a nonrefundable deposit of \$100 for 5 rooms for those 10 people, and then the trip doesn't go, each of the 10 people would still owe \$10 (not the full \$200) if the trip has to be cancelled. The trip descriptions will make any such obligation clear ahead of time. The Treasurer's Report was approved.

**Membership Report**

Membership Coordinator Doug Lesar said the statistics he amassed (with the help of the Congressional Budget Office and the American Enterprise Institute) were surprising to him. He noted that he's been serving in his role for sometime, and thought he had charted an absolutely reliable correlation, proven by regression analysis and Monte Carlo simulations: when there is a good snow year, memberships go up and when there is a poor snow year, they drop off. But this past year gave lie to that seemingly established connection. Yet as Doug's highly anticipated annual metaphor had it for this year, "The air went out of the balloon". He concluded he needs to tweak his correlation model with an additional factor: It's not enough to look solely at the total amount of snow for the season, but rather the timing of it. This year, much of the great snow came late. Doug's new theory: "Snow in Canaan Valley while the birds are building nests does not swell the Section membership", because folks in the flatlands are already getting out the bicycles and kayaks.

Another contrarian membership observation: he found that the number of those requesting the paper publication of the Upslope (vice email version) has gone up. [Secretary's observation--after successfully moving a greater percent of members to the electronic version, to save costs and reduce environmental impact, we have to conclude that many of us (consult your mirrors) are moving into geezerhood and find it easier to read the print version. So, this year, rather than appealing to your cost consciousness, or environmental sensibility, I will appeal to your vanity, and say, if you don't consider yourself a gray panther quite yet, please tell Doug you'd like to get your newsletter electronically.] Doug noted that he sends reminders to current members whose memberships are about to expire. Jennifer Bine posited that one factor that may be holding back prospective new members is lack of information about where they can acquire cross country gear. She thought that an article in the Upslope telling people where to go might be helpful. [Secretary's observation: we have signed Jen up for the Dale Carnegie course, and will not be telling people where to go. But, we appreciate the enthusiasm.]

**Trip Coordinator's Report**

Rich Galloway, the past year's trip coordinator, could not make it to the meeting. Kathy Brumberger has agreed to take on the role for the coming year. Rob thanked Rich, and he and others presented the report on the trips from this past season. There were a few trip cancellations. We are asking potential trip leaders for next year to step forward and make their interest known to the Section officers, and to sign up

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**Minutes (cont.)**

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to lead specific trips. If a person has a trip to suggest, please do that, or if you're willing to lead a trip to one of the venues we go to every year, such as laurel Highlands or Blackwater Falls, make that known to Kathy. There was a question as to how early trips fill up, reaching the designated limitation on number of participants. Rob responded that it is very trip- specific. Mid Atlantic area trips tend not to fill up before, or maybe not even at, Ski Fair. Some "excursion trips" (those out of the region) may fill up as soon as announced by email. Some do not fill at all, or even get a sufficient number to allow the trip to go forward.

Peggy Alpert will be hosting the ski schedule planning meeting this summer (August 23).



**Old Business**

1. For "excursion trips" (outside mid-Atlantic) the PATC requires that participants be a PATC member (not just an STS member) and provide a PATC waiver (not just the STS waiver). Also, if the trip is outside the US, the participant must have trip insurance for injury and evacuation.

2. Single beds in rental lodging on trips. This issue arises primarily when the lodging for a trip is a house or condo (vice motel rooms). The Section policy is that to guarantee a single bed, a trip leader may charge a surcharge to a participant who wants that . Otherwise, the trip leader can assign two persons of the same sex to a single bed that is queen-sized or larger. In no case can a participant guarantee a whole room to himself or herself. Harvey Walden proposed that a trip leader build in the cost of having single beds, and average that cost to everyone on the trip, because on a trip he was on, some people did get single beds without paying a premium while some had to double up. Peggy Alpert noted that for trip leaders, it is difficult to deal with the odd number bed arrangements, and asked for some empathy for the trip leaders. Making it any harder is going to make it even more difficult to get leaders, and isn't fair to trip leaders trying to juggle things as best they can. The consensus was to leave the policy as it is, with the trip leader having discretionary authority to charge a premium ahead of time to guarantee a single bed, but not to guarantee a single room.

3. Cost obligations on cancelled trips. Rob reiterated the discussion in connection with the Treasurer's report, that some trips may have non-refundable commitments, such as lodging deposits even if the trip is designated as one that will be cancelled for insufficient snow. In that case, the trip leader will make clear in listing and advertising the trip what portion or amount will have to be paid by participants even if the trip is cancelled.

**Election of Officers**

Rob conducted the election of officers for the coming year. He explained that the elected offices are Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. He announced that the past year's officers all were willing to serve again if re-elected, and that no one else had offered to run or nominated someone else for any of the offices prior to the meeting. He then requested nominations from the floor. There were none. The members then voted for the slate by acclamation:

- Chair--Rob Swennes
- Vice Chair--Jennifer Bine
- Secretary--Al Larsen
- Treasurer--Brian O'Konski

Next, Rob noted the Section leadership positions that are appointed rather than elected. The following were willing to serve, and appointed by Rob to these positions:

- Trip Coordinator--Kathy Brumberger
- Membership Coordinator--Doug Lesar
- Upslope Editor--Mariamalia Araya
- Newsletter Mailing Coordinator--Randy Kerr
- Webmaster--Steve Brickel

Rob noted that Ralph Heimlich, our longtime editor of the Upslope was relinquishing that job after many years of turning out a great publication. The assembled multitude gave Ralph an enthusiastic ovation his work and devotion. Many promised to do a better job for the new editor of getting raw material (known in the trade as "copy" or "content") than we did for Ralph who often had to not only assemble the material but create it. Thanks Ralph.

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**Pictures from STS**

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**New Business**

Kathy Brumberger--she is soliciting trip leaders as well as ideas for trips. Discussion of a brochure for the STS that would serve as an overview introduction and information source for the Section's activities. Ralph and Peggy did one two years ago. It would be good to get something to PATC, which has been handing out outdated flyers. Discussion of a higher membership fee for those who want paper version of newsletter (to reflect the higher cost to club). Prevailing view was that it was too complicated to differentiate the dues structure. Instead, we should emphasize the advantage of getting information earlier via the electronic version, for example for signing up for trips.

Harvey asked if STS was considering becoming a separate entity rather than a section operating under the PATC. Rob responded that the officers had checked into the possibility, advantages and disadvantages of doing that, and had found a lot of complications in changing from the current arrangement. The officers do not intend to pursue the issue.

Delving into the nuances of organizational charts and the possible need for new rules and bylaws somehow dampened the enthusiasm for any more discussion (yeah, who knew), so Rob declared the meeting over and the socializing underway.

**Respectfully submitted,  
Al Larsen, Secretary**



**Where's Ralph?**

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**October 2010**



To:

## PATC Ski Touring Section Membership Form

*The PATC/STS provides quality services and benefits to its cross-country skiing members while promoting and supporting the PATC and cross country skiing in general. Whether a novice, recreational, citizen racer or telemark skier, STS has something for every XC skier. Imagine yourself floating on the snow, climbing across hill and dale in the quiet of winter, stopping for lunch in brilliant sunshine on a vista with a view of snow-covered ridges and valleys stretching to the horizon, and then making a descent back to home. Our membership enjoys ski touring in the hills with the comradeship and safety of a group. When you become a member, you receive all issues of the club's newsletter UPSLOPE and other useful information. UPSLOPE is published six times a year by PATC/Ski Touring Section, a non-profit, educational and recreational group of cross-country skiing enthusiasts based in the Maryland, DC, Virginia, PA and West Virginia areas. UPSLOPE provides information about STS trips and events (e.g., Learn-To-XC-Ski weekends, Telemark instructional clinics, and mini-week ski trips). One year membership runs from October 1st through September 30th of the next year. If you join in April or later, your one year membership will run through September of the next year. To insure uninterrupted membership for more than one year, you may provide advance dues for up to three years. To join, select your desired membership category and term from the table below, complete this Form legibly, and send it with a check appropriate to your membership choice (payable to PATC Ski Touring Section) to:*

PATC-Ski Touring Section, c/o Doug Lesar, 2507 Campbell Place, Kensington, MD 20895

### Membership Classes

<u>Membership Categories</u>	<u>1 Year Only</u>	<u>2 Years</u>	<u>3 Years</u>
Individual	\$ 9	\$17	\$25
Family	\$13	\$24	\$35

PLEASE PRINT or TYPE THE INFORMATION BELOW !!!

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Request is for:    - NEW Membership: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_ - New Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ - Renewal: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

- Add me to Annual member directory but do not list my: Home Ph.: \_\_\_ ; Work Ph: \_\_\_ ; Email: \_\_\_; Postal Address: \_\_\_
- If checked, add me to New Yahoo Group so I can get infrequent, adhoc announcements of local XC Ski activities: \_\_\_
- If checked, send my UPSLOPE only electronically (no paper copy) to save the club copying and postage: \_\_\_

STS is an all-volunteer organization. We cannot function without the assistance of our members. If you are interested in volunteering to help STS in any of the following areas, please check the box and you will be contacted:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> STS Officer           | <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity       | <input type="checkbox"/> XC Ski Instructor          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Web Content Assistant | <input type="checkbox"/> Ski Trip Leader | <input type="checkbox"/> Special Events Coordinator |