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SCHNEE VOGELI SKI CLUB

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P residents Corner: Hey Fellas, what a great couple days on the hill last weekend. If you get a chance check out Geoff Mihalko's untracked powder pictures from last weekend on the Schnee Vogeli Facebook page. I would like to thank our VP Scott Morrison for presiding over the last meeting in my absence. Sounds like everyone took it easy on him for his first meeting. Eddie Rogers had seven slalom racers show up last week for the Schnee Vogeli Friday night race training. Ed set a great slalom course down Dog Leg (soon to be Bill Johnson lane) that held up well throughout the evening. There are several more training nights throughout the season – try to take advantage of these training opportunities. Don Clay has set this year's Meadows bus ride dinner for April 2nd, and will begin signing up participants at the February 23rd meeting. **The next meeting is at The Gap, Feb. 9th, doors open at 615p and the meeting starts at 7p. Hope to see you there, Pete**

Membership: During our meeting February 26th at the Gap, the Club voted to accept both Alex Ely and Jeremy Dieter as associate members. Welcome Alex and Jeremy! Also, Ed Carmen attended his 1st meeting. If you know of anyone else that enjoys skiing, camaraderie, and would be willing to put up with us, bring them out to a meeting – we'll get 'em signed up! Thanks, Scott

Racing: Condor Cup Race #2 –Ed has scheduled another date; this will be under the lights Fri. Feb. 19th 730pm on Dog Leg. Condor Cup Race #3 – Sunday, March 27th at Skibowl (Easter Sunday). We will use Saturday, April 9th as a make-up date if needed. Club Championships will remain on Saturday, March 19th as originally scheduled. The Masters race is scheduled for Mar. 5th and 6th at Skibowl. Need help putting up fences that Fri and volunteers to help setup and run the races; contact Ed or Terry.

PACRAT Racing: We had our first race Jan 10th. Even without a full team, Chix & Dix scored some good points and are tied for 3rd. Ruttin' Rats are just 2 points back and tied for 9th. Plenty of time to move up the leader board. The remaining PACRAT schedule is: Feb 21st Ski Bowl, Feb 28th Meadows, March 20th Timberline, Make-up (if needed) April 3rd Timberline, April 15th Rat Attack.

75 Anniversary: Hey guys, I still need help in finding a live musician to play background music at the 75th Anniversary. I need a guitar player that preferably can sing to play before and during dinner. The Club will pick up the tab for a room for two and dinner for two. \$200 has been budgeted for this which I can "play" with if needed. Please contact me at: brightonjc@comcast.net , or phone 971-235-5812. John Brighton

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Old Sayings

A SHOT OF WHISKEY; In the old west a .45 cartridge for a six-gun cost 12 cents, so did a glass of whiskey. If a cowhand was low on cash he would often give the bartender a cartridge in exchange for a drink. This became known as a "shot" of whiskey.

THE WHOLE NINE YARDS; American fighter planes in WW2 had machine guns that were fed by a belt of cartridges. The average plane held belts that were 27 feet (9 yards) long. If the pilot used up all his ammo he was said to have given it the whole nine yards.

BUYING THE FARM; This is synonymous with dying. During WW1 soldiers were given life insurance policies worth \$5,000. This was about the price of an average farm so if you died you "bought the farm" for your survivors.

IRON CLAD CONTRACT; This came about from the ironclad ships of the Civil War. It meant something so strong it could not be broken.

PASSING THE BUCK / THE BUCK STOPS HERE; Most men in the early west carried a jack knife made by the Buck knife company. When playing poker it was common to place one of these Buck knives in front of the dealer so that everyone knew who he was. When it was time for a new dealer the deck of cards and the knife were given to the new dealer. If this person didn't want to deal he would "pass the buck" to the next player. If that player accepted then "the buck stopped there".

RIFF RAFF; The Mississippi River was the main way of traveling from north to south. Riverboats carried passengers and freight but they were expensive so most people used rafts. Everything had the right of way over rafts which were considered cheap. The steering oar on the rafts was called a "riff" and this transposed into riff-raff, meaning low class.

COBWEB; The Old English word for "spider" was "cob".

SHIP STATE ROOMS; Traveling by steamboat was considered the height of comfort. Passenger cabins on the boats were not numbered. Instead they were named after states. To this day cabins on ships are called staterooms.

SLEEP TIGHT; Early beds were made with a wooden frame. Ropes were tied across the frame in a crisscross pattern. A straw mattress was then put on top of the ropes. Over time the ropes stretched, causing the bed to sag. The owner would then tighten the ropes to get a better night's sleep.

SHOWBOAT; These were floating theaters built on a barge that was pushed by a steamboat. These played small towns along the Mississippi River. Unlike the boat shown in the movie "Showboat" these did not have an engine. They were gaudy and attention grabbing which is why we say someone who is being the life of the party is "showboating".

OVER A BARREL; In the days before CPR a drowning victim would be placed face down over a barrel and the barrel would be rolled back and forth in an effort to empty the lungs of water. It was rarely effective. If you are over a barrel you are in deep trouble.

BARGE IN; Heavy freight was moved along the Mississippi in large barges pushed by steamboats. These were hard to control and would sometimes swing into piers or other boats. People would say they "barged in".

HOGWASH; Steamboats carried both people and animals. Since pigs smelled so bad they would be washed before being put on board. The mud and other filth that was washed off was considered useless "hog wash".

CURFEW; The word "curfew" comes from the French phrase "couvre-feu", which means "cover the fire". It was used to describe the time of blowing out all lamps and candles. It was later adopted into Middle English as "curfeu", which later became the modern "curfew". In the early American colonies homes had no real fireplaces so a fire was built in the center of the room. In order to make sure a fire did not get out of control during the night it was required that, by an agreed upon time, all fires would be covered with a clay pot called-a "curfew".

BARRELS OF OIL; When the first oil wells were drilled they had made no provision for storing the liquid so they used water barrels which were 42 gallons rather than 55 gallons. That is why, to this day, we speak of barrels of oil rather than gallons.

HOT OFF THE PRESS; As the paper goes through the rotary printing press friction causes it to heat up. Therefore, if you grab the paper right off the press it's hot. The expression means to get immediate information.

In God we trust and I believe in Angels

The Sun Valley Trip: This will begin the last Sat in Feb. the 27th. Contact Terry Jondahl for further info.

Calendar Of Upcoming Events:

- ☞ 09 Feb. **SVSC** Meeting at The Gap doors open 615p meeting begins at 7p
- ☞ 20 Feb. King Winter-Thrill Ride is playing
- ☞ 23 Feb. **SVSC** Meeting at The Gap doors open 615p meeting begins at 7p
- ☞ 08 Mar. **SVSC** Meeting at The Gap doors open 615p meeting begins at 7p
- ☞ 15 Mar. Corned Beef Dinner at Otto's
- ☞ 22 Mar. **SVSC** Meeting at The Gap doors open 615p meeting begins at 7p
- ☞ 02 Apr. MHM Bus Ride Dinner
- ☞ 23 Apr. Season Ender Bender at The Rat
- ☞ 06 Aug. Picnic and Golf Tournament

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