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Fellow PVSers:

September! With football already exploding across our TVs, can ski season be far behind? Nope! In fact, I was chatting with Redskins coach, Norv Turner, the other day and he told me he had already lined up his ski trips for the year so he could be ready to coach a nice relaxing game of football with his friendly new boss over the next couple of months. A number of PVSers have told me the same thing (well, except for the football part); their ski trips are all lined up and now they can relax and have super PVS skiing to look forward to.

Speaking of which, the Steamboat trip is just around the corner. There's still space on this perennial favorite. PVS can't seem to get enough of the hospitality of the Sheraton at the foot of the gondola and the sure bet for great early season snow. Call the Flahertys to sign up.

Unfortunately, the Tahoe trip has been canceled for this year. So many things go into getting a trip in place and the timing on all the pieces just didn't come together. We hope George Hicho will think about picking it up next year.

Still open with a few spaces is the fabulous trip to Kitzbuhel and Salzburg with Pat Tengel and John Smith. These two always put together a stellar trip and the combination of see and ski makes the trip doubly exciting.

Snowmass and Big Sky are full. Call to get on the wait list. All this means that there're lots of PVS skiing opportunities still available. Check out the announcements in this month's TOOT and relax with Norv knowing you've got it made!

*Nancy*



**ANNUAL CRAB FEAST - SEPTEMBER 4, 1999 - still a few spaces left!!**

***Call now to sign up! There may still be time to join this annual treat! Don't miss it! Betty has even negotiated a special low rate for this year's crabs.***

At Betty Lawrence's home, 525 Haven Lane, Great Falls, VA. Come after 2 if you would like to swim--dinner will be about 5 pm.

Betty is taking reservations. Call her at 703-759-0471 to say if you will bring an appetizer, salad or dessert and whether you will be having crabs or bringing your own entrée to put on the grill.

Directions: Take the Beltway Exit 13 onto Route 193 (Georgetown Pike) toward Great Falls. Drive 6.3 miles to Great Falls and turn right on Walker Road. Go 1.1 miles and take a left on Squires Trail. At the end of the road, turn left onto Haven Lane and proceed to #525 on the left.

**Oktoberfest**

- When:** SATURDAY, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1999 at 3:00 p.m. Rain or Shine
- What:** 21st annual PVS Oktoberfest featuring beer, sausages, sauerkraut, pretzels, potato salad, & pflaumen kuchen. Oompah music, too, for dancing of feet, clapping of hands, and cavorting of spirit.
- Call:** Coordinator Aina Thomas at 301-309-8933 by Thursday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of September to reserve your place (limited to 60), to choose low-fat or high-test wurst, and to sign up for bringing a potato salad, kuchen, or other Bavarian delectable. No-shows will be responsible for their share of the cost.
- Cost:** Approximately \$10.00 per person.
- Bring:** Your own eating utensils and plate. Your favorite beer mug is, of course, always welcome.
- Optional:** Lederhosen and Dirndl. Even Pferdekleidung.
- Where:** Mary Ward & Jim Slack's Termineigh Horse Farm & Nosh Bar, 4580 Sudley Road, Catharpin, Va.
- Directions:** Take I-66 west from the Beltway. Exit at 47B (Manassas Battlefield) onto Route 234 North (Sudley road). Go 5 miles to downtown Catharpin (check out the new Alvey's Community Store). At the guard rail 0.5 miles later, turn left onto the (now paved at the beginning) gravel driveway. (If you get to Old Field Drive on the left, you just went by our driveway. If all else fails, call 754-8814 from the payphone at Alvey's and we'll come get you.) We are the brick house at the end of the driveway.



FIRST MEETING OF THE FALL! September 21, 7:30 pm.  
At the home of Ron and Nancy Ewing, 11535 Clara Barton  
Drive, Fairfax Station, VA. (703 250 1619)

Directions: Take I-495 to Braddock Rd. Exit 5 (west) to Rt. 123 (Ox Rd.). Turn left (south) on Rt 123, go approx. 5 miles and turn right on Clara Barton Dr. and go 1.3 miles to Ewings.

### TOUR NATIONAL AQUARIUM IN BALTIMORE

Wednesday September 15, 1999

We will meet in the lobby of the Aquarium in Baltimore's Inner Harbor at 10 AM and tour the Aquarium with Carol Parmenter. Lunch will be at the famous Haussner's Restaurant. Aquarium entrance fee is \$14, senior citizen \$10.50, and children \$7.50.

Directions: From MD Beltway (I-495) to I-95 N to route 395 to Pratt St. following signs to Inner Harbor. To park closest to Aquarium from Pratt Street- turn left on Gay Street. Garage parking is immediately on left (cheaper) or open air on the right, but there is parking on any street off Pratt Street.

Please call Sara or Charles Huggins (301-424-5725) if you can join us.



### MIDWEEK BIKE 'N LUNCH

Upper Rock Creek Bike Path -- 18 miles

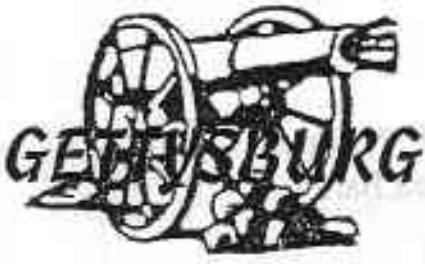
Thursday, September 23 at 10:30 am

**Starting Point:** Strathmore Hall Arts Center (meet in far end of parking lot). Route will go east to the Rock Creek Bike Path and then head north to Lake Needwood. On return segment, will stop for lunch near end of ride at the *Garrett Park Cafe*. Rest rooms, water, and art exhibit available at Arts Center. (open 10:00 — 3).

Non-cyclists welcome to join us for the Luncheon portion of this activity at 12:45 pm (approximately).

Leader: Bill Matzkin (301) 340-8087





**WALKING/AUTO-CARAVAN TOUR**

**SEPTEMBER 25 - MEET AT 10: 30 AT THE VISITORS CENTER. (No entrance fee)**

Gary Delphey, PVS'S own personal historian, will lead us on stimulating 4 hour tour on the battlefield and answer your questions. Bring your lunch.

A map of Gettysburg listing restaurants will be available for those wishing to stay over for dinner. The Dobbin House Tavern, circa 1776, (and on the National Register) offers casual lite fare as well as cocktails, candle light dinners, etc. It was an underground railroad slave hideout.

Directions: From beltway, take 270 (stay left around Frederick) and it becomes Rt. 15. Go approximately 30 miles (Irene's miles) to Pennsylvania and exit at Business Rt. 15 (becomes Steinwehr Ave.) After several miles you will see signs to the Vistors Center and parking on the right.

Call Lu Beale 202 363 3521 to sign on. Tour will be canceled in case of rain.



**A DAY IN ANNAPOLIS !!!!!  
October 22 - 11:00 AM**

We will start with a tour of the Maryland State House. From there we will go the Naval Academy to view noon meal formation, followed by lunch at the Quarterdeck Restaurant (careteria) in Dahlgren Hall, view the exhibits including a movie at the Naval Academy Visitors Center, take a guided walking tour of the Naval Academy (fee), and view the weekly Midshipman Parade. That should end about 4:45pm.

For those who desire to see the finest example of five-part Georgian architecture in colonial America, the Hammand-Harwood House has guided tours on the starting at 10 (fee).

There is free but very limited parking at the Naval Academy and pay parking at the Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium with shuttle service. Further details in October Toot. No limit to participants, but call Sheldon Drews at 703 521 5167 to sign on and arrange carpooling.

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34TH Anniversary Dinner  
Saturday, November 20, 1999  
2017 Eye Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN TO DIG OUT YOUR FINEST PARTY ATTIRE AND JOIN YOUR FELLOW SKIERS TO CELEBRATE THE 34th ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE POTOMAC VALLEY SKIERS. BY POPULAR DEMAND WE RETURN TO THE HISTORIC HOME OF JAMES MONROE. THE FESTIVITIES BEGIN PROMPTLY AT SEVEN O'CLOCK WITH COCKTAILS IN THE ELEGANT DOUBLE DRAWING ROOMS, FOLLOWED BY A GOURMET BANQUET PREPARED BY MASTER CHEF, BRENNEN HURLEY. AFTER THE MEAL WE RETURN TO THE DRAWINGS ROOMS FOR CORDIALS AND COFFEE.

THE COST OF THIS OPTIONAL BLACK-TIE EVENT IS THE SAME AS LAST YEAR, \$60.00 per person.

MAIL CHECK PAYABLE TO W. L. ANDERSON, 4711 DE RUSSEY PKWY. CHEVY CHASE, MARYLAND 20815

PVS TRIP PAYMENT SCHEDULE

- SEPT. 1 - Austria - second
- 5 - Steamboat - final
- 8 - London - final
- 16 - Big Sky - second
  
- OCT. 15 - Austria - final
  
- NOV. 1 - Snowmass - final
  
- JAN 3 - Big Sky - final



# LONDON

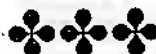
November 7-14, 1999

IS STILL OPEN. WE NEED YOU!

We had to make price adjustment due to the expense of London hotels in general and the one we wanted in particular; also because we have 17 going, not 20. THIS IS STILL VALUE PRICED AT \$1675 PER PERSON, DOUBLE. YOU CAN STILL SIGN UP. Call 800/875 4786 or 301 990 3792. Come and join us. Send check made out to Goshen Travel, 8302 Goshen View Drive, Gaithersburg, Md 20882. Full payment due Sept. 8. No credit cards. Thanks, Don Dillon



## PAST EVENTS



### *Annual Pre-Ski Trip Party*

*By Nat Seeman*

We gathered at the Heitchues' at 5:00pm just after a small weather front passed through with a very brief drizzle and most pleasant temperature drop. This was a welcome prelude to a delightful evening for some 40+ PVS members and guests. The Heitchue home is an ideal party place with two large upper and lower back decks overlooking charming Lake Audubon. Food was bountiful with members bringing appetizers, salads, and desserts and Jean and Reg providing the main dinner course. Reg, as usual, took several boating parties out onto the lake while the hors d'oeuvres, appetizers, and liquid refreshments were set up on the upper deck. "And - as is want to be by the PVS&E\* we Ate and Talked and Ate some more!" Dinner was then called. We circled a large buffet table laden with unusual salads and side dishes and two large BBQ trays. We all then spread out over the lovely dining room and both decks "And - as is want to be by the PVS&E\* we Ate and Talked and Ate some more!"

Finally Trip Coordinator Serge Triau called to order the "business" meeting and, with the nice weather prevailing, this too was held out on the deck. Principal topic, of course, was the "finalized" ski trip program for the 1999-2000 season. All trip leaders were present, gave details and answered questions. Six trips! Steamboat, Snowmass, Tahoe (& San Francisco), Kitzbuhel (& Salzburg), Big Sky (& Yellowstone) - and Argentina (& Buenos Aires). How about a special award to anyone doing all the trips!! And of course rounding out the evening, a table full of scrumptious desserts "And as is want to be by the PVS&E\* we Ate and Talked and Ate some more!"

Thank you, thank you, Jean and Reg for hosting a most "lovely" evening!!

\*a la Marilyn Clark: Potomac Valley Skiers & Eaters





# !! SKI TRIPS !!

## PVS SCHEDULED TRIPS FOR 1999-2000 SKI SEASON

(Revised 9/99)

PLACE	DATE	TRIP LEADERS
Steamboat	12/9/99 thru 12/16/99	Ned & Jaclyn Flaherty (Ray Mckinley trip accountant)
Snowmass	1/22/00 thru 1/29/00	Barbara Leonhardt & Nat Seeman
Tahoe & SF	2/5/00 thru 2/15/00	Cancelled
Kitzbuhel, Austria (& Salzburg)	2/18/00 thru 2/29/00	John Smith & Pat Tengel
Big Sky	3/5/00 thru 3/12/00	Nancy & Ray McKinley
Argentina/ Buenos Aires	8/15/00 thru 8/30/00	Nancy & Ray McKinley

Note: Any BRSC trips will be added at a later date.  
Trips are opened to non PVSers after 8/1/99

March 5 - 12, 2000, join Nancy and Ray McKinley to

## SKI BIG SKY MONTANA

The trip is full with a small waiting list. In the past the waiting list has almost always cleared. Please call us for more information and to get on the list at (703) 527-7126.

**BIG SKY Participants: The second payment of \$450 is due by Sept 16.** Please make your check payable to Ray McKinley and send it to McKinleys 2326 North Upton Street, Arlington, VA 22207-4045.

PVS - SNOWMASS - 2000

Sat. Jan. 22 - Sat. Jan. 29, 2000

Trip is filled with 7 on the waiting list. Final payment is due by November 1.

Deadline for taking trip insurance is October 1, 1999. For trip information, call Barbara Leonhardt at 301-963-8111 eve. or Nat Seeman at 703-461-0859. Make last check payable to Barbara A. Leonhardt and put PVS-Snowmass 2000 on the memo line. Send to Barbara at 606 Firehouse Lane, Gaithersburg, MD 20878.

Plan ahead: Pre-trip party/dinner will be Sunday, January 9, 2000 at the Leonhardt's.

# PVS - AUSTRIA 2000

## SKIING IN KITZBUHEL AND TOURING IN SALZBURG, AUSTRIA

Friday, February 18, 2000 to Tuesday, February 29, 2000

**KITZBUHEL (IN TIROL)** -- An internationally famous ski area surrounding a charming medieval walled village. More than 100 miles of ski runs of all levels/ 60 modern lifts/cross country skiing. The best apre-ski activities in Austria

**SALZBURG** -- The city of Mozart and the "Sound of Music". A baroque city on the banks of the Salbach River that is filled with music, museums, castles and palaces.

FRI., FEB. 18 -- FLY FROM DULLES AIRPORT TO MUNICH, GERMANY

SAT., FEB. 19 -- TRANSFER BY MOTOR COACH TO THE HOTEL TIEFENBRUNNER IN KITZBUHEL.

SAT., FEB. 26 -- TRANSFER BY MOTOR COACH TO THE HOTEL ALSTADT-RADISSON IN SALZBURG.

TUES., FEB. 29 -- TRANSFER BY MOTOR COACH TO THE MUNICH AIRPORT FOR THE RETURN TO WASHINGTON.

**INCLUDED IN PRICE:** PRE TRIP PARTY, ROUND TRIP AIR FARE WASHINGTON / MUNICH, 7 NIGHTS IN KITZBUHEL AT THE HOTEL TIEFENBRUNNER WITH BREAKFAST AND DINNER, APRES SKI PARTIES, 3 NIGHTS IN SALZBURG AT THE HOTEL ALSTADT-RADISSON ( BREAKFAST INCLUDED), ALL TRANSFERS, PORTAGE OF ALL BAGGAGE, POST TRIP PARTY, MEDICAL INSURANCE AND TRIP CANCELLATION / INTERRUPTION INSURANCE.

**NOT INCLUDED** -- LUNCHES, DINNERS IN SALZBURG, LIFT TICKETS (APPROX. \$120 FOR A SIX DAY TICKET).

**TOTAL PACKAGE PRICE:**     \$ 1520 (DOUBLE OCCUPANCY)           \$ 1705 (SINGLE OCCUPANCY)

SEND A DEPOSIT OF \$200 TO: JOHN H. SMITH, AT 8174 INVERNESS RIDGE ROAD, POTOMAC, MD. 20854.

**STILL SOME SPACES LEFT -- SIGN UP SOON**

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**PVS SKI STEAMBOAT 1999**

**Back by Popular Demand!**

**Thursday, December 9 - Thursday, December 16, 1999**

For the 8th straight year, we are headed back to the Sheraton - Steamboat. Ski In /Ski Out and only 60 feet to the Silver Bullet Gondola. Everyone loves Steamboat! Free ski storage. Over 2900 acres of ski terrain, 22 lifts, 140 trails, and 3670 feet of vertical. Top to bottom snowmaking.

Our fun comes in bunches year after year. There is still room to join this bunch: Smith & Tengel, Cook, Rabinovitz, Waggaman, Beale, Gordon, Connor & Newdorp and granddaughter Kathy, Burgesses, DeVilbiss, Knopes, Blockwick, Soler, Matthews & friend, Finan & Welti, Santucci, Wilson & son, Plowman. \*\*Package includes Air Dulles to Denver, motor coach to Steamboat, and the usual lift tickets, buffet breakfasts and dinners out. Join us and get in the mood at the pretrip party.

Final payment (plus trip insurance if desired) **MUST** be received in McKinley's mail box by Sept. 5. Details in previous Toots.





## THE KNEE

by

Ray McKinley

The last hot, pollution ridden, humid days of the summer. Yuck. Well, eat your hearts out guys and gypersons. As you read this, the Knee and the Pres (No, not Clinton) are skiing--on real snow. We are in Argentina checking out ski areas for a possible PVS trip there next summer. It's gorgeous, and it's snowing. Or, as we say "nya, nya -- nya, nya nya."

A tip of the ol' cap to our birthday children. Lu Beale turned 85 and Glade Flake hit the 3/4 of a century mark! For his birthday, Joan and the kids got him a new Grady-White boat. I won't tell you how long it is, but Glade did turn 75. Earlier, Bette Walker turned 80. She has a birthday pin from her grandchildren. It reads: "The older I get the better I was!" Right on.

PVS, I hate to admit, has several who claim to be English majors (and at least one Zambian lieutenant). I won't name Marilyn and Lu to protect their identity. I'll call them M and L. They are in constant, internecine warfare. For those of you who aren't English majors, 'internecine' means between the necines. And 'necine' means not 'cene,' or hidden. Thus internecine means between the camouflage. I won't explain camouflage -- but it has one and two humped varieties. M and L quibble over words.

Well, M, who is Membership Chairman, had our renewal form in last month's TOOT. (And don't forget to renew; I need all my readers.) This is when L started telling people about M's faux pas. Let me digress--again. "Faux pas's" meaning is dependent on how it's pronounced. If you pronounce it as an English word, it refers to what foxes walk on. If pronounced as a French word (i.e. foe), it means something painted to look like what foxes walk on.

Back to our story. PVS membership is for two years. So M wrote it's time for our biannual renewal (as opposed to seminal renewal which would be every 6 months). Everyone knows the prefix 'bi' means two--bicycle: two wheels;

bifurcate: break in two; bile: two les, etc. But it turns out, in quirky English, biannual means every 6 months! What M should have written was biennial. M and L are no longer talking.

Bill Hager is back from doing some training in Malaysia--where skiing is wretched. His email expected some snarknee comments from me. Bill, I'd be pleased to, but I don't know what snarknee is. Perhaps it's like fox paws? At the same time, Suzanne Boisclair was in Indokneesia.

A tip of the ol' kneecap to Frank Shelburne. There was a great piece about him in the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club newsletter. Frank has kept up a trail for 50 years. Right on!

Everyone has had winter weather delays in Denver. But last month Serge and Liz Triau got stuck overnight at the new Denver airport (about 250 mi. from Denver.) Rushing the season.

Tony Drago is now starting to take up golf. Be "fore" warned.

The Knee received a super letter from Aase Berling. She is doing fine and is renewing her membership so she can read the Knee! (There have to be better reasons!) She also was in St. Petersburg, Russia coincident with David and Rachel Abraham--but she loved the heat and the opera. Her letter was signed "Aase (Berling)." That was to permit differentiation from all the other Aases I know in Hilton Head!

Ubiquitous PVS again. I was coming out of my dentist's office to his waiting room. Waiting to go in were June Read and Jack Martin.

The Knee does not "do" astrology. However, here are the results of the cancer watch. Dina Taylor is still recovering at home. And June Kelsay is doing fine after removal of a small lump.

This summer, Betty Lawrence has had a change of venue. Instead of going to her beach home each weekend, Betty has spent several weekends at her Blue Knob home. While the skiing hasn't been overwhelming (or even whelming), it has been cool and comfortable.

Watch for an upcoming Indian cooking event (no cowboys will be served) being set up by Jim and Charlotte Kline. They are apparently only doing it to, ahem, curry favor.

CALENDAR

- Sept. 2 - Tour Horsehead Wetlands
  - 4 - Crab Feast at Betty Lawrence's, p. 2
  - 15 - Tour National Aquarium in Baltimore, p.3
  - 21 - Monthly Meeting at the Ewings', p. 3
  - 23 - Bike Ride, Strathmore to Needwood & return, p.3
  - 25 - Gettysburg, Walking and Auto Caravan Tour, p. 4
  - 28 - ExCom at the ~~Morris~~ Boiselen
- Oct. 2 - Oktoberfest, p.2
  - 12 - Tour, Printing & Engraving, Hike & Lunch
  - 19 - Meeting at Read/Martins'
  - 21 - Bike Ride W&OD Trail to Leesburg & return
  - 22 - Tour, US Navel Academy, Annapolis, p.4
- Nov. 7-14 - London trip, p.6
  - 16 - Monthly meeting at Ruth Powers'
  - 18 - Bike Ride, Capital Crescent Trail
  - 20 - Annual Arts Club Dinner, p.5
  - 23 - ExCom at Bill Anderson's
- Jan 1 - 2000 Millennium Party
- Nov. ? - PVS 35th Anniversary Party

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