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Fellow Potomac Valley Skiers:

Sliding ahead is what we do, and the ski trip party at the Heitchues was an occasion to focus on just that. Thanks, Jeanne and Reg, for your hospitality which focussed on our major activities. With the glowing presentations anticipating winter's great fun matching the perfect weather day it is a wonder anyone stays home! C'mon everybody!

It doesn't seem PVS has any time off, with all our activities and interestingly varied, warm-season activities. As noted here previously, PVS is such an enjoyable interactive experience. In a way we parallel media accounts of how Jacques Rogge is approaching the International Olympic Committee which he was recently named to head. His plan is to spread responsibility to many qualified members and to build consensus for issues that require earning support of the entire IOC membership. Sounds familiar, eh?

Our program for the remaining off-ski season includes a variety of interesting activities that foster and partake of those Potomac Valley feelings. One recent example was the opportunity for ExCom at its July meeting to share the event with 5 past presidents. There is nothing like the comfort tradition provides.

Continue to enjoy your summer.


Ned Flaherty
President XXIV

P.S. You can warm up with Bob McNeill on Halloween at Ski Liberty just before he heads to Keystone.

AND LOOK INSIDE FOR ALL THE UPCOMING & EXCITING PVS EVENTS!

ANNUAL GOLF OUTING - AUGUST 2. If you want to come for lunch, be at the Stein Room in Clubhouse 1 at 12 noon. Questions? Call Jeannette Albersheim at 301-598-7525 or Bob Schafer at 301-598-2226.



SUNDAY MATINEE AT THE OLNEY--AUGUST 5, 2001 - 2 p.m.

Great reviews for Holiday by Philip Barry, a sophisticated romantic comedy. After the play, if you wish, join fellow PVSers for dinner at the nearby Gazebo Restaurant.

Deadline is past but tickets may still be available. Call Jeannette Albersheim at 301-598-7525.

Directions to Olney Theater: It is located on Md Rte 108 in Olney, MD. Take Connecticut Avenue exit off 495. Go approximately 8 miles north to the intersection of Connecticut and Georgia Ave. Turn left onto Georgia and follow it north 5 miles to the intersection of Georgia and Rte 108. Turn right, and follow Rte 108 1 1/2 miles to the theater on the left. Lots of parking - veer to the right to the new lot behind the theater.

Beer Tasting and Picnic

August 10, 2001 - 7 P.M.
Home of Gene and Wilma Sharer
12404 Beall Spring Road
Potomac, MD 20854

Cut-off date for reservations is August 3, 2001.

Last Call!

POCKET KNIFE FOUND

A silver, Stanley-brand, pocket knife (4" long) was found between sofa cushions at the Leonhardt's after the May meeting. Call Fred or Barb at 301-963-8111 if it is yours.

SUMMER SOUNDS 2001 AT STRATHMORE HALL

Tuesday, August 21. Enjoy THE U.S. ARMY FIELD BAND
JAZZ AMBASSADORS

Picnic with PVS at 6:30, concert at 7:30 P.M.

You may purchase dinner from O'Brien's or bring your own goodies.

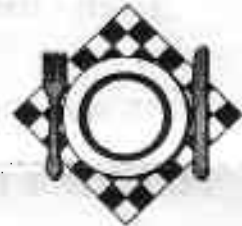
Concerts are free. On-site parking is \$3.00 or you may take the Metro to the Grosvenor Station nearby.

Please call John Smith or Pat Tengel (301-299-8376) for further information and to let us know who might be coming.

BICYCLING GOURMET

VIENNA TO RESTON (and return)

Thursday, August 23, 2001 10:30 AM



Starting Point: Vienna Community Center. Directions: Beltway Old Exit 11: Take Rte. 123 (Chain Bridge Road) south (direction: Tysons Corner) about three miles to Park St (has left turn lane with traffic light). Take left turn into Park Street and proceed 1/4 blocks to Community Center on right (where W&OD Trail crosses road). Rest rooms and water available at Community Center. Ride will proceed west on W&OD Trail to Reston and then involve local bike paths ending up at scenic Lake Anne Center for lunch on terrace of lakeside restaurant. Distance: 17 miles. Terrain: mostly flat.

Leader: Marvin Hass (703) 751-4737 [marvinhass@hotmail.com]

Note: These trips do leave promptly at time indicated. Please allow sufficient time to arrive at the starting point to get your equipment in order, visit rest room, etc.

BLUE KNOB - AUG. 24, 25 26

SUMMER IN THE MOUNTAINS

Escape from the heat and humidity at a mountain hideaway. Golf, swimming, tennis, hiking, antiquing--the weekend is yours! No telephones!! Potluck dinners - lunch on your own - breakfast on the house.

\$15 pp per night, two nights minimum. Call Betty Lawrence, 703-759-0471. For golf costs, call Blue Knob at 1-800-458-3403.

THIRD ANNUAL ALL SPORTS DAY AND PICNIC - Sat. Sept 15th

PVS has been invited to join ski clubs from Hagerstown, Frederick, Columbia, and SCWDC for an activity filled day. The day will start with activities including hiking, golf, tennis, biking, and a 5K run. After the activities wrap up around noon, everybody will gather at the Pinecliff park in Frederick for the picnic. If you don't have time for the morning activities, come join others at the picnic in the afternoon. The picnic will cost \$15 per person and will be held rain or shine. Menu will consist of BBQ, potato salad, etc. and beer, wine, and sodas. PVSers should make their \$15 checks out to Frederick Ski Club (FSC) and mail to Sally Finan 11311 French Horn Lane, Reston, Virginia 20191 by August 29th.

Sports events:

Biking – Contact Jim Gugel (301) 694-7982 or email jugel@fredco-md.net

Hiking – Sugarloaf Mountain, Contact Don Orcutt (301) 898-1358 or email Orc1@erols.com

Golf – Contact Mark Hendrickson (703) 691-3053 (extra cost)

Tennis – Baker Park, Contact Jean Collins (301) 253-3917 or email Jean.collins@lmco.com

5K run – Contact Leslie Nuse (301) 473-5331 (Entry fee \$15)

DIRECTIONS TO PINECLIFF PARK:

From I-270N take exit 31 to MD 85 north. Following signs to I-70 east, bear left on MD355 (about one mile) and make immediate left onto ramp I-70 east. Take exit 55 to South St/Reichs Ford Road and turn left onto Reichs Ford Road. Proceed approximately 1.5 miles and make first left after crossing the Monocacy River onto Pinecliff Park Rd. The park is at the end of the road. Look for shelter #2.

Oktoberfest

- When:** SATURDAY, September 22nd, 2001 at 3:00 p.m. Rain or Shine
- What:** 23rd 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:** Mary Ward & Jim Slack at 703-754-8814 by Tuesday the 18th 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 \$8.00 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, Catharpin, Va.
- Directions:** In the September TOOT.



PVS BANFF / LAKE LOUISE, CANADA 2002

(THIS TRIP IS PART OF THE BLUE RIDGE SKI COUNCIL WESTERN CARNIVAL 2002)

Saturday February 2, 2002 to Saturday February 9, 2002

THREE SKI AREAS: LAKE LOUISE, SUNSHINE VILLAGE, NORQUAY

WE WILL BE STAYING AT FIVE STAR HOTELS:

THREE NIGHTS AT THE "CHATEAU LAKE LOUISE"

FOUR NIGHTS AT THE "BANFF SPRINGS HOTEL"

THE TRIP

SAT., FEB. 2 – FLY ON AIR CANADA FROM DULLES AIRPORT TO TORONTO, CANADA, CONNECTING FLIGHT TO CALGARY, ALBERTA CANADA

SAT., FEB. 2 -- TRANSFER BY MOTOR COACH TO OUR HOTEL "THE CHATEAU LAKE LOUISE"

TUES., FEB. 5 TRANSFER BY MOTOR COACH FROM THE CHATEAU LAKE LOUISE TO THE "BANFF SPRINGS HOTEL"

SAT., FEB. 9 -- TRANSFER BY MOTOR COACH TO THE CALGARY AIRPORT FOR THE RETURN TO WASHINGTON. ARRIVE HOME SATURDAY EVENING.

TOTAL PACKAGE PRICE: \$1300 (DOUBLE OCCUPANCY)

INCLUDED IN PRICE:

PRE TRIP PARTY, ROUND TRIP AIR FARE FROM WASHINGTON TO CALGARY AND RETURN, TRANSFER FROM CALGARY AIRPORT TO THE CHATEAU LAKE LOUISE, MIDWEEK TO THE BANFF SPRINGS HOTEL, AND SATURDAY TO TH CALGARY AIRPORT, SEVEN NIGHTS HOTEL LODGING; BREAKFAST DAILY, LIFT TICKET (5 OF 6 DAYS), BRSC WELCOMING PARTY, BRSC MIDWEEK APRES SKI PARTY, BRSC FAREWELL DINNER PARTY AND DANCE, PVS APRES SKI PARTIES, POST TRIP PARTY, EMERGENCY MEDICAL INSURANCE.

NOT INCLUDED – LUNCHES, DINNERS

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

DEPOSIT NOW:	\$ 100
SEPT. 1:	\$ 300
OCT. 15:	\$ 300
DEC. 15:	\$ 600

CONTACTS: JOHN H. SMITH AT 301-299-8376 OR JACK PEOPLES AT 301-881-6220

(TRIP APPLICATION ON NEXT PAGE)

TRIP AGREEMENT

Partial or full payment for a reservation on the Potomac Valley Skiers, Inc. (PVS) sanctioned trips shall constitute consent to all provisions stated here in.

PVS, its officers, its representatives, its agents or its members shall not be responsible for personal injuries, property damage, or loss, delay, or the change of itinerary to any person or trip participant which arises out of the act of any air carrier, hotel or other persons rendering any services, accommodations and transportation arrangements being offered, or by reason of any circumstances.

PVS designated Trip Leaders, should the circumstances demand, have the right to substitute hotels of similar or better category and to change transportation schedules. In the event of such changes, no refund or credit will be provided if accommodations, services and transportation arrangements are of comparable quality or standards to those which were to be provided and are during the same approximate time period. Any such change shall not modify the cancellation provisions of this Trip Agreement. **No credit will be allowed or refund given for any service included as part of the trip and not used by individual participants unless agreed to by the Trip Leader in advance.** If the trip is canceled for any reason whatsoever, PVS shall only be responsible to make a maximum effort to obtain the refund of all payments previously made for the trip from the person to whom the payment was made and there shall not be any further obligations on the part of PVS, its officers, its representatives, its agents or its members.

Trip participants on this PVS sanctioned trip shall ski at their own risk and therefore PVS, its officers, its Board of Directors or its members shall not be responsible for any personal injury, property damage or injuries to others by a participant on a PVS sanctioned trip.

I (We) have read and agree to all provisions stated herein.

Date _____

Signatures (s) _____

TRIP APPLICATION:

PLEASE SEND A **DEPOSIT OF \$100** (PAYABLE TO JOHN H. SMITH) WITH THE FOLLOWING APPLICATION TO:

JOHN H. SMITH, AT 8174 INVERNESS RIDGE ROAD, POTOMAC, MD. 20854.

PVS TRIP TO: BANFF / LAKE LOUISE, CANADA, FEB. 2 TO FEB. 9, 2002

Name(s): _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ Phone:(Day) _____ (Even.) _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Roommate: _____

I (We) have read and the TRIP AGREEMENT (Above):

Date _____

Signatures (s) (Both must sign if a couple)

PVS 2001 - 2002 SKI TRIPS .

- Steamboat, Co** **Dec. 10 - Dec. 17, 2001**
 Contact: George Hicho

- Snowmass, Co.** **Jan. 17 - Jan 24, 2002**
 Leaders: Barbara & Fred Leonhardt

- Banff/Lake Louise** **Feb. 2 - Feb. 9, 2002**
 (BRSC) Leaders: John Smith and Jack Peoples

- Chamonix** **March 8 to March 16, 20202**
 (BRSC) Leaders: Mary Ward & Jim Slack

- Courchevel/Greek** **March 15 - 30, 2002**
 Island Cruise Leaders: Nancy & Ray McKinley



Steamboat Springs, Co, Mon. Dec. 10 - Mon. Dec. 17, 2001

NOTE: The deadline for signing up for this trip has been extended.

Return to the famous Sheraton Steamboat Hotel for a PVS-approved "no-frills" ski trip. For seniors age 70 or over, the price is just \$999. For those age 65-69, the price of \$1144 includes a 5-day lift ticket; the same package for those under 65 is \$1199 . R/T on United Airlines to Denver and then to Eagle/Vail and return; motorcoach to/from Steamboat; baggage handling at the hotel; 7 nights lodging at the Sheraton (double occupancy); 7 breakfasts (the-usual elaborate Sheraton buffet); wine and cheese reception. Although formal apres ski and group dinners are not included in the price, knowledgeable PVSers will undoubtedly organize such activities.

Send ASAP your deposit check for \$100 made payable to George Hicho at 7404 Cliffbourne Ct., Derwood, MD 20855-1101 or call George at 301-963-1836 for additional information. A tour host from Alpine Group Consultants will fly with the group on the 10th.



SKI SNOWMASS
THURSDAY, JAN. 17 - THURSDAY, JAN 24, 2002

This trip is full but Barbara and Fred would be glad to put you on the waiting list. Call them at 301-963-8111. Deposits are totally refundable until Aug. 15.

The second payment (\$600) and the application form are due Aug. 15.

NOW HEAR THIS!!

A SPECIAL OPTION FOR THE CANADIAN TRIP

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2002 TO SATURDAY FEBRUARY 16, 2002

Stay a second week at the Jasper Park Lodge and ski at Marmot Basis. Price \$498 for lodging and transfers, return from Edmonton instead of Calgary. Please call John Smith or Jack Peoples if interested.



PVS Chamonix 2002

Friday, 8 March through Saturday, 16 March, with optional extension to Lyon and nearby wine regions.

PVS will be joining other Blue Ridge Ski Council clubs for six days of skiing in legendary Chamonix, France. This traditional European area with over 70 pistes in six major areas, provides ample skiing for all abilities. We will be staying at the 3-star Hotel Alpina, a lively modern hotel near to town attractions and lifts.



Consider also the optional 4-day extension of wine-tasting and exploring in the Beaujolais and Cotes-du-Rhone regions outside Lyon, France. These areas date their wine production back to Roman times. (We will, however, be sampling somewhat younger wines!) Lyon itself is a natural for PVS as it bills itself as the gastronomic capital of the world – whether you choose Michelin 3-star fare or the humble “bouchons” serving local specialties.

Prices are not yet firm, but we are estimating \$1390 for the base trip, which includes breakfast and dinner in Chamonix with special BRSC & PVS events during the week but does not include lift tickets. With the complete Lyon extension, we estimate \$2215.

Reserve your space now with a check payable to “PVS Chamonix 2002” in the amount of \$200 per person. Deposits are fully refundable mid-August when details are made final. Mail to Jim Slack or Mary Ward at P.O. Box 370, Catharpin, VA 20143. For more information call Jim & Mary at 703-754-8814 or visit the PVS web site.

A PERFECT PVS JULY EVENT: SKI TALK, GREAT FOOD AND SAILING

by Nancy McKinley

Was it the new name for our annual party? Was it all the new members and applicants who have swelled our ranks? Was it the gorgeous weather? The tantalizing ski trips? The Heitchue's legendary hospitality?

Whatever it was, the 2001 Annual All-Ski-Trips Summer Frolic and Lake Adventure Party was overflowing with skiers, eaters and boaters reveling in the kind of day that gives the lie to the stories of Washington's hideous Julys. The sky was blue, the breeze was balmy, humidity was nonexistent and the lake calm and inviting.

We were 55 strong and happy. Happy to see the Heitchue's new furnishings and glorious new kitchen topped with hay-colored, mottled-granite countertops (Reg's retirement activities and building skills readily apparent). Happy to try the appetizers, salads and desserts brought by PVSers and to taste the pulled chicken barbecue from Jean Heitchue's new-found source. Happy to sip wine and gaze at the lake while being chatted up by eager ski trip leaders anxious to find more friends to take along. Happy to go with Reg for a quiet spin on the lake in the early evening. Then happy to encourage PVS' Trip Leaders to let us in on the details of the 2001-2002 ski season trips.

Trip Committee Chairman, George Hicho, provided the status of the hosted Steamboat trip in early December reminding all of the need for early commitment to assure a spot at arguably PVS' favorite venue: the Sheraton at Steamboat Springs. George also relayed updates on Barbara Leonhardt's January, 2002 trip to Snowmass which is full with a waiting list. John Smith and Jack Peoples discussed the pleasures and glories of the Canadian Rockies and their BRSC-sponsored trip to Lake Louise and Banff in February. Mary Ward told of the BRSC-sponsored trip to Chamonix in March with add-on to Lyon and wine regions. Nancy and Ray McKinley wound up the ski talk with highlights of their mid-March multi-part trip to Les Trois Vallées in France followed by touring in Athens, a Greek Islands cruise to 6 ports and an add-on trip to Istanbul.

Whatever PVSers came to do, they did it at the Heitchue's. Many thanks again to Reg and Jean for hosting this superb annual event.

THE FIRST SUMMER SERENADE...

was a great success!

Even though no PVSers won the proffered prizes, the weather was beautiful--the concert was great--turkey wraps or food brought from homes were delicious--and Ben and Jerry's ice cream topped off a wonderful evening. And there were more PVSers than ever before at one of these Strathmore evenings.

Thanks to Pat and John for setting it up--and we look forward to the next Strathmore evening.

PVS BOARD -- 2001-2002

President.....	Ned Flaherty	EXCOM
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Secretary	Karen Felker	Eugene Sharer
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Midweek Activities ..	Ruth Powers	Jim Slack
Bill Anderson	Ombudsman	
Meeting Records	Sara Huggins	

REMEMBER--IT'S TIME FOR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL. The renewal form was in the July TOOT. Send it in with your check no later than September 1, 2001.

NEW PVS WEBSITE According to Marvin Hass, the new web site address is www.potomacvalley skiers.org. The old address can still be employed for the indefinite future. There is more explanation on PVS Web Site about our new domain name for those who are interested.

P L E A S E.....

MEMBERS ARE NEEDED TO HOST UPCOMING PVS MONTHLY MEETINGS AND EXCOMS, INCLUDING THOSE IN SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER: PLEASE CALL RAY MCKINLEY AT 703-527-7126 AND VOLUNTEER!



THE KNEE

by
Ray McKinley

Here we are in August. In the midst of another ugly summer--so it's a great time to think about PVS for the next winter, and of course, our favorite sport, skiing.

In today's world of skiing, many believe that only three things are important. Speed, Speed, and, of course, Speed. Careening down the slopes, hell bent for leather and with all of the finesse of a 400-horsepower Chevy Corvette. No style, no class, merely speed. For the most part, that isn't PVS. We are not Corvettes--I think of PVS skiers more like classic Bentleys.

Of course there is power if necessary. But more important, PVS has ski technique. Carving, not forcing, long, raptor-smooth curves on the snow. Two ski tracks so close together they appear as one. If you have ever skied with Nancy Lewis, or the late Tony Soler or Dean Worcester, you know what I mean. We don't need 400 horsepower. We don't need to power down the mountain. Instead, we can smell the roses--we have the classic performance of the Bentley.

Even if you think you are barely a VW Beetle, there is hope anew. You simply must take the plunge and try shaped skis. With their dramatic "turn-a-matic" sidecuts, you need merely think about turning and you will be swooshing like an eagle. They'll turn you into a Bentley!

Our weekday Program Chairman, Ruth Powers put together a questionnaire on our wants for weekday events. If you didn't fill one out, it's not too late--call Ruth.

At the spring meeting they hosted, Sally Finan and George Welti had tree peony blooms in their dining room. They are one of few flowers to have a musical about them--the Tree Peony Opera!

Israeli skiers have an important stake in Mid-east peace negotiations according to a report forwarded by Marvin Hass. A ski area was built on Mt. Hermon in the Golan Heights after this Syrian territory was captured by Israel some years ago. This area is also popular with Israeli sightseers.

However, the parking lot of the area has to be shared with Israeli tanks. A number of vineyards have also been established in the Golan Heights.

From the Knee's Don't Try This at Home Department: Sheldon Drews likes his coffee hot. He does it in the microwave. Recently he was pouring non-boiling coffee from the microwave container into his Big Sky mug, when the coffee "exploded," seriously scalding his arm. Dave Lerner explained that in a microwave, liquids can get super heated, beyond boiling. When moved or poured, they literally explode--as Sheldon discovered. The Big Sky mug was not injured.

Bob McNeill arrived at the Heitchue's All Trips Party in his "toy." It was 1970 Mercedes 280SL, two passenger convertible in a factory fresh metallic candy-apple green paint job. Bob explained that he paid \$3,000 for the paint job. But that it was done 15 years ago. Wow!

Officially changing the guard, ex Pres Nancy McKinley passed the PVS gavel to Ned Flaherty. I don't intend to er-"hammer" that home.

It was a pleasure to see Joe Blum and his fiancée Alice at the meeting. They plan to remain permanently engaged as Joe doesn't want to relocate from his NW location, and Alice just loves her SW abode.

Walt and Anne Marie Brenner are back in the DC area for the summer. Perhaps they brought our super comfortable, cool, California-like July.

Recently, both John Smith and Joan Flake have been "carded" in Annapolis liquor stores. Seems that a new state law requires photo identification from everyone.

Other clubs are constantly searching for new members. PVS remains at our limit. At a meeting where Membership Chairman Marilyn Clark announced that we were full, Bill Anderson queried, "Full of what?" I only report them...

After 20+ years, doing this column, the Knee occasionally forgets. Perhaps I kneed more kneemonics, or could it be amkneesia?

Did I tell you that my favorite Presidents were Kenkneedy, Kneexon, and most certainly Ronknee? I loved Ronknee's program "for the truly kneedy."

CALENDAR

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- Sept. 7 ... thru 9th, Crab Fest at the Dillons' beach home. This is full
but call the Dillons at 302-537-7878 to ask about a wait list.**
- Sept. 15 ... All Sports Day and Picnic, p. 4**
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