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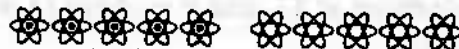
It's finally the beginning of the 2000-2001 ski season, and PVSers everywhere are tuning their skis and pulling long johns out of boxes and drawers in the basement. How many years have we all been doing the same ritual? And with the same excitement every year! Snow is falling, el niño and la niña have gone back to wherever it is they hide between their occasional scourges of the earth, and, finally, we may even have elected a US President! So, it seems all's right with the world.

As we head for the "real" new millennium this year, PVS is on a roll. Not only are we scouring our historical records for clues to our past and our future, but we're preparing for the immediate future by getting ready to elect our new PVS President (Hopefully not before the US selects one!) and ExCom members. Please chat with Marilyn Clark, who I have asked to chair our nominating committee, if you have input you'd like to share with her committee. In the meantime...

the slopes,

...see you on

Nancy
Nancy



JOIN PVS FOR A HOLIDAY HAPPENING...

DECEMBER 19, 2000 - 7:30 PM
Home of Kathy and Don Dillon
8302 Goshen View Drive
Gaithersburg, MD 20882



DIRECTIONS TO MONTHLY MEETING: THE DECEMBER HOLIDAY PARTY AT THE DILLONS: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2000, 7:30 PM

From the Beltway, North on I-270.

Take I-370 exit east to SHADY GROVE ROAD EAST exit, which is last exit before Metro.

Continue on SHADY GROVE ROAD and it becomes AIRPARK without any turns.

Continue on AIRPARK and at a traffic light at ROUTE 124 or WOODFIELD ROAD, turn right or NORTH in right-hand turn lane.

When on WOODFIELD ROAD count lights and at third light which is BRINK ROAD intersection, turn left on BRINK ROAD.

Take first Right on GOSHEN HUNT LANE and first right on GOSHEN VIEW DRIVE.

Turn around or park in cul-de-sac, or park on street.

Walk to driveway which is downhill and to right to 8302 GOSHEN VIEW DRIVE. PH: 301 330 5371.



TOUR OATLANDS PLANTATION AND LUNCH AT LAUREL BRIGADE, LEESBURG, VIRGINIA - THURSDAY DEC. 7, 2000

The Oatlands mansion was built in 1803 and soon grew to a 3,000 acre working plantation. Oatlands fared well during the Civil War and was bypassed during burning raids by union troops. After the war, it was operated as a country retreat for affluent Washingtonians. Oatlands was sold in 1903 to William Corcan Eustis and his wife Edith. They restored Oatlands to its former splendor. Oatlands was known for garden parties and visits by political leaders such as F.D. Roosevelt, and George Marshall. Mrs. Eustis died in 1964, and her daughter presented Oatlands to the National Trust For Historic Preservation in 1965. Oatlands then became a National Historic Landmark in 1972. Senior admission is \$7, and if we have 15 or more it will be \$6. We should plan to arrive at 10:15 a.m.

Directions: Oatlands is six miles south of Leesburg on Route 15 just 45 minutes from Washington, D.C. Go west on Route 66 to US 50 and take 50 west until Route 15, turn north on 15 and proceed six miles to Oatlands.

Frederick residents should proceed south on 15 through Leesburg to Oatlands which is 6 miles south of Leesburg on left side of road.

Interested PVSers should call Charles or Sara Huggins (301) 424-5725 as we will need a head count for lunch.

'FOSSE'--December 17, 2000. PVS Group tickets have all been taken.

If you have questions, call Margaret Wyckoff at 301-589-5532.



WISP-----MID-WEEK-----JANUARY 2001

January 10 - 12

**CALL WISP NOW TO RESERVE YOUR ROOM
ASK FOR THE SKI CHALET DEMO DAY RATE
COST**

**ROOM PER NIGHT (SINGLE OR DOUBLE) -----\$59.
VOUCHER FOR THURSDAY LIFT TICKET ----- \$2.
APRES SKI SUPPLIES (APPROXIMATELY)----- \$3. PER PERSON**

ARRANGEMENTS

- ** Let Myron Marquardt know if you are going so he can plan Apres Ski on Thursday night and buy your vouchers from Ski Chalet. Also he will try and match you with a roommate if you need one. Tel. (301) 460-3269**
- ** Rooms paid individually. For each room call Wisp Hotel to reserve a room and pay deposit for one night with credit card or mail check. 1-800-462-9477
With a roommate, individual cost drops to \$29.50 per night Wed. & Thurs.**
- ** Lift tickets are obtained individually at area with your voucher. 70+ year old skiers do not need a voucher as they ski free.**
- ** Meals paid individually. You may bring breakfast or lunch stuff if desired as refrigerators are in rooms.**



SAVE THIS DATE!!!

January 18 -- for a Zoo Walk followed by lunch.

LOOKING FOR MISSING ITEMS

**++ORIGINAL GREEN AND WHITE PVS BANNER
++THE REGULAR MEETING SIGN-IN BOOK FOR 1977-1984**

**PLEASE CALL NANCY MCKINLEY (703-527-7126) OR JAN
MARX (703-451-9158) IF YOU KNOW WHERE THESE ARE**

Ski Trip Committee (STC) Meeting

The meeting will be held on December 13, at the Triaus', at 8:00PM. The STC will be meeting with prospective trip leaders for the 2002 ski season, to discuss possible ski trips for that ski season. Anyone interested in being a trip leader for the 2002 ski season should contact Serge Triaou about attending this meeting.



PVS SKI TRIPS 2000 - 2001

Jan. 22-29, 2001	Steamboat	Barbara Leonhardt
Feb. 10-17, 2001	The Canyons	Nancy & Ray McKindley
Feb. 28-- Mar. 7, 2001	Telluride	Don Dillon
April 2-9, 2001	**Keystone	Bob Knopes

** Trip cancelled because of inadequate number of participants





PVS - Steamboat - 2001 Mon. Jan. 22 - Mon. Jan. 29, 2001

SNOW, SNOW, SNOW. Steamboat has received over **5 feet of new snow** in the past couple of weeks and the mountain opens for top to bottom skiing on Nov. 18. All is set for our trip in January. **REMINDERS:** If you haven't already sent it, please send your emergency medical form now. The pre-trip party/dinner is at the Leonhardt's on Saturday, January 13, 2001 at 4:00 pm. Please **RSVP** to Barbara or Fred at 301-963-8111. Driving directions will be in the Dec. TOOT.



TELLURIDE TRIP, February 28-March 7, 2001. PRE-TRIP PARTY IS SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2001. Details later. Last payment due December 31, 2000.

February 10-17, 2001, join Nancy and Ray McKinley to Ski

 *the Canyons, Utah* 

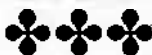
Ski at the West's newest mega-ski resort, the Canyons, in Park City Utah. The Canyons now covers **eight different mountains**. The Canyons has the **most intermediate runs in Utah!** If you skied the Canyons before it's now a totally new resort—twice as large. The Canyons is the largest ski area in Utah--**3,400 acres!** 7 high speed quads mean no lift lines. With a base at 6700ft. and 9900ft. max, there are no altitude problems.

One Space Left. Call Us Today

Our hotel, the Grand Summit Resort Hotel is Utah's **newest and largest slopeside hotel**, having opened in March, 2000. Amenities include: **luxuriously furnished rooms**, full service **health club**, soothingly heated, swim in/swim out pool, 3 whirlpools, steamroom, **sauna, massage, fine dining**, lounges, concierge, room service, and **only 60 feet from the high speed gondola!** Price - \$1584, 65+ - \$1552, no air - \$1295

Final Payment is due not later than December 10

To sign up, if you have questions, or if you need our flyer, **call Nancy or Ray at (703) 527-7126.**



PAST EVENTS



The Frank Shelburne Memorial Hike at Lake Clopper, MD

About 30 folks gathered at Lake Clopper on October 27th as the fog lifted and the most beautiful fall day unveiled itself. George Hicho the leader of the hike got us all in line, including 5 friends of his from the Widowed Persons Service (which is a nationwide volunteer group under the umbrella of AARP--I am active in the McLean group and find it helpful and enjoyable). The Canada goose- to- hiker ratio was about 25:1 but fortunately they were into swimming this day so the trail around the lake was dry and the footing was good. George kept us going by promising us martinis "just ahead", "around the next cove", "up the trail a little by the log pile"--yeah,yeah, promises, promises , George. To get himself off the hook, he said it was Bill Anderson who would be meeting us with the martinis. So it was a surprized John Pulos who came walking toward us and was greeted with insistent cries of "Where are our martinis?" Well, the day was sufficient unto itself; martinis were not needed! However, lunch was and we had a delicious buffet (the mussel hounds were in Heaven) at Cafe Mileto. Altho' Frank would have been disappointed at our slow pace (anyone's pace was slow compared to Frank's--he was the consummate hiker) he would very much have approved of our camaraderie and enjoyment of the beautiful autumn nature scene.

Penny Hanshaw

PVS 35th Anniversary Party

4 November, 2000

More than 80 PVSers turned out for the anniversary party so elegantly put together by Joan Flake and her band of party planners. Greatest thanks to Joan, Don Dillon, Karen & Knox Felker, Myron Marquardt, Janet Marx, Jack Peoples, Wilma Sharer, and Pat Tengel & John Smith for making this magnificent evening at the Bolling Officers' club a success.

We all arrived at the club and found our way to the banquet room where we snarfed appetizers and visited with each other to the mellow accompaniment of the guitar and dulcimer. Some stood on the balcony with a wonderful view of the Capitol and other monuments at night. There were many seldom seen faces including Charlie Gordon visiting from Texas, Carol Parmenter from Baltimore, and Geoff Wadey from Massachusetts.

There was an unexpected bit of excitement as we were sitting down to dinner when the fire alarm began to blare. No, this was not a drill! We filed out of the building beside the fire engines with their lights and hoses. Many resourceful members brought their wine or other drinks with them and were prepared to continue the party in the parking lot. Luckily the "fire" was only some excess smoke in the kitchen so after a short wait we went back to enjoy our dinner.

After the eating part of the evening was over, Don Dillon hosted the Recognition of Former PSV Presidents. A surprisingly large percentage were present and others sent letters. There isn't enough space to cover each set of comments, even if I could decipher all my notes, so to summarize:

Dick King, Doris Mair, Larry & Gail Pease and Max Bunnell were unable to attend, but sent letters reminiscing about their times in PVS. We mourned the passing of Brooke Armat, Hank Thomas and Art Topping. Other past and present presidents shared their memories in person about the founding of PVS, various club firsts, the shortest business meetings and the longest Toot presidential messages. Those who spoke were Aina Thomas on behalf of Hank, Keith Lyon, Geoff Wadey, Ray McKinley, Marilyn Clark, Bob Marx, Sheldon Drews, Jan Marx, Dick Comerford, Bill Anderson (the "mystery skier"), Serge Triau, Lu Beale and Nancy McKinley. We did not have any reports from Bill Stecher and Mary Jane McCarthy who have also graced the office.

After the Parade of Presidents, Myron Marquardt presided over the distribution of door prizes. These were donated by Alpine Group Consultants (airline tickets), Inner Ski (gift certificates), Massanutten Ski Resort (lift tickets), Salomon, and Ski Racquet (gift certificate). Gift certificates were won by Bette Walker, Mike & Eloise Strand, Sheldon Drews, Marilyn & Dick Clark and Dina Taylor; Ramona & John Matthews won lift tickets; Dot Mills took home a pair of Solomon bindings attached to VERY short skis; and Emmie Plowman is making plans for a round-trip ticket to the Rockies. Finally one lucky person at each table took home the lovely centerpiece.

Everyone had a marvelous time except that there was not nearly enough time to catch up with old friends. Thanks again to our talented planning and organizing committee for providing this experience.

- - - Mary Ward

November Monthly Meeting Review



The home of Ruth Powers set in the woods of McLean provided a bucolic setting for the November monthly meeting. Our hostess is not only an avid skier, but a bicyclist and hiker as well. Following announcements of future events and ski trips, the floor was given over to Brian Eardley of the Ski Center, who provided his eagerly-anticipated annual review of what's new in the equipment area.

Skis: Shaped skies have taken over completely, as Brian forecast several years ago. Depending upon the ski conditions and ability of the user, different models are optimal for various individuals.



The longer skis work well in powder conditions with special shorter length models providing better tracking on the ice and hard pack of the East. More models are showing up with a "platform" so that the binding and boot will be located slightly above instead of on the main body the ski. This provides better tracking when turning. One model shown came with bindings attached and this might set a new trend in the future (some adjustment is

possible to accommodate boots of different sizes).

Boots: A number of new features have appeared in boots from various manufacturers. These are listed below:

- ◆ A boot specially designed to provide a "release" near the ankle in the event of a fall so as to reduce the probability of an injury. This works in addition to the release on the ski binding.
- ◆ A boot containing its own rotating "cant" plate (along the axis of the foot). Thus, a separate wedge fastened to the ski is no longer needed for some users. This boot would be particularly valuable for those who rent skis, but bring their own boots.
- ◆ A boot which automatically allows for easier walking when released from the ski (you don't have to open any buckles). It is also easier to step into.
- ◆ A boot which allows for some "flex" like an ordinary shoe. All other boots have a rigid bottom.

Brian pointed out that many of the boots today feel sufficiently comfortable, but may not necessarily provide the correct positioning on the ski (might require a "cant" plate) or other adjustment. However, by checking the pressure pattern of the boot with a sensor pad and a computer display, the "fit" can be optimized for a particular individual. This can be accomplished in the store by those qualified in fitting boots and having the requisite equipment.

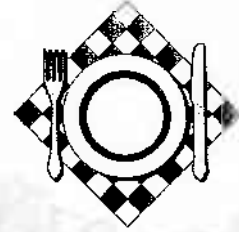
Many thanks to Brian for this informative presentation and to Ruth Powers, our hostess. Some photos of this new equipment will appear on the PVS Web site along with one of our hostess.

--- Marvin Hass

BICYCLING GOURMET

Ride Season Over — Gone Skiing

Year End Review



The Bicycling Gourmet Series ended its Year 2000 series with a ride from Glen Echo to Great Falls (MD)

followed by a luncheon and a slide show of cycling in

Provence at the Inn at Glen Echo. In spite of colder than usual weather on November, 13 eager cyclists showed up for the 15-mile ride and apres-rides festivities, which both surprised and pleased the leaders. In fact, every scheduled monthly ride from March through November was able to take place with attendance ranging from 10 to 20. A number of new routes and activities were introduced including the one mentioned above for November, the August ride to Purcellville, and the September ride to Woodend mansion. The PVS Web Site contains a link to a series of photos of the season's activities.

Coordinators: Marvin Hass (703) 751-4737 and Betty Byrne (202) 483-4048

CHILI HIKE REVIEW — Sat. Nov. 18, 2000

Event Arranged by Ray and Nancy McKinley

A sunny brisk Saturday afternoon provided near-perfect weather for a PVS annual favorite, the Chili Hike involving a walk through Great Falls (VA) Park followed by chile and other goodies at the McKinley home in N. Arlington. Since the leaves had fallen, it was possible to obtain better views of the scenic Great Falls area. It seemed hard to believe we were only a few miles from a major metropolitan area. Most of the 25 hikers completed the the 5.7 mile circuit, which involved some agility in certain spots (see photo on PVS web site).



Following the hike, the 28 PVS'ers who had signed up adjourned to the McKinley residence for the chili (which took several days for its preparation) in addition to various side dishes brought by the eager eaters. Here a special award should be presented to Jim and Charlotte Kline, who were unable to attend, but sent their side dish of spicy meat balls anyway. What devotion to the lofty principles of PVS! In case you missed this stellar occasion, you can look at photos of this happening on the PVS Web Site. Participants owe a big vote of thanks to Ray, who led the hike, and to Nancy, who had to miss the hike in order to prepare for the event.

CLARIFICATION RE TOOT ARTICLES:

Leaders/facilitators/organizers of special PVS events such as hikes, bike trips, theater nights, ski trips, etc. are requested to ask a member to write up the event for the TOOT. For regular events such as the monthly meeting, the editor will be responsible for getting a reporter. Any questions? Call Jessma at 703-356-0717.



THE KNEE

by
Ray McKinley

Despite our celebration last year, some say we will soon be having the "true" Millen-

knee-um. Anykneeway, Happknee Holidays! I bet you are thinking "Why does he keep up those corny jokes?" The answer is simple. You expect it of me. This is why, in all the polls, and after court-mandated recounts, the Knee remains the highest rated TOOT column which has appeared for 20 or more years. Why, without my "corknee jokes," the Knee would be...well... shorter.

Myron Marquardt says he doesn't understand the idea of a "Civil Trial." Because they aren't. Right on.

Knox Felker says some snowboarders are nice because they went to boarding school. Yes, but it had a very small graduating class.

Last season Snowshoe Ski Resort, now run by Canadian ski area megaowner, Interwest, had 500,000 skier visits. That's more than Jackson Hole or Big Sky (or Liberty). It also shows that for some of us closer is better than better.

I used to worry how the sun came up. Then it dawned on me!

Dot Mills now has Bill Anderson's pipe organ, previously stored in Bill's basement. It was amongst the best of his organs!

At the last ExCom Meeting, Serge Tria told George Hicho he was eating engineered corn. Responded George "That gives me an ear-ie feeling." I thought it was cornknee.

At a recent meeting, Pres. Nancy asked Serge if he knew where the bathroom was. Yes, he replied, I live here.

Ubiquitous PVS: Flying home from a trip from San Francisco, Joan Flake ended up seated next to Karin Webb. They talked for 4 hours!

Karen Felker's first ski trip was to Lapland. (The Knee understands there were no hills so they simply skied laps.) Dinner was fish and reindeer.

Tony Drago has a new BMW convertible with the license ENJ LIFE. ENJ are Tony's initials.

Jim Slack has the dates for every Octoberfest since 1976. Over the years they have been in September, October and November.

It was some time ago, but June Read skied two weeks before the birth of her daughter and three weeks afterward.

Let me update you on the status of some of PVS's ailing. Dina's husband Charlie Taylor is now back home recuperating (having cuperated once before) after triple bypass surgery. Jean Strickland woke up one morning and couldn't walk. After emergency back surgery and a month of rehabilitation, Jean is now back home. Peggy Burns is completely over her rotator cuff surgery. New member, Mike Hatanaka woke up just before Thanksgiving and could only see out of one eye. Outpatient surgery repaired his detached retina. Mike canceled a trip to Japan, but is ready to ski.

Please remember that a waist is a terrible thing to mind.

Polly Brunelli runs the DoD organization responsible for absentee ballots. She was quoted extensively in a *Stars & Stripes* item about the election. Polly says none of the Chads, including the handsome dimpled Chad, voted absentee.

The two big winners at the 35th Ankneeverary bash are using their gifts. Dot Mills will have her new bindings in place before going to Steamboat. Emmi Plowman will use her free airline tickets to Utah for the Canyons trip. Right on. The big losers were those not there!

Old and new member Sue Lyon is getting back to skiing--and PVS. Indeed, and in fact, this winter will be her first ever trip to the Rockies.

At Ruth Power's November meeting, guru of equipment, Brian Eardley said all today's skis are shaped skis. That's always been the case. Earlier, some were merely shaped straight! Incidentally, Brian's father was a member of PVS.

Suzanne Boisclair has returned from a lengthy trip to India. There she rode camels and elephants. Being PC she also tried to ride a donkey--but there were none. Glade and Joan Flake have returned from a legal convention in California. That's better than an illegal one!

CALENDAR

- Dec. 1 ... Concert featuring Ramona Matthews**
- Dec. 7 ... Tour of Oatlands, p. 2**
- Dec. 17 ... PVS goes to FOSSE, p. 3**
- Dec. 19 ... Monthly meeting at the Dillons', pp 1&2**
- Dec. 27 ... ExCom at the Marquardts'. NOTE: THIS IS A WEDNESDAY.**
 Call them for directions. 301-460-3269.
- Jan. 10 ... thru 12, skiing at WISP, p. 3.**
- Jan. 13 ... Steamboat Pre-Trip party at the Leonhardts'**
- Jan. 14 ... Canyons Pre-Trip party at the McKinleys'**
- Jan. 16 ... Monthly meeting, TBA**
- Jan. 18 ... Zoo Walk and lunch**
- Jan. 23 ... ExCom at the Huggins'**
- Feb. 20 ... Monthly meeting at Wilma and Eugene Sharer's**
- Feb. 27 ... ExCom at Lu Beale's**
- Apr. 21 ... Wine Tasting at the Copes'**

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