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Last month I started with the words "Summer's gone, fall is here." Now I can say that although we're having balmy spring-like weather in our region, out West, winter has arrived, and the white stuff has begun to cover the scenery. In fact, at least two of our most committed skiers have already completed their first winter solstice. Bob McNeill and Charlie Huggins have probably earned PVS' first skier awards for this season.

Their early get-go, and probably some others', just goes to show again that we do have skiers, not just eaters; that we do enjoy this winter past time, which we supplement with a plethora of other activities throughout the year.

Last year we were part of the estimated 58.9 million skier trips, an increase over the prior year, and the high point in a six-year climb. U.S. resorts have invested many millions to increase the attractiveness of their venues. While the abundance of half-pipes and super-pipes may be of scant interest to most of our contingents, resorts have put in many smaller features that enhance the skier experience. A good example is the newly completed gondola at Breckenridge, Colorado, which connects this historic village neatly to the ski slopes, and eliminates the need for taking a bus. Similarly, near-by Keystone opens the newly accessible Independence Bowl, an addition of almost 300 acres to this quite large resort.

Another ski-country development recently highlighted in a New York Times article (November 19, page TR 3) is the ski industry's trying hard to attract families, whether through more innovative, affordable packages or programs that make families enjoy skiing together.

Potentially useful to note at this time of year, when conditions can be, shall we say, lousy, it's good to know that one condo rental outfit, ResortQuest, with properties in Colorado, Utah, Idaho and B.C., is offering a Snow Guarantee. If you've booked for one of their properties and the conditions are, ok, we've said it already, they'll let you choose another place, though you've got to take care of transportation.

There are all kinds of useful tid-bits in the various print and Internet sources, which are so abundantly available nowadays. One such, in the monthly SKI magazine, has useful tips for improving one's on-mountain performance. It's worth a read before heading out there.

Have a jolly good time doing what we love doing, and a joyous Holiday Season too.

*David*

# Holiday Party

Tuesday, December 19  
7:30 P.M.



Ingrid and Jim Monaghan's  
Bethesda, MD

*This is our annual snack  
and dessert sharing event.*

BRING: your favorite hors  
d'oeuvres or dessert goodie, and  
serving utensil, if needed.  
Drinks and paper products will be  
provided.





Ingrid and Jim Monaghan's  
 8522 Beech Tree Road  
 Bethesda MD 20817  
 301-365-0752

**From Beltway:**

Exit 39 River Road **toward** DC. Take first left onto Burdette Rd. (this road is very close to the exit). Take **second right** onto Burning Tree Rd. This road makes a hard left and turns into Darby Rd. Stay on Darby until it runs into Beech Tree Rd. Turn **right** and the house will be on the right, close to the corner.

**Changes**

Mahallatis are living with their daughter, Ladan, while they look for an abode equal distance between their 3 daughters and families.

Sal and Lee Mahallati  
 P.O. Box 436  
 Great Falls, VA 22066  
 Cell number = 703-919-7758

**For Sale**

**Headbands**

At the November meeting, we sold 4 PVS headbands. There are only 5 left. The band is made of wool but the inside has a non-itch yarn. \$2.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE CHAIR APPOINTED**

At its November meeting ExCom confirmed the appointment of Sharon Mulholland as Chairperson of the Nominating Committee for the 2007 election of officers and ExCom members. Committee members are now being sought and their names will be published in the January Toot.

**PVS BOARD MEMBERS, OFFICERS, and CHAIRPERSONS - 2006-2007**

President - <i>David Abraham</i>	Webmaster - <i>David Lerner</i>	<u>First Term:</u>
Vice President - <i>Mike Strand</i>	Ski Trip Cmte Chair - <i>Bob Marx</i>	<i>Bob Knopes</i>
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Non-skiing Activities - <i>Mike Strand</i>	Historian - <i>Jan Marx</i>	<i>Burr Schuler</i>
		<i>Dick Schwartzbard</i>

## Mid-Week Skiing

### SKI LIBERTY MOUNTAIN - Thursday, DECEMBER 21



Anybody interested in a day of skiing before the holidays should contact Charles Huggins at 301-424-5725 so we can form car pools. If you wish to drive your own car, contact Charles so the group can look for you at Liberty Mountain Resort. Lift tickets for 4 hrs. are \$37, for 8 hrs. \$42. Those 65+ ski for half price. If anybody has free lift tickets from the recent Dulles Ski and Snowboard Show, this is a good time to use them before they expire.

## Ski Center Demo Day

January 3 is a Demo Day at Ski Liberty sponsored by the Ski Center. You can get a lift ticket with a \$15 voucher in advance from the Ski Center, or find Brian Eardley at Liberty that day.

January 10-12, 2007



*This is your chance to demonstrate the latest skies, free of charge.  
Lift ticket for Thursday is \$10 with a voucher from the Ski Chalet.*

North Camp, the back side of Marsh Mtn opened last year. Skiable acres increased by 30%. They added **2 triple lifts**, 1 black, **2 blue** and **7 green trails**.

Room per night (10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>) \$79 plus taxes.  
Voucher for Thursday lift ticket \$10.00 (free over 70 years)  
Après ski supplies per person about \$6.00

*Pool and Jacuzzi available, so bring swim suits.*

**Contact** Pat Vagonis (301-838-5545 or [pvagonis@comcast.net](mailto:pvagonis@comcast.net)) if you are going so she can plan Après Ski on Wed and Thurs nights. You can buy your vouchers from Ski Chalet.

**Pat also will try to match individuals to be roommates if requested.**

Rooms must be reserved and paid individually. For each room, call WISP Hotel (1-800-462-9477) to reserve your room; Ask for the Ski Chalet demo day rate, and pay one night's deposit with credit card or check. The rate includes 1 to 4 people.

**Rooms go fast so CALL NOW if you think you want to go. Cancellation is 14 days prior to first night's stay.**

Lift tickets are obtained individually at the ski area with your ski voucher on Thursday. Week day tickets are regularly \$39 but I believe that Wednesdays are a special rate, weekends are \$52. Those over 70 years ski free, but must show ID.

Meals will be paid individually. All rooms have a refrigerator. There are 2-3 places to eat in the hotel. There are several good restaurants in the area for dinner Thursday evening.

Additional plans. If you wish to stay additional days, work with the hotel.

## Past Events



### *Wine Tasting Event*

by Dick Schwartzbard

Ten people gathered in the home of Dorie and John Waddick on Nov. 17 to maintain the PVS tradition of eating and drinking only the finest. It was a small but very knowledgeable gathering that included, among others, a vineyard owner, a winery owner and a professional restaurant chef. The focus of the evening was the tasting of 1985/1986 Bordeaux wines--Medoc, Pauillacs, St. Julien, and Margaux., Each of the wines was matched with a specially selected food: some with a rather exotic cheese, some with a special preparation of beef, such as a delicate filet mignon or a beefsteak bordelaise with roasted potatoes, shallots and peppers. The evening was capped with a vintage Port accompanied by a chocolate and raspberry brie dessert. By some miracle, everyone was able to drive home safely, except for those who elected to sleep over at the Waddick's.



### *Chili Hike*

by Bob Harmon

The weather for this year's chili hike was all you could wish for: the day was bright and blue, cool and crisp. The hike was enjoyable, albeit uneventful.

"Uneventful" is all well and good, but it leaves me without to report, although I think I can

safely say that a good time was had by all 21 hikers. Sheldon and Bill Anderson adventured forth on the trail to the north toward River Bend State Park.



Afterwards, we all went to the McKinley's for the main event, at which 2 extra "eaters only" joined the group. The chili, as usual, was superb; Ray proclaimed it to be the best ever, and I wouldn't dispute that for a minute, but I have to tell you Ray says that every year, which makes you wonder what the chili was like for the first hike 24 years ago! As always, the chili was accompanied by excellent hors d'oeuvres, salads and desserts.



Many thanks to Ray and Nancy for once again hosting this popular event.



Lu Beale

# November Meeting

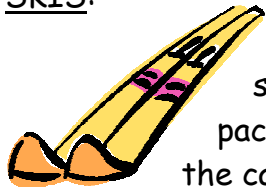
*Brian Eardley did it again...*

.....he keeps us in the loop about advances in ski equipment. Although his accumulated knowledge of the equipment rides in tandem with our accumulated experience in using it, he always has the latest information for us. Because he has known the group for more than 25 years, he tailors his information to focus on our needs. The fun for me is that Brian is now experiencing, thus understanding better, how the older body must adapt to the sport. Here are some highlights:

BOOTS: Nordica has re-introduced the Rear Entry Boot! (Do I hear cheers from many of you?) They also have buckle adjustments and sell for about \$345. Head has pure women's boot, Lange has a female outer boot, and Solomon has narrow heel models for men and women.



SKIS:



They are getting lighter. Moving away from the binding/ski system, although Atomic has a light weight binding system. Brian prefers separate components because it brings down the cost, makes the whole package lighter, and YOUR balance on the skies can be adjusted, as well as the cant, if you need it. He has learned that alignment of fore and aft balance of you on your ski/binding influences the amount of weight on the ball of your feet. Older feet need to be positioned properly to take stress off of the ball of the feet. Younger feet can absorb bumps better. Brian has new equipment for alignment of fore and aft balance on the binding. Brian predicts that twin tip skies will be the norm in a few years. Ladies skis continue to be lighter, more shaped, and have great graphics. Fat Love and Snoop Daddy are popular.

NOTIONS: HotTronic boot heaters have a new version that lasts longer.

Marker goggles give extra clarity to your vision - less distortion; however the single lens tends to fog up. (They may have corrected that.)

The yellow in regular goggles is the best color.

Photochromatic lenses: red lenses are poor because the pupils dilate too slowly. Changing lenses extra - better, changes instantly.

THANKS oodles to Sally, George, and Dottie for hosting us in the perfect setting and providing tasting nibbles. The desserts were outstanding and special recipes of Sally and Dottie.



*by Jan Marx*

*George, Sally, Dottie*



## Nats Game Tickets

Washington Nationals Baseball Tickets. We have a group of subscribers to four Nat's season tickets. Because of turnover, we have openings for anyone who wants to buy (minimum) 2 tickets at 5 games. (Alternatively, 4 tickets at 2 games plus 2 tickets at 1 game.) Seats at Sect 306, Row 2, Seats 10-13. These are great seats. Cost this year at \$29.00 each ticket.

Contact Mike Strand at 301-468-1535 or [hrdyna@aol.com](mailto:hrdyna@aol.com)



## Ski Trips



### *Steamboat Springs*

### *Wedel Week Reunion* December 8 – 15, 2006

The Potomac Valley Skiers invite you to attend a Wedel Week in Steamboat Springs, Colorado with Dick & Betty Comerford

Après-ski activities will be based around our luxury **ski-in/ski-out Sheraton Hotel.**

7 Nights Lodging, Daily Breakfast, 3 Dinners, Après-ski -----	\$790
Air and Ground Transportation-----	\$490
<b>Total-----</b>	<b>\$1,280</b>

**Call Dick NOW** 703-777-9374 -- [dick.comerford@adelphia.net](mailto:dick.comerford@adelphia.net)

Check for full amount Payable to Dick Comerford at 307 Lounsbury Ct, Leesburg, VA 20176-2335.

**call to be wait Listed.**



January 18 - 25, 2007. Join us for this perennial favorite, for its excellent skiing, and for its many other activities in the Aspen environs. Choose among four entire mountains that share one interchangeable lift ticket with more than 5,000 acres of skiing, and free bus service to Aspen Highlands, Ajax Mountain, and

Buttermilk ski areas. Enjoy the convenience of slopeside lodging with direct access to the extensive Snowmass trail system from the Snowmass Mountain Chalet. A stay at this charming Chalet includes a daily family-style breakfast and daily soup lunch, greatly appreciated by trip participants and other guests, many of whom return year after year.

Trip will include group dinners, après-ski parties, and other events. This year we are planning an optional excursion to the mountain village of Redstone for lunch and other activities.

Come join us! Complete trip cost \$1,890. Air is arranged with United Airlines.

**Call IMMEDIATELY if interested.**

Contact trip leaders Carolyn Maurer and David DeVilbiss at 703-370-4865 or by e-mail at [carolyn.maurer@verizon.net](mailto:carolyn.maurer@verizon.net).

Carolyn Maurer, 4508 Peacock Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22304

March 3-11, 2007, join Nancy and Ray McKinley to Ski



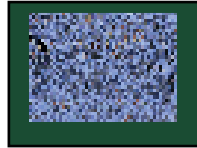
# Sun Peaks

Three Mountains ~ One Village



The Potomac Valley Skiers are returning to a true gem of a resort, Sun Peaks. We went in 2005, and EVERYONE wanted to go back, so we're doing it! Sun Peaks is Canada's newest, brightest destination resort. It's a skier's paradise. And, unlike the Coastal British Columbia resorts, Sun Peaks Resort is known for its sun. Yes, the sun shines at Sun Peaks. And shines. And shines. And shines--more sunny hours than any other resort in North America! **The BC ski resort logs an average of 2,000 hours of sunshine per year.** That sun, combined with 220 inches of snowfall and mid-winter temperatures of 20 to 25 °F, helps make Sun Peaks a favorite for fair weather ski holidays.

Sun Peaks has some other claims to fame, such as the best grooming in Western Canada and the best weather for skiing in all of Canada. **It has 3,678 acres, a vertical of 2,891 feet, 91 runs and a charming, Tyrolean-style car-free village that twinkles under the alpine starlight.** Sun Peaks skis like Whistler. But, unlike Whistler, it has no coastal rain or fog! For info, e-mail us [sunpeaks2007@potomacvalleyskiers.org](mailto:sunpeaks2007@potomacvalleyskiers.org)



Only one space still available! Call us immediately at (703) 527-7126 if you are interested.

Our 9 day 8 night Trip Includes: 7 Nights at ski-in ski-out at Olympic Gold Medalist Nancy Green's Cahilty Lodge featuring spacious rooms and superbly appointed suites. It has a restaurant, hot tub, bar, and fitness facilities, radios, in-room coffee machines, and more. For only \$31 pp additional you can upgrade to a studio with kitchen and additional amenities including fireplaces or balconies. We have a final night at the 5 Star Fairmont Hotel Vancouver.

We feature two people per hotel room. 5 of 6 day lift passes good at all three mountains. 3 great group dinners, incl. a snowshoe, on-mountain fondue dinner. Welcome wine & cheese, happy hours, pre & post trip parties. Airfare, hotel baggage handling and tips, bus gratuities.

**GREAT PRICES - \$1,896; 65+ \$1,844; Nonskiers \$1,687**

Land Only \$1,446 (Based on \$1.11 CAN per \$1.00 US) Upgrade to Studio add \$31, Breakfast Package add \$108

**To sign up send your check for full payment, payable to Ray McKinley, 2326 North Upton Street, Arlington, VA 22207-4045**

**Call Immediately**

PVS + the Blue Ridge Ski Council Present

**WESTERN CARNIVAL & BIG SKY**

**February 3-10, 2007**



Average snowfall - 400 inches. Beginner - 17% Intermediate - 25% Advanced - 37% Expert - 21%. Moonlight Basin green, blue and black trails with, long, groomed runs + The two ski areas are connected.

**LODGING:** at **The Summit**. Every room has a sink, small frig, coffee maker, hair dryer, cable TV, & free wireless data ports. Ski storage is in the lobby. Swimming pool size hot tub. **Three high capacity lifts within 100 yards of the entry**

**SKI-OUT, SKI-IN**

**Daily breakfast buffet included.**

**Lodge elevation - 7,500 ft**

**INCLUDED:** ↗ Round trip airfare (Washington to Bozeman)  
↗ Round trip transport (Bozeman to lodging) ↗ Seven nights lodging (double occupancy) ↗ All taxes ↗ Baggage handling in & out of hotel ↗ Five out of six-day lift tickets at Big Sky ↗ Welcome Party ↗ Après Ski Beer Blast - ↗ Nastar Race - at Moonlight Basin ↗ Farewell Dinner Dance

**In addition our PVS group will have:**

- ↗ Pre-trip party.
- ↗ Two après ski gatherings.
- ↗ Optional group dinner.
- ↗ Pot-luck post-trip party.

**COST \$1,490** Contact Marty Rine: 703-978-0179 or

[mrine@cox.net](mailto:mrine@cox.net) OR Jan Marx: [Jebbmarx@aol.com](mailto:Jebbmarx@aol.com)

Land only = Less \$400. Single supplement = Add \$350.

Non-skier = Less \$140.

**SIGN UP:** Marty Rine, 5256 Lonsdale Dr, Springfield, VA

22151 [www.bigskyresort.com](http://www.bigskyresort.com).

[www.moonlightbasin.com](http://www.moonlightbasin.com)

## **SKIING IN SCHLADMING, AUSTRIA** **TOURING IN ATHENS, GREECE AND IN VIENNA, AUSTRIA**



ATHENS, GREECE – Monday, February 26, 2007 to Saturday March 3, 2007  
SCHLADMING, Austria - Saturday, March 3, 2007 to Saturday March 10, 2007  
VIENNA, Austria – Saturday, March 10, 2007 to Tuesday, March 13, 2007

**ATHENS, GREECE:** Four nights at the Divani Palace Acropolis a five star deluxe hotel near the Acropolis

**SCHLADMING, AUSTRIA:** Seven nights at the Sporthotel Royer a four star hotel.

**VIENNA, AUSTRIA:** Three days at Hotel Regina a four star historic hotel, located in the center of the city.

**THE SKIING:** The region of Schladming-Dachstein-Taussers is one of the largest ski areas in Austria with a four inter connected mountains. Snowmaking on 100% of the ski slopes. There are 90 ski lifts and, 167 kilometers of downhill runs. Glacier skiing on the Dachstein Glacier. Ski runs as long as 5 miles.

**Maximum elevation** 6,600 feet **Vertical drop** 3,700 feet; **Ski Terrain:** Beginner: 30% Intermediate 60% Expert: 10%  
Cross country skiing -- 60 Km of cross country ski trails. Lift tickets: The five day regular lift ticket in 2006 was \$168 and \$150 for seniors

### **TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS:**

Fly from Washington Dulles Airport to Munich on United Airlines and then to Athens, Greece.

Fly from Athens to Munich on Lufthansa airlines. Motor coach to our hotel in Schladming, Austria.

Transfer by motor coach from Schladming, Austria to our hotel in Vienna.

Fly from Vienna on Lufthansa airlines to Munich and then to Washington Dulles airport on United Airlines.

**INCLUDED IN PRICE:** Total Price \$2,900 (double occupancy) includes all of the above plus transfers, buses, and trip insurance.

(Price based on Euro price of 1.24 to a dollar). Pre Trip Party, Portage of All Baggage, Post Trip Party.

**Includes Medical Insurance and Trip Cancellation / Interruption Insurance.**

**NOT INCLUDED:** Lunches, Lift Tickets, Diners in Athens and Vienna.

**TOTAL PACKAGE PRICE -- ATHENS+SCHLADMING+VIENNA \$ 2900 (DOUBLE OCCUPANCY)**

Single supplement and Skiing in Schladming (only) – Available on request – price to be determined

**PAYMENT SCHEDULE:** NOW - \$2,200; Jan. 1 \$700

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING US OR HAVE ANY QUESTIONS:**

Contact: Glade Flake ([gladeflake@aol.com](mailto:gladeflake@aol.com)) 301-762-6890 OR John Smith ([johnhsmith@juno.com](mailto:johnhsmith@juno.com)) 301-299-8376

TO RESERVE: Send the trip application form and check for \$2,200 payable to **Glade Flake**

TO: Glade Flake, at P.O. Box 60347, Potomac, MD. 20859

**NEXT SUMMER--August 9-25, 2007, join Nancy and Ray McKinley to**

## **See and Ski in Argentina, Brazil**

**The grandeur of Argentina's Andes, the Old World beauty and tango passion of Buenos Aires, and to top it all off – a 3 day add-on to magical Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. 8 days and 7 nights in Argentina's world-class 40,000 acre, 4,100 ft vertical ski resort, Las Leñas, and 5 days, 4 nights in America's most cosmopolitan city, the Paris of the W. Hemisphere, Buenos Aires. And there's an option for a 3 day add on to Brazil's home of Bossa Nova—Rio de Janeiro. Join us and enjoy.**

While North America suffers summer, enter Argentina's Las Leñas, the largest lift-serviced skiing area in the Southern Hemisphere. **Las Leñas isn't merely a good summer ski area; it's one of the world's GREAT ski areas. This area is served by 13 lifts, 40 miles of trails, and 4,100-foot vertical drop from its 11,253-foot summit.** Las Leñas is the size of Vail. There's oodles of skiing for every level of skier.



Las Leñas is divided into two main areas. The lower section's nine lifts connect a variety of groomed trails, ideal for beginners and intermediates. Experts seeking the off-piste perfection that has made Las Leñas world-famous continue to huge bowls, steep chutes, and fresh powder. The European village at the mountain's base has shops, restaurants, bars, discos and a 24 hour a day casino. With copious snow, and superb skiing for all levels, Las Leñas is a truly great place to ski in August, or any time!

**We'll include all lodging in 4 or 5 Star hotels, daily breakfasts, and all Dinners at Las Leñas 2 dinners in Buenos Aires, all transfers, happy hours, airfare from Washington DC, pre and post trip parties, and eye-opening tours in Buenos Aires including a trip to one of the gaucho Estancias (ranches) outside of town.** This will include a parillada featuring all the finest of cuisine and entertainment. Our stay in Buenos Aires also offers a not-to-be missed, first-class tango show and dinner.

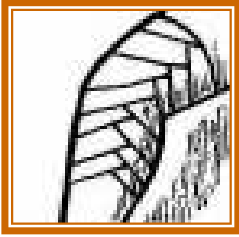
We have a spectacular 3-day add-on. **This will include round trip air to Rio, 4 or 5 star lodging at Ipanema Beach and near the Copacabana.** We'll tour the city; visit Rio's signature Sugarloaf Mountain, the statue of the Christ, and much more. Rio is the only city in the world with a tropical rainforest within the city limits. We highly recommend this unique city and the add-on.

**Schedule:** We leave from DC Thurs eve, Aug 9, 2007, spend Fri in Buenos Aires, and leave Sat for a week at Las Leñas. Then to Buenos Aires for 4 days. On Aug 21 we fly to Rio, Brazil's wonderland. On Aug 24 We fly back to DC overnight.

**Cost:** We don't yet have a firm cost. However, since the Argentine peso is very weak, we expect the cost for **the 14 day trip to be about \$2,700-\$2,900. To add 3 nights in Rio, Brazil should be, including airfare, \$700-\$900. Our See and Ski trip is for everyone. Space is limited for this trip of a lifetime.** To hold a space, send a check for \$100 per person, to Ray McKinley. Mail it to 2326 North Upton Street, Arlington, VA 22207-4045. This deposit is refundable until we finalize costs for our trip.

8 Call us at 703-527-7126 for more information. Or you can e-mail us [ArgentinaBrazil2007@potomacvalleyski.org](mailto:ArgentinaBrazil2007@potomacvalleyski.org)





# THE KNEE

by Ray McKinley

As they say in *Fiddler on the Roof*, "Tradition"! The Knee just realized that it has been three or four years since I wished you Happknee Kneeyear, Merrknee Christmas and a Happy Hankneekah! This year, as you sit around the fully-garlanded Christmas Knee, remember the gifts were brought to you in a reinkneedeer-pulled, shyknee sleigh. In the lead was Rudolph the red kneed reinkneedeer.

Bet you are thinking "Why does he keep up those corknee jokes?" The answer is simple. You expect it of the Knee. This is why, in all the polls, and even after court-mandated recounts, the Knee remains the highest rated TOOT column which has appeared for 25 or more years. Why, without my "corknee jokes," the Knee would be...well... shorter.

You missed a great November meeting with the fireplace roaring at Sally Finan's and George Welti's beautiful Reston home. George told me the German word pronounced knee, but spelled "nie," means never. Well, *nie* George. By the way, George has now been a great grandfather for a bit over a month.

November is the meeting where the Ski Center's Brian Eardley updates us on what's new in skiing. He mentioned that Nordica has re-introduced the rear entry boot. There also is a new powder ski called the Fatty Puss—it's over six inches wide! Brian also explained that ski-making companies are consolidating to achieve economies of scale. One apparent error is that Los Alamos Nuclear Laboratory has purchased Atomic Skis. The entire deal could bomb.

There was considerable discussion as to how long Brian had been coming to PVS meetings. President David said at least 10 years. Brian said more like sixteen. Wrong! Brian first showed at a meeting at Adele Waggaman's in 1981. And he has been with us since. Interesting that at that meeting, Brian discussed the final replacement of leather boots with completely plastic ones.

That reminds the Knee of a true story. In 1988, Brian almost didn't show. When he learned the meeting was "far out" in Virginia, he hesitated. Lu Beale, who was making the arrangements, immediately said "No problem," as she had been bugged by Ski Chalet for

several years to do the annual new equipment event. Brian quickly decided he would do it. The truth is Lu didn't know anyone from Adam at Ski Chalet. That's why you never played poker with Lu Beale!!

Knee surgery. It used to bring thoughts of a lost season and extensive rehabilitation. Now, when it can be done arthroscopically, it's much easier. Indeed, Carolyn Maurer had the procedure at Thanksgiving and expects to ski at Snowmass in January. Right on!

A very Happy Ankneeverary to Deer Valley. This is their 25<sup>th</sup> season. Perhaps they will pour everyone a Stein.

Early Western skiers. Bob McNeill and Charlie Huggins went to Summit County November 12-19. They skied at Loveland and Arapaho Basin. Before they left, Bob and Charlie did a warm-up run at Liberty. They didn't ski there, they jogged around the base. The Knee understands that Liberty is on track for their Valentine's Day season opening

Also in mid-November, Dick Comerford was in Colorado where he skied with local Huey Roberts. Aside from A-Basin and Loveland, they also skied Copper and Keystone, which Dick described as "limited." Dick Comerford clearly plans to do some serious Colorado skiing this winter. He purchased discounted season passes at Copper Mtn and Breckenridge!

Good News: After brain surgery earlier this year, Maryse Delevaux is doing dandy and rarin' to ski. She is recently back from two weeks in Florida with her brother Nestor and his wife Pat Delevaux. Nestor defined the Florida schussing experience as "limited."

A Wyckoff Oktoberfest: What a ball! After a decade in Catharpin, VA with Jim Slack and Mary Ward, we moved back to Maryland. This time at the splendid home of Wyckoff daughter, Pat Vagonis. Kirk Burns, and with all due modesty, the Knee, were in proper Tyrolean garb. And Ilse Keel was in a beautiful jacket purchased in Austria. Always a pleasure to see Helen Price and Gorman Young. Gorman was using a cane due to Knee, no, knee problems.

While in Knee Zealand on his Elderhostel tour, Bob Harmon tried and enjoyed paragliding. Much better him than Knee!

Associate members, and vintners, David and Susan Payne used the Waddick's 20-year-old wine tasting as an excuse to visit DC from their Finger Lakes' abode. After the tasting, they said they had nothing to whine about. Kneenuf!

## Calendar

Dec	19	Tue	Monthly Meeting at Monaghan's
Dec	21	Thu	Ski Liberty - day trip - Huggins
Jan	3	Wed	Ski Liberty Demo Day by Ski Center
Jan	9	Tue	ExCom - Dec/Jan combo
Jan	10-12		WISP Demo Day by Ski Chalet
Jan	16	Tue	Monthly Meeting at Marx's
Feb	7	Wed	Zoo Walk - Asia Trail with Betty Byrne
Feb	20	Tue	Monthly Meeting at Beale's

## Ski Trip Calendar - 2006/2007

### Western, Europe, South America

Dec	8-15/06	<u>Steamboat</u> (Dick Comerford)
Jan	18-25/07	<u>Snowmass</u> (C. Maurer/D. DeVilbiss)
Feb	3-10/07	<u>Big Sky</u> (PVS/BRSC M. Rine/J. Marx)
Feb	3-11/07	<u>Sun Peaks</u> (Ray/Nancy McKinley)
Mar	3-10/07	<u>Schladming</u> (PVS/BRSC G. Flake/J. Smith) <i>(Feb 26-Mar 3 Athens: Mar 11-13 Vienna)</i>
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