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### Long Summer Nights

Dear PVSers,  
It's over...gone...done with for this year!  
*Mike, what's over?*

The Summer Solstice . . . the longest daylight of the year.

*Mike, Summer has just started. We've got a couple months to go with high temperature weather.*

But the peak of daylight, the Summer Solstice, has gone and passed: June 20 to be exact. Now the temperatures will go higher but the days will go shorter. A conflict of feelings to be sure.

Actually, solstices occur twice a year when the tilt of the Earth's axis is most orientated toward or away from the Sun, causing the Sun to reach its northernmost and southernmost extremes. The name is derived from the Latin *sol* (sun) and *sistere* (to stand still), because at the solstices, the Sun stands still in declination...that is, its apparent movement north or south comes to a standstill. Thus long "days" and long "nights."

So we all just had our long day: June 20<sup>th</sup>. For Eloise and me it was a very long day. Night began just before 11 PM and ended before 4 AM...this in Dublin (which is North of Moscow in latitude).

*Mike, you sure that isn't longitude?*

We'll check with our sky guy, Ray McKinley, later for an authoritative ruling. Meantime, folks around the world have observed spiritual and religious seasonal days of celebration during the month of June. Most have been religious holy days which are linked in some way to the summer solstice. On this day, typically June 21 (but June 20 this year because it's a leap year) the daytime hours are at a maximum in the Northern hemisphere, and night time is at a minimum. It is officially the first day of summer. It also is referred to as Midsummer because it is roughly the middle of the growing season throughout much of Europe. The first (or only) full moon in June is called the Honey Moon. Tradition holds that this is the best time to harvest honey from the hives. This time of year, between the planting and harvesting of the crops, was the traditional month for weddings.

*Mike, you did marriages last month. Let's not revisit that issue.*

So to summarize, here's to the beginning of Summer. Look upon it this way: just 6 months more and we have the beginning of Winter . . . and ski season to behold.

Best Wishes, *Mike*

## All Trips Party

Saturday, July 12 4:00 PM

At the home of **Sally Finan & George Welti** in Reston, VA

**Preview and talk about the great 2009 trips, including Tahiti.**

Please **RSVP** to Dottie Villers by **July 8**

**703-476-9259** or [dottievillers@yahoo.com](mailto:dottievillers@yahoo.com).

*Details on next page.*





## All Trips Party



At the home of **Sally Finan & George Welti**  
11311 French Horn Lane  
Reston, VA 20191  
703 – 716 – 9023



Come for dinner and learn all about the many great trips PVS is offering for the 2009 season.

The Finan indoor pool will be available for those who would like to go for a swim (bring your swim suit!), and there also will be a hike on the paved trail through the woods.



Barbecue will be served, but **everyone is asked to bring an appetizer, salad, or dessert.** A small fee will be charged to cover the cost of the drinks and barbecue.

**Please contact Dottie Villers to let her know what food you plan to bring.**  
RSVP by **July 8** to **Dottie Villers** at **703-476-9259** or [dottievillers@yahoo.com](mailto:dottievillers@yahoo.com)

### **Directions:**

**From the Beltway** – Take the Dulles Toll Road (Rte 267) west to the Wiehle Ave. exit. Turn left onto Wiehle Ave. Wiehle Ave. ends in a tee at Sunrise Valley Drive. Turn right onto Sunrise Valley. Go 0.4 miles and turn left onto Soapstone. Go 1.5 miles and turn left onto Glade Drive (at stop sign). Go 0.2 miles to first right onto Tumbletree. Take first left onto French Horn Lane. 11311 is at the end of the cul de sac on the right.



### **New applicant member**

Angeline (Angie) Hale  
2366 Tumbletree Way  
Reston, VA 20191  
(703) 620-9364 (H)  
(703) 217-9330 (cell)  
[angiehale@verizon.net](mailto:angiehale@verizon.net)

## Sad News

Those of you who have e-mail received messages that **David Abraham** was battling cancer and other health issues. On June 28, the Abraham family wrote the following message:

*To our dear friends and family,*

*Last night at 11:23 David closed his eyes forever.*

*We thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers.*

*Rachel, Jonathan, Betty and Maggie*

Memorial Service will be held for David  
July 8, 2008 at 6 PM  
At the Jewish Community Center  
6123 Montrose Road  
Rockville, Maryland 20852

**Obituaries** Sunday, June 29, 2008; Washington Post; Page C09

### **David G. Abraham, *Management Consultant***

David G. Abraham, 84, the co-founder of two management consulting firms, died June 27 of cancer at Sibley Memorial Hospital. He lived in Bethesda.

Mr. Abraham came to Washington in 1958 and worked for several years at a medical research company. He was a co-founder of Moshman Associates in the 1960s and, in 1976, was a co-founder of Quantum Research Corp. He was chief financial officer and director of economic research at Quantum until his retirement in 2002. He worked as a consultant for technology firms until 2007.

Mr. Abraham was born in present-day Wroclaw, Poland (then known as Breslau, Germany), and emigrated to Palestine in 1939. He served in the British Army during World War II.

He was a graduate of the Polytechnic University of Milan and settled in Haifa, Israel, where he worked as an engineer. In the late 1940s and early 1950s, he served in the Israel Defense Forces as an operations officer in the Golani Brigade, which was known for making daring international raids.

He worked as a financial officer for engineering companies in Israel and co-managed a project at the Dead Sea.

In later years, Mr. Abraham devoted much of his time to his interest in classical music. He often attended performances and served on various boards and committees of the National Philharmonic Orchestra, Washington Concert Opera and the Vocal Arts Society.

He made frequent visits to Israel to see relatives and friends.

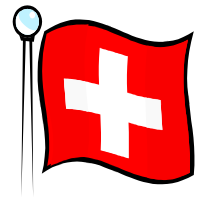
Survivors include his wife of 60 years, Rachel Abraham of Bethesda; a son, Jonathan Abraham of Cape Coral, FL; and a granddaughter.

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In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Jewish Social Service Agency (JSSA) Hospice, 6123 Montrose Road, Rockville, Maryland 20852 or to the Rachel and David Abraham Foundation for the Visual Arts at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington, 6125 Montrose Road, Rockville, Maryland 20852.



REFLECTIONS ON *BILL STECHER* WHO DIED ON MAY 22, 2008  
CHARTER MEMBER and ORGANIZER OF PVS



Bill was a prime mover in the start-up of PVS. I met Bill at SCWDC. We both were unhappy with the lack of skiing ability of its members. Thus, PVS was started with a requirement that its members must pass a ski test, which first was given at Charnita (now Liberty Mountain). After the organization of PVS, Bill and Elke hosted many events in their home.

One of my earliest memories of Bill was on a SCWDC trip to St. Anton and Zermatt. I could not get away the first week so arranged to meet Bill the second week in Zermatt. I caught a Space A flight out of Dover and train from Paris to Zermatt. Bill was not to be found in Zermatt. He had met Elke in a ski school class in St. Anton and stayed there. Later after many trips to Germany, they married. They have two daughters (Barbi & Heidi). Both reside in Germany - Barbi is an engineer, and Heidi is a medical doctor married to a medical doctor with two children.

Early in my association with Bill, he arranged for us to have Space A Air Force Flight so we could ski at Taos, New Mexico. As we were returning home, the plane broke down and ended up in Tinker Air Force Base for major repairs. Later, we made it home on a wing and a prayer.

When I first met Bill, he was a radiologist at Prince Georges Hospital. Later in his career, he had the opportunity of specialized radiology study in Zurich Switzerland. After completing this course, he decided to join the US Army as a Major and was assigned to the General Hospital in Kaiserslautern, Germany where he remained until his retirement as a Lt. Col.

After skiing many areas in Europe, Bill and Elke purchased a home in Lenzerheide, Switzerland where I had the opportunity of skiing with them. Bill is buried on the church grounds in the town of Lenzerheide.

My last visit with Bill and Elke was last year. We were skiing at Schladming, Austria and at the same time the Stecher's were skiing in Imst, Austria. We arranged to catch a train to go west to Kitzbuhel and the Stecher's would catch a train to go east so that we would meet for lunch. It was a wonderful reunion on the main street of Kitzbuhel. This was the last time I saw Bill. God Rest his Soul. He loved skiing, his family, and PVS.

He will be missed.

Elke's address is:

Mrs. William A. Stecher  
CMR 402, BOX 1881  
APO AE 09180



Coming Events



SUMMER PICNIC AND SHOW  
AT WOLF TRAP FILENE CENTER



Come join the PVS group for a fun summer evening at **Wolf Trap** on **Friday, August 1**.

It will begin with a happy hour and picnic at 6:30 in the Wolf Trap picnic area. Wine, beer, soda, etc. will be provided as well as glasses, plates, and utensils. Recipes for picnic dishes selected from The Wolf Trap Picnic Cookbook will be available for picnic-goers to make and bring.

Please contact **Dottie Villers** to **RSVP**, confirm that she still has a seat for you, and choose what you will be bringing.

(703) 476-9259 - home or (703) 217-6986 - cell, or [dottievillers@yahoo.com](mailto:dottievillers@yahoo.com),

The show that evening is "**Rodgers and Hammerstein at the Movies**" with the National Symphony Orchestra and vocalists. It features the NSO playing songs from The Sound of Music, Carousel, The King and I and other great shows along with film clips



from the movies shown on the big screen at the front of the theatre.

We have reserved seats in the rear orchestra section (not on the lawn).

If 20 or more people go with our group, a group discount is available for each person.

Send a check payable to **Dottie Villers** for **\$38**. This includes the discounted cost of the ticket (\$34.20) plus expenses for beverages, etc. (\$3.80).

The **deadline** for sending the money to Dottie is **July 8**. Please send the check to:

Dottie Villers  
2520 Farrier Lane  
Reston, VA 20191



## More Coming Events



### Annapolis Bay Picnic at Heitchue's

Sat August 23, 2008 3:30 PM  
77 Bay Drive  
Annapolis, MD 21403



Event is limited to 25 people. Must call Mary Beale to reserve a spot.  
Call now --- 202-363-3521 Rain or Shine

**Bring a Salad, appetizer, or dessert.**

### Directions

From the beltway, take Route 50 East. Exit Route 50 at # 22 (Aris T. Allen Blvd.). Continue on. You will be on Forest Drive. Continue. Forest Drive becomes Bay Ridge Ave. Continue. At the entrance to Bay Ridge, you will now be on Farragut Road. The speed limit in Bay Ridge is 25 mph **and they mean it!** Continue to the stop sign and go left. You are now on Bay Drive. We are at 77 Bay Drive, second house from the stop sign. Once at the house you may be directed to park at the marina parking lot (0.3-mile away).

Call with questions; 703-861-9190 (weekends);  
703-437-7611 (weekdays)



FYI, Quiet Waters Park is 5-10 minutes from our house. They offer kayaking in a very nice setting. If you like, go visit the park and kayak before the party. For info call 410-267-8742 or [AMPHIBIUS@aol.com](mailto:AMPHIBIUS@aol.com). If there is sufficient interest, we could do a group thing. Let Reg know or get a group together yourself.

**Remember your appetizer, salad, or dessert!!**

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### PVS is "Rolling" on Segways Again

Saturday, **October 18<sup>th</sup>**

Tour the Eastern side of the [Gettysburg battlefield](#) on **Segways**.

The 1.5 - 2 hour ride will be led by a Park Service guide. Tour is limited to 20 people with 10 riding in the AM and 10 after lunch.

The group lunch will be at the historic [Dobbin House Tavern](#) in Gettysburg.

Price for the tour is \$60; lunch is extra.

Call [Barbara Leonhardt](#) at 301-963-8111 for more information or to sign up.





## Past Events



### *The British Players*

#### **OLD TIME MUSIC HALL**

*by Ruth Powers*

A fun-seeking contingent of PVSers enjoyed a June trip to the 44<sup>th</sup> annual Old Time British Music Hall. Happily, we found the same cabaret-style entertainment and many of the same performers as last year.

The evening included music, dance, bawdy humor, and an audience sing-along, as well as plenty of wine and beer to keep everyone in a happy mood. Our group joined in the spirit of the event with cheers and hearty laughter.

Many thanks to Betty Lawrence for organizing this delightful event.



## Monthly Meeting at the Callaway's

*by Dave Warthen and Dottie Villers*



A nice size group of 22 PVSers met at the Potomac home of Dave & Carolyn Callaway.

It was a beautiful night, and we congregated on the deck overlooking their very green back lawn, and sipped drinks and ate goodies as usual. In fact it was so perfect that after a delightful social hour munching shrimp, quiches, cheese and other goodies, everyone refused to go inside as planned for the business meeting. So the meeting was held outside on the deck (could be a PVS first, but we doubt it).

Dottie did a fine job in the absence of Mike & Eloise who were enjoying Ireland at the time. There are a number of events coming up this summer that were discussed along with some advanced information about this winter's ski trips. After the meeting dessert was served, including brownies, cookies and blueberry cake.

How welcome we felt with such a warm reception by Dave & Carolyn C. In fact, it was so warm, we hope to go back sometime. ;-)

We even increased our ranks since Angie Hale became a PVS Applicant Member at this meeting, and we welcomed her to PVS.

**Thanks Dave & Carolyn !!!**

# Explore the South Pacific

May 29 - June 12, 2009

(Fourteen days)



They say it's the most beautiful and alluring destination on Earth . . . **Tahiti and French Polynesia**, the legendary islands of the South Pacific bearing magical names like Moorea, Bora Bora, Huahine, and Rangiroa.

Explore these and other fascinating islands with us on an 11 day cruise onboard the **Star Flyer** cruising/sailing mega-yacht. The Star Flyer is as fleet as the wind, a true clipper ship, yet a modern cruise ship in every way, created for comfort-loving passengers who also love the traditions and romance of the legendary era of sailing ships. She is 360 feet long and carries just 170 guests in pampered comfort. Life aboard is blissfully relaxed, much like traveling on a private yacht.

**Price:** \$5,943 per Person Double Occupancy; \$7,925 per person single occupancy (Prices based on airfare estimate of \$1,840, subject to change)

## **Includes:**

- Roundtrip airfare Wash, DC to Tahiti
- Pretrip party
- Ground transportation
- 3 Nights/4 days in Papeete (Radisson Hotel)
- 11 day sail cruise including all meals (Cat. 3 cabin; upgrade/downgrade possible)

## **Excludes:**

- Meals in Tahiti with exception of daily breakfast
- Drinks and gratuities on board ship
- Shore activities
- Insurance

**Deposit:** \$ 400 (Refundable less \$50 penalty plus any charges incurred by cruise line)

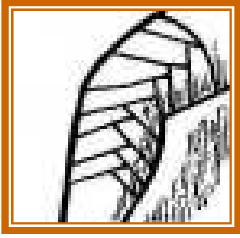
**Sign up now...space may be limited ...Contact Trip leader:**

Reg Heitchue 703-437-7611 (H) 703-861-9190 (C) [heitchue@yahoo.com](mailto:heitchue@yahoo.com)

**Send check** to Reg at 11990 Market Street, Unit 1015, Reston, VA 20190

**Check out Star Flyer @ [www.starclippers.com](http://www.starclippers.com)**





# THE KNEE

by Ray McKinley

I've looked back over several years of July **Knees**. Lots start out "hot humid hazy days followed by hot humid nights." There is a reason for this. July in the Washington, DC area is "hot humid hazy days followed by hot humid nights." And we're doing it again; the good news is that we are now on the slippery slope toward winter. Did you note that the longest day of the year, summer solstice, was June 20 this year? Due to the 400 year leap year cycle, and a bit of polar wobbling, summer will start on June 20 for the remainder of this century. The previous is the educational portion of the **Knee**

A tip of the ol' **Knee** Cap to TOOT Editor Jan Marx. She does a masterful job. And if you get the e-mail, **color** version, it's a beauty. In particular, starting last month, parts of the TOOT logo were various tones of **blue**. It's a continuing pleasure to work with a pro like Jan. She reads every word I rite: korreks my gramer ans spelin, and makes the **Knee** look like what eye m, a perfeshnel.

A new latest skier. Liberty Mountain (sic) Ski Patroller Jim Wingrove reports that he skied on June 11. He reports a great day of skiing on powder at Liberty. Jim further notes that he saw no other PVSers. We all know that all PVS members are inherently honest, so I certainly take Jim at his word--despite what others have said about his being outharently!

Our newest applicant is Angie Hale. She recently moved here from NY, met up with Veep Dottie Villers and Melissa Fitzgerald playing **Tenkneeis**. And now, after an absence of "quite a few years," Angie is excited about skiing again. The **Knee** knew it was "quite a few years," when Angie mentioned how excited she was about going on our "Ski Mass" trip. Yup.

According to AARP, If God wanted us to be able to touch our toes, (S)he would have put them on our **Knees**! Right on.

The newest "fad" for PVS appears to be cataract surgery. The **Knee** had it done some six months ago. June meeting hostess Carolyn Callaway had the surgery about the same time. And last month, Dick Schwartzbard underwent the knife—er scalpel. We all agree, It's truly

wonderful to be able to see and drive without glasses. One PVSer noted, "Eye see."

This will quack you up—Part 2! And, again, boater John Smith didn't lay an egg on this one. After his episode in May with a duck nesting in his sailboat, John thought he was finally finished with ducks nested on the sailboat. Nope, it was not to be. The first week in June, as he was putting the sailboat back in operating shape for the season, John opened the hatch in the back of the boat (which the **Knee** believes is called the stern—or the starboard).

This is where John keeps the outboard motor gas tank. There he found another big mama duck sitting on a nest of several eggs. Again, John decided that the only decent thing to do was to leave the boat and let the ducks hatch. The **Knee** could make a yoke about that, but it would likely get scrambled. Hopefully they will be hatched in a few weeks. Once again, isn't that a ducky tale? **Kneet!**

Serge Tria told John, there are two great moments in owning a boat. When you buy it and when you sell it! Stern warning!

Speaking of boats, the Flakes are no longer sailors. They have replaced their sailboat with a 35 foot motorized craft. This one has a diving platform which, according to Glade, is called a poop deck. And as John Smith found out, the local ducks do use it for that. No SH\_T!

Many of us are spending the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday at the beach. But Liz Warren-Boulton is going a bit farther. That's the day Liz leaves for 4 weeks in Australia. Right on!

According to Marvin Hass, Aspen's ski bunnies and powder hounds disappear with the melting snowpack, and the Colorado resort town transforms into a thriving cultural destination. You know about the packed calendar of music and dance festivals. But these days, food comes to the fore. Headlining the so-called summer off-season is the annual Aspen Food & Wine Classic, a gathering of local and international chefs that has solidified Aspen's reputation as the culinary capital of the Rockies.

And in September, sprawled beneath the purple pyramid of 11,396-foot Mount Lamborn, the Zephyros Farm and Garden hosts an annual organic farm festival. Aspen has embraced the region's wealth of sustainable agriculture. The nightly farmhouse dinner highlights regional, small-farm fare. The **Knee** is ready to eat!

And Finalknee, PVSers say the darndest things. Reg Heitchue noted, "I have a memory problem, but only about things in the past." 9

## Calendar 2008

July	12	Sat	All Trips Party at Finan's - 4:00
July	22	Tue	ExCom via Teleconference - 7:30
Aug	1	Fri	Wolf Trap -- Rodgers & Hammerstein
Aug	19	Tue	ExCom at Maurer-DeVilbiss
Aug	23	Sat	Picnic at Heitchue's in Annapolis
Sept	16	Tue	Monthly Meeting
Sept	23	Tue	ExCom at Mary Beale's
Oct	18	Sat	Segway Tour of Gettysburg Battlefield
Oct	26	Sun	Leonard Bernstein's "Mass" at Kennedy Center



## Ski Trips 2009

Snowmass - January 15 - 22  
Park City - February 22 - 28  
Taos - March 13 - 21

## Other Trip

Tahiti - May 29 - June 12, 2009



Jan and Bob Marx  
8312 Oakford Dr.  
Springfield, VA 22152

# PVS SNOWMASS 2009

Thursday, January 15 – Thursday, January 22

We will again be staying [slope-side at the Snowmass Mountain Chalet \(SMC\)](#) which is just below the Snowmass Mall. The SMC is a small lodge with 64 rooms, from which you can ski to one of four lifts. Check the web site at: [www.mountainchalet.com](http://www.mountainchalet.com). The total package is: Delta Airlines from Dulles to Salt Lake City and Salt Lake to Aspen and return (see over for airline schedule) plus the land transfer from Aspen airport to SMC and return; 5 day lift ticket (good for all ski areas in the Aspen complex – those over 70 can get a silver pass) with option for a sixth ski day; 7 nights lodging (double occupancy); 7 breakfasts; daily soup lunch; 2 group dinners; luggage handling; après ski parties including welcome wine & cheese party, and an all guest hotel sponsored party; pre-trip and post-trip party. Trip insurance is available as an option and is [highly suggested](#) (see over). Additional nights at Snowmass are an option and air can be altered to accommodate resulting date changes. All alternate air will be quoted on an individual basis.

<u>Category</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Price</u>
<b>Full Snowmass Package</b>		<b>\$2,072</b>
<b>Land only*</b>	<b>subtract</b>	<b>\$ 459</b>
<b>Single Supplement</b>	<b>add</b>	<b>\$ 983</b>
<b>Non-skiers</b>	<b>subtract</b>	<b>\$ 224</b>
<b>Add sixth ski day</b>	<b>add</b>	<b>\$ 42</b>
<b>Over 70 (Silver Pass)**</b>	<b>add</b>	<b>\$ 8</b>

**\*\*Silver Pass is valid for entire 2008/2009 ski season**

## Payment Schedule

Deposit of \$250 is due with application and is fully refundable until August 1<sup>st</sup>. A payment of \$750 is **due August 15th**. Final payment is **due October 1**. A fee of \$10 will be charged for late payments.

\* [Land only price includes \\$20 surcharge to cover costs.](#)

Please send the completed form below together with a deposit of \$250 and/or your payment due. For more information, call Carolyn or David DeVilbiss at 703-370-4865 or [Carolyn.maurer@verizon.net](mailto:Carolyn.maurer@verizon.net). **Make checks payable to Carolyn DeVilbiss, put "PVS Snowmass 2009" on the memo line, and mail to 4508 Peacock Ave., Alexandria, VA 22304.**

Name(s) as on your Official ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone No: . \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

I/we have read the disclosure on the back of this form: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of **each** person listed on this form is required)

## Please check all appropriate spaces (ages are as of trip time):

Total package with standard air \_\_\_ or alternate air (different city or dates) \_\_\_ or Land Only\* \_\_\_

Total price of trip (without insurance and without extra nights at SMC) – see above rates \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Trip insurance optional: yes \_\_\_ or no \_\_\_ (If yes, we will notify you with the price as soon as available)

Age \_\_\_ (at time of trip; for insurance). Sixth ski day: yes \_\_\_ no \_\_\_; Silver (season) Pass : yes \_\_\_ no \_\_\_;

Ski rental: yes \_\_\_ no \_\_\_

Roommate (if not listed on this form) \_\_\_\_\_ Bedding choice (if available):

1 king \_\_\_ or 2 queens \_\_\_

**Additional nights at SMC:** yes \_\_\_ or no \_\_\_; if so, before \_\_\_ or after \_\_\_ trip:

# of nights \_\_\_\_\_ (Additional nights to be arranged directly with SMC).

## The Mountain Chalet

The Snowmass Mountain Chalet is an independent lodge, managed on site. Each room has either 2 queen beds or 1 king bed. All rooms have: hair dryer, TV, small refrigerator, etc. The lodge has a nice lounge on the main floor with lots of chairs, game tables, fireplace, and has large windows overlooking the slopes. There is an elevator, exercise room, outdoor pool, hot tub and laundry facilities. A full breakfast is served family style each morning. A complimentary soup lunch is served from 12:00-1:30 PM. The lodge has no restaurant for dinner. However, the Snowmass Mall, on the level above, has many restaurants of all price levels; one can walk up some stairs or use the elevator at the end of the mall. Bus service stops for trips into Aspen town, to other Aspen ski areas, and to Glenwood Springs are nearby.

### Airline Schedule (subject to changes in Delta schedules):

**Jan. 15:** Delta flight #1167 at 7:10 AM from Dulles to Salt Lake City (arrive at 9:53 AM) then flight #4009 at 11:20 AM Salt Lake to Aspen (arrive at 12:32 PM).

**Jan. 22:** Delta flight #4007 at 11:40 AM from Aspen to Salt Lake (arrive at 12:55 PM) then flight #846 at 4:50 PM from Salt Lake to Dulles (arrive 10:43 PM).

*Note: Delta will charge \$25 each way for the second checked bag. Subject to change.*

### Trip Insurance

Trip insurance is available to all group participants and price is available for those wishing to purchase. The insurance provides coverage for accident, illness, injury, or death to attendee or immediate family member and will refund all perishable expenses associated with the PVS Snowmass 2009 in these circumstances alone.

### Cancellation Policy and Fees\*

\*If it becomes necessary for you to cancel your trip, the trip leaders will try to minimize your losses although some fees are mandated by the airline, hotel and tour operator. All cancellations must be in writing. **We strongly urge you to purchase trip insurance.**(see above).

\***If you are a "single" participant** requesting space on a PVS-endorsed ski trip, and your roommate cancels, you will be offered the choice of one of the following three options: **1) Helping the trip leader find a replacement trip participant who will fill the space vacated; or 2) Staying on the ski trip by paying the "single supplement"; or 3) Canceling from the ski trip and paying all currently due penalties.**

\***Cancellation fees are as follows:** None prior to August 1; Aug. 1 to Sept. 30 \$200; Oct. 1 to Oct. 31 \$500; Nov. 1 to Nov. 20 \$1200. Additional charges may apply, depending upon actual costs. After Nov. 20 no refund is likely.

### **PVS Standard Disclosure**

Partial or full payment for a reservation on this Snowmass 2009 trip shall constitute consent to all provisions stated herein. 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 action of any air carrier, hotel, or other persons rendering any services, accommodations and right to substitute hotels of similar or better category and to change transportation arrangements being offered, or by reason of any circumstance. PVS designated Trip Leaders, should 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 or better quality or standards to those which were to be provided and are during the same approximate period. Any such change shall not modify the cancellation provisions of the 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 Leaders in advance. If the trip is canceled for any reason whatsoever, PVS shall be responsible only 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 obligation on the part of PVS, its officers, its representatives, its agents, or its members. Trip participants on this PVS endorsed trip shall ski at their own risk and therefore PVS 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 endorsed trip.





## PARK CITY MOUNTAIN RESORT

**FEBRUARY 22-28, 2009**

*PVS*

**ELDERHOSTEL SKI PROGRAM #7573RJ**



### **Ski in/Ski out at the Lodge at Mountain Village, Park City, Utah**

This is an Elderhostel ski program. They make all land arrangements. You will have to register through Elderhostel as explained below. Elderhostel allows participants to invite any adult companion to attend this program with them even if they do not meet the 55 year-old age requirement.

Ski the best of the Rocky Mountains! Park City gets more than 350" of snow annually and is ranked as one of the top ski destinations in this country, with 3,300 acres, 14 lifts, 100 trails, and more than 3,000 vertical feet. Experience champagne powder and great grooming. Altitude will vary from 7,000 to 10,000 feet. There are many flights each day to Salt Lake City. It is then a 45-minute van ride to the resort.

#### **The Program includes:**

- **Lodging:** Six nights lodging in a studio with queen drop-down Murphy bed, gas fireplace, hair dryer, cable TV, and coffee maker, in a condominium located right at the base of Park City Mountain Resort.
- **All Meals:** Breakfast, lunch, and dinner are served in the conference room just steps away from the slopes. All meals are included.
- **Lift Pass:** Five out of seven-day pass, which covers the trip's Monday through Friday skiing schedule.
- **Ski Lessons:** Two three-hour ski lessons.
- **Stretch Class:** Easy yoga-based exercise every morning.
- **Lectures:** Two evenings are devoted to academic lectures, such as avalanche control and mountain geology. One evening consists of the "Off Hill" ski clinic, which includes watching videos of those who took ski lessons on their final run.
- **Travel Assistance and Insurance Plan:** All Elderhostel participants are covered.

All classes and meals are at the Lodge at Mountain Village.

#### **Lodging:**

The standard rooms are in buildings adjacent to the Mountain Lodge, which are about a 50-yard walk from the Lodge. There may be some rooms available in the Main Lodge. If so, Elderhostel notifies participants and the upgrade fee is paid directly to the Lodge. All facilities are ski in/ski out.

#### **General Lodge Amenities include;**

- \* Indoor and Outdoor Pool and Hot Tub
- \* Sauna, Steam Room, Fitness Center
- \* Guest Laundry

**Price: \$1,394.00 for above (paid to Elderhostel)**

#### **Additional Costs:**

**Airfare is not included. You must make your own air arrangements.** We were unable to get group air at a reasonable cost. We are trying to coordinate flights. The Salt Lake City Airport is located only 40 minutes from Park City and is served by all major airlines. This is a good opportunity to use your miles.



**Vans to and from the resort are not included.** Elderhostel has an arrangement with Park City Transportation for approximately \$50 round trip. Call 1-800-637-3803 in advance to make your personal arrangements. They are located next to the baggage claim at the Salt Lake City Airport and are efficient. **Pre and post trip parties .** There will be a fee at the door.

**Optional:** One evening (Thursday) is a free evening with optional activities offered, such as attending a play at the Egyptian Theater in Park City or taking a bus trip to Salt Lake City to attend a Mormon Tabernacle Choir rehearsal. There also will be an optional trip to Deer Valley to ski on Thursday.

### **Registration for Land Arrangements with Elderhostel**

**All participants must sign up with Elderhostel on their own. --Registration is open now.** The trip is first-come, first served. There will be other people besides PVSers on the trip. Last year there were 55 attendees and a waiting list. If you are interested in the trip, please call Elderhostel 1-800-454-5768 or visit their web site: <http://elderhostel.org>. The program number is 7573RJ and listed under winter sports. You will be required to send a \$100 deposit to reserve your space and then they will bill you in December. Tell Elderhostel that you are part of the PVS ski group.

Although you must make your own air and van arrangements, once you get to the resort, everything is taken care of. We are coordinating air, so let Rosemary know when you sign up and I will send a copy of flights others are taking so you can try to connect. We will have a pre and post trip party and will charge a fee for those who attend.

### **Trip Leaders: Rosemary Schwartzbard and Ellie Thayer**

Both leaders have attended this program and they will work with Gary and Sandy Nielson, who run the Elderhostel Utah Program, to coordinate the PVS component of this trip.

After signing up with Elderhostel, please contact:

Rosemary Schwartzbard  
[rosemaryphd@verizon.net](mailto:rosemaryphd@verizon.net)  
703-598-6150  
Ellie Thayer  
[ellie.thayer@comcast.net](mailto:ellie.thayer@comcast.net)  
703-534-3061

### **PVS DISCLAIMER**

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 action of any air carrier, hotel or other persons rendering any services, accommodations and right to substitute hotels of similar or better category and to change transportation arrangements being offered, or by reason of any circumstance.

Participants on this PVS-endorsed ski trip shall ski at their own risk and, therefore, PVS 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.

This is an Elderhostel Program and all participants in an Elderhostel Program are covered by the Elderhostel Travel Assistance and Insurance Plan. Please read Elderhostel brochure in regard to coverage. Elderhostel is responsible for the entire land portion of the trip.

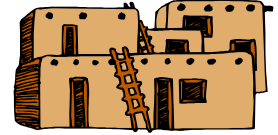


# Taos, New Mexico

March 13 to 21, 2009

**Overview** Join us for a great week in Taos Ski Valley. Lots of uncrowded trails for beginner, intermediate, and advanced skiers. Founded in the 1950's by Ernie Blake, Taos Ski Valley remains one of the few family owned and operated ski resorts in North America. The combination of dry desert climate and high elevation often provides skiers with radiant sunshine and lots of dry, light snow.

The trip will begin with a Friday morning departure from Reagan National Airport to Albuquerque with a one hour bus transfer to Santa Fe. That afternoon and evening participants will be free to explore Santa Fe. Overnight in a vibrant historic landmark on Santa Fe's downtown Plaza at the La Fonda hotel known for its award-winning architecture, décor, and unique artwork.



After lunch on Saturday, we will transfer (via a 1.5-hour bus ride) to the Inn at Snakedance slope side in Taos Ski Valley. There will follow six great ski days with the option of fun morning ski lessons. There are several fine dining opportunities including the legendary St. Bernard Hotel. On the last Saturday morning, we will transfer by bus to Albuquerque for return flights.

Optional complementary group bus transfer (30 minutes) for one afternoon/evening in the town of Taos for shopping and dinner. Taos has a unique blend of natural beauty, American Indian culture, and old west history. It offers world-class art galleries and museums, historic tours, fine dining, shopping, and more.

**Price per person, \$1,650 (including airfare) Single supplement: \$380 Land-only price: \$1,242\***

Optional trip insurance available at \$79 per person – call Liz or Joe for land-only price.

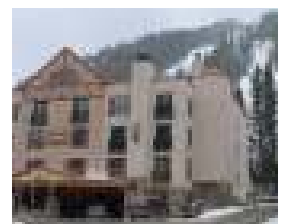
\* Land only price includes \$20 surcharge to cover trip-related costs.

## **The Package:**

- Roundtrip air from Reagan National Airport to Albuquerque (currently \$428)  
DL #805 13 MAR departs National 7:55 AM arrives Atlanta 9:43 AM  
DL #1540 13 MAR departs Atlanta 11:15 AM arrives Albuquerque 12:44 PM  
DL #940 21 MAR departs Albuquerque 1:45 PM arrives Cincinnati 6:41 PM  
DL #1218 21 MAR departs Cincinnati 7:40 PM arrives National 9:05 PM  
(Additional fuel surcharge and additional \$25 fee for checking a second bag, subject to change.)
- Shuttle bus to and from Albuquerque Airport and lodging
- First Friday night at **La Fonda Hotel**, Santa Fe [www.lafondasantafe.com](http://www.lafondasantafe.com). Baggage handling fee included.
- 7 nights slope side at **Inn at the Snakedance** (Condos & Spa) [www.snakedancecondos.com](http://www.snakedancecondos.com), Taos Village. Baggage handling fee included.
- 5/6 day lift pass (extra day \$50 if paid in advance)  
Special senior rates with free photo ID lift ticket:  
Super seniors over 80 - free skiing, deduct \$250  
Seniors age 70 to 79 - receive a 6 day/seasons' pass, deduct \$120
- Deluxe continental breakfast each morning
- Welcome reception – beer, wine, soft drinks, chips, and salsa
- Monday night dinner at the General Manager's home
- Special rate group dinners available
- Free fleece vest with embroidered PVS club logo
- Optional group visit one afternoon/evening for shopping and dinner in the town of Taos – a unique blend of natural beauty, art galleries, American Indian culture, and Old West history

## **The Inn at Snakedance** [www.snakedancecondos.com](http://www.snakedancecondos.com)

- 2-bedroom unit condos with a king/split king in each bedroom, two full baths, full kitchen, living room with fireplace, satellite television, CD player, high-speed internet access
- Guest lounge; breakfast bar; fine restaurant; bar; small grocery, package store, deli
- Spa and fitness center, hot tub, and sauna
- Ski storage with boot dryers and valet service; ten yards to the ski lift



**Taos Mountain [www.skitaos.org](http://www.skitaos.org)**

- 2,612 vertical feet; 1,294 acres; 12 lifts, no lines; 110 named runs
- Base at 9,200 feet, lift served to 11,800 feet
- 305 inches snow/year; known for late season snow. 300+ days of sunshine
- 25% beginner, 25% intermediate; 50% advanced
- Add a Taos Learn to Ski Better Ski Week with six morning ski lessons for just \$178
- Snowboarders welcome
- Ski with 1984 Olympic Gold Medalist Debbie Armstrong



**Payment Schedule:** **Deposit of \$250 is due with application** and is fully refundable until September 2. **A payment of \$750 is due September 15. Final payment is due October 15. A fee of \$10 will be charged for late payments.**

Please send the completed form below along with a deposit of \$250 and/or your payment due. Make checks payable to **Elizabeth Warren-Boulton**; put **“PVS Taos 2009”** on the memo line, and **mail to Liz** at 3049 Porter St, NW, Washington, DC 20008. For more information, contact trip leaders Liz Warren-Boulton and Joe Jevcak at [elizawb@starpower.net](mailto:elizawb@starpower.net) or 202 244-5717 or 202 447-0250 (Joe daytime).

Name(s) as on your official ID : \_\_\_\_\_

Address : \_\_\_\_\_ Home phone no.: \_\_\_\_\_

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I (we) have read the disclosure below: \_\_\_\_\_

(Signature of **each** person listed on this form is required) \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check all appropriate spaces (ages are as of trip time):**

Total package with standard air \_\_\_\_\_ or alternate air (different city or dates) \_\_\_\_ or Land only \_\_\_\_\_

Total price of trip (without insurance) – see above rates \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Trip insurance optional: yes\_\_\_ or no\_\_\_ (If yes, we will notify you of the price as soon as available)

Age\_\_\_ (at time of trip; for insurance); Sixth ski day: yes\_\_\_no\_\_\_; Six morning ski lessons: yes\_\_\_no\_\_\_;

Roommate (if not already listed on this form): \_\_\_\_\_

**Cancellation Policy and Fees** If it becomes necessary for you to cancel your trip, the trip leaders will try to minimize your losses although some fees are mandated by the airline, hotel and tour operator. All cancellations must be in writing. **We strongly urge you to purchase trip insurance** (see above).

**If you are a “single” participant** and your roommate cancels, you may choose one of the following three options:  
 1) Help the trip leader find a replacement trip participant who will fill the space vacated; **or** 2) Stay on the ski trip by paying the “single supplement”; **or** 3) Cancel from the ski trip and paying all currently due penalties.

**Cancellation fees are as follows:** None prior to Sept. 3; **Sept. 3 to Sept. 30 \$200; Oct.1 to Oct. 31 \$500; Nov. 1 to Nov. 20 \$1,200.** Additional charges may apply, depending upon actual costs. After Nov. 20 no refund is likely.

**PVS Standard Disclosure**

Partial or full payment for a reservation on this Taos 2009 trip shall constitute consent to all provisions stated herein. 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 action of any air carrier, hotel, or other persons rendering any services, accommodations and right to substitute hotels of similar or better category and to change transportation arrangements being offered, or by reason of any circumstance. PVS designated Trip Leaders, should 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 or better quality or standards to those which were to be provided and are during the same approximate period. Any such change shall not modify the cancellation provisions of the 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 Leaders in advance. If the trip is canceled for any reason whatsoever, PVS shall be responsible only 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 obligation on the part of PVS, its officers, its representatives, its agents, or its members. Trip participants on this PVS-endorsed trip shall sign at their own risk and therefore PVS 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-endorsed trip.