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## President's Message

Fellow PVSers:

I am pleased to announce that long-time member Pat Vagonis will be our new Membership Chair. Our current membership chair, Wilma Sharer and hubby, Gene, are planning to leave the DC area, and thus our very competent and conscientious membership chairperson needs to be replaced. We are very fortunate to have long-time member Pat Vagonis agreeing to take on this responsibility. Pat, the mother of three little ones, is an exceptionally gifted computer geek who has been a fixture in the club from early childhood when, aside her trip-leader parents, she put some of us "experts" to shame on the European slopes of fame. Pat and her gracious husband have been generous in the past in hosting club meetings at their lovely Potomac home. We are grateful for their past considerations, and express our sincere thanks to Pat for making it possible for us to function admirably, especially now with membership renewals the day's topic.

*David Abraham*

## Event

# All Trips Party

At Gene and Wilma Sharer's  
12404 Beall Spring Road  
Potomac, MD

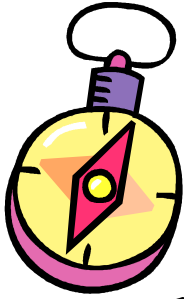
Saturday, July 16th  
5:00 P.M.

RSVP -- 301 - 975 - 9411 by July 11



Come for dinner, a swim (bring suit and towel), and learn all about the great ski trips PVS has planned for the 2006 season. A small fee will be charged. Please bring an appetizer, salad or dessert.

DIRECTIONS:



Take River Toad from the Beltway through Potomac Village and continue West for five miles to 12404 Beall Spring; Road on the right. We are the sixth house on the left.

OR take Travilah Road or Dufief Mill Road West to River Road and turn left on River Road. The next street on the left is Beall Spring Road and then look for the sixth house on the left (12404).

301 – 975 – 9411



***BICYCLING GOURMET***

**C&O Canal X Great Falls to Seneca**

**Thursday July 21, 2005 10:30 AM**



**Route:** C&O Canal Towpath from Great Falls (MD) to Seneca. 18 miles round trip completely along the tree shaded C&O canal towpath. This is a flat ride which is pleasant even in Washington's hottest humid weather. Picnic lunch on return to Great Falls. *Note. Pack and bring your own gourmet lunch or purchase at (non-gourmet) snack bar*

Rest room, water, and snack bar at ride start.

**Starting Point:** Great Falls Park, MD Meet in parking lot. Bring Golden Eagle Pass for free parking (otherwise \$5).

**Note:** Starting time given above is when group departs. Please arrive earlier to set up your bicycle, pump up tires, visit rest room, etc.

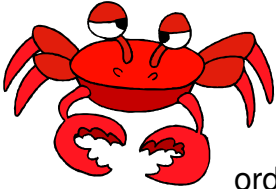
**Leader:** Marvin Hass (703) 751-4737 [marvinhass@hotmail.com]

**Previous Ride Review:** The June 19 ride in scenic Hunt Country was blessed by excellent weather on low traffic roads. The longer route involved a climb through Hopewell Gap in the Bull Run mountains, which PVSer Dick Comerford handled very well on his first ride with this group. The post-ride picnic participants could acquire goodies from the nearby Farmers Market and the Farm store in The Plains.

**Next ride:** Thursday, Aug. 18 Vienna to Reston

**Route:** C&O Canal Towpath from Great Falls (MD) to Seneca. 18 miles round trip completely along the tree shaded C&O canal towpath. This is a flat ride which is pleasant even in Washington's hottest humid weather. Picnic lunch stop in Seneca overlooking river. *Note. Pack and bring your own gourmet lunch on your bicycle. No snack bar in Seneca (lunch stop).*

Rest room, water, and snack bar at ride start.



## Crabfest Saturday, September 3, 2005

This great event is back after an absence of about 5 years. It will be held by Betty Lawrence at her newly renovated Vienna (VA) home. Traditionally, Betty orders bushels of crabs. And the rest of us bring salads, desserts, or “uncrabby” food that can be grilled.

Rain date, Sunday, September 4<sup>th</sup>.

Watch for the detail in future Toots.



## Oktoberfest



**When:** SATURDAY, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2005 at 3:00 p.m. Rain or Shine

**What:** 27<sup>th</sup> annual PVS Oktoberfest featuring beer, sausages, sauerkraut, pretzels, potato salad, & pflaumen kuchen. Oompah music, too, for dancing of feet, clapping of hands, and cavorting of spirit.

**Call:** Mary Ward & Jim Slack at 703-754-8814 by Tuesday the 27<sup>th</sup> of September to reserve your place (limited to 60), to choose low-fat or high-test wurst, and to sign up for bringing a potato salad, kuchen, or other Bavarian delectable. No-shows will be responsible for their share of the cost.

**Cost:** Approximately \$8.00 per person.

**Where:** Mary Ward & Jim Slack's Termineigh Horse Farm, Catharpin, Va.

**Details:** In the August TOOT.



## PVS' 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Saturday, November 5, 2005

6:00 P.M.

**BOLGER CENTER 9600 Newbridge Drive Potomac, MD 20854**

**RSVP**

**\$59/person**

Check payable to Potomac Valley Skiers, Inc.

Mail to Rachel Abraham  
6201 Hollins Drive  
Bethesda, MD 20817-2348

Inquires: 301-530-7612 e-mail: [rhabraham@aol.com](mailto:rhabraham@aol.com)

SPECIAL REQUEST: Please send photos for retrospective PVS slide show to [info@potomacvalleyskiers.org](mailto:info@potomacvalleyskiers.org) or to Rachel (address above or bring to any meeting).

## Past Events

### **June Monthly meeting roundup**

**by Marvin Haas**

60 PVSers and guests successfully wended their way out to the southern part of Fairfax County to meet at the home of Bob and Karen Knopes to renew acquaintances and hear about updates for the forthcoming 2006 ski trips and other PVS events. It was gratifying to see many familiar faces as well as meeting some of the new kids on the block. In particular, Sheldon Drews appeared like his old self again after bypass surgery not too long ago. The spacious Knopes residence was able to easily accommodate the large group both indoors and on the deck. As can be seen by the trip flyers accompanying this July issue of TOOT, PVSers big problem will be deciding which ones to select from the appealing list of five. Of course, the easy way out is to go on all of them. The delightful summer schedule was reviewed. Those of us who will not be able to participate can at least do so vicariously by reading the trip reviews in forthcoming issues of TOOT.



Thanks  
Bob  
and  
Karen



### *Brandywine Valley Tour*

*by Susan Brown*

If you can't make the English Garden Tour this spring and Villa d'Este is just a dream, you do have a fall-back option. Visit the du Pont properties in the Brandywine Valley. That's what 11 carpooling PVSers did the first weekend in June. Saturday featured strolling through Longwood Gardens, with its stately trees and gardens covering more than 1,000 acres. Then on to dinner at the Simon Pearce Restaurant/Glass Factory overlooking the Brandywine River. Some of the group returned to Longwood for a patriotic evening concert accompanied by red, white and blue fountain displays.

Sunday's itinerary included a visit to the first du Pont family home, Eleutherian Mills, a Georgian residence overlooking the Brandywine, where we also learned about the making of gunpowder and the attendant risks of blowing yourself and the other workers into the river.

Many thanks to the du Ponts and to the McKinleys who arranged this lovely spring outing to the Brandywine Valley.

## Titanic outing

### A SAD SCENE.....BUT A HAPPY EVENT!

A small group of PVSers gathered to go to the Maryland Science Center in Baltimore to visit a special exhibit on the sinking of the Titanic. The full story is told, from the design and construction of the ship to its tragic end. There were many artifacts recovered from the ship—even a wall of ice to illustrate the coldness and hardness of the iceberg struck.



The museum itself was full of many more tantalizing sections, including on space and the human body, a planetarium and an IMAX theater. We all vowed to return to see more.

And of course, being PVSers, we followed the museum with a delicious lunch along the harbor. Thanks to Dave DeVilbiss for planning the day.

*by Jessma Blockwick*

□  February 17–March 5, 2006, join Nancy and Ray McKinley for a

## Scandinavian Smörgåsbord!

Scandinavia shines in the winter! The major tourist attractions—even the outdoor parks—remain open and invite visitors to enjoy themselves without the crowds of summer. Our winter's trip there will be perfect for skiers and for sightseers alike covering the highlights of three different countries - a true Scandinavian Smörgåsbord. Maybe our best trip ever! Scenery is fantastic and every day starts with a superb, full, Scandinavian breakfast. Our ski area, *Hafjell*, at **Lillehammer**, is the location of the major 1994 Olympic ski events, with over 15 miles of runs for all levels, 13 lifts and over 2,800-foot vertical.

Sightseers can visit Lillehammer's many museums including the Olympic Museum and stroll along the famous star of the Olympics, the expansive *Stroget* walking street. Then, on to captivating **Oslo** staying 3 nights at the 5 Star Bristol Hotel, a deluxe property right next to Oslo's theatres, boutiques and best restaurants. Those on the 11-day package will return home after Oslo.

After Oslo, we fly to Scandinavia's largest and oldest capitol, **Stockholm**, Sweden built on 14 islands, centered on the 14<sup>th</sup> century, captivating *Gamla Stan*, a former fortress now a rabbit warren of narrow, cobbled streets, with shops and boutiques selling the very latest in *haute couture* to antiques.

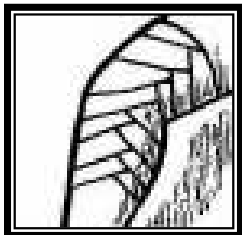
From Stockholm, we take an overnight cruise across the Baltic Sea on a huge cruise ship-600 feet long with 12 decks, ballrooms, multiple restaurants and private suites-to historic, medieval **Tallinn**, the capital of Estonia, part of the former USSR. It's our favorite and we're certain you'll love it. Its mostly-intact city wall has 29 stone 12<sup>th</sup> Century watchtowers, each topped by a red tile roof. With cobblestone streets and lots of unique shops, it's a great place for tourists! Sadly, we'll return home on March 5.

What about temperature and light? In Lillehammer, March temperatures average 30° F daytime and 25° F at night. In the other capital cities, on the water, the temps are warmer. In Stockholm in March sunrise is at 6:30 am and sunset at 5:40 pm for a total of 11 hrs and 10 min. This is only a few minutes less sunlight than Big Sky, Montana on the same date.

We expect the full 17-day trip to be about \$3,500-\$4,000 pp, double occupancy, including airfare, hotels, all breakfasts, dinners in Lillehammer and the overnight cruise. We will also offer an 11-day package returning to the US on February 28. Prices will be finalized by July 10. We look forward to a great See and Ski Trip and hope you will join us! For more info call Ray or Nancy at (703) 527-7126. Or e-mail to [nmckinley@convera.com](mailto:nmckinley@convera.com). To sign up, send your check for \$350 (refundable until August 1) made out to Ray McKinley. Mail to McKinleys, 2326 N. Upton Street, Arlington, VA 22207-4045.







# THE KNEE

By Ray McKinley

Last Sunday in church, one of the songs was the old Judy Collins hit "Who Knows Where the Time Goes?" Who knows where the time goes? My goodness (This is a family column, otherwise I would have started Holy Sh\_t) it's July! Time does fly. No matter how hot and muggy it is, the days are now getting shorter. And we are now on the slippery slope towards our favorite season—ski season. Whooppppee!

How hot is it? It depends on where you are. I just talked to the folks at the Big Sky Resort in Montana. It has been record hot there--so hot (sic) that it has now been 31 days since they had their last overnight freeze!

We need to finish up last ski season and address who was the latest skier. The best information the Knee has, is that our May host and hostess, Liz Warren-Boulton and Joe Jevcak skied most recently. Joe and Liz skied at Whistler just before hosting our meeting. Cool!

Once again Betty Lawrence is renovating an older home. This one is in Vienna. It's likely that Betty has an edifice complex. We can all see her new digs at PVS's returning favorite summer outing, Crabfest, on September 3.

Jan Marx claims she procrastinates so much she didn't get birthmarks until she was 7. I bet she plans to live well past her demise, too.

Recently retired as PVS club secretary, Dottie Villars is taking advantage of her new free time. Later in July, she will visit Budapest and Prague. When asked why she selected those two cities Dottie replied that she was Hungary to learn more of Budapest and just wanted to Czech out Prague. I didn't say it, Dottie did.

Speaking of retiring, which I was, a couple of additional PVSers are falling off the nine-to-five bandwagon. As of mid June, Carolyn Maurer ceased being a Fairfax County employee. This will permit Carolyn to spend more time getting our Snowmass trip ready. At the end of July, Jim Slack retires from the Federal government. Jim finally got sick and tired of the wretched commute in to USGS. If you didn't know, USGS stands for

Universal Supporters of Gilbert and Sullivan. Really!

We will soon have to charter a PVS South group. It seems that half of the club will soon be in the Williamsburg area. (If I have told you once, I've told you a million times, don't exaggerate!) Don and Marijane Harper moved there some five years ago. Charlotte and Jim Kline left last fall.

As reported last month, Marilyn and Dick Clark will soon put their Annandale home on the market, as they have purchased a home near the Klines. Most recently, about a month ago, Gene and Wilma Sharer were in Williamsburg. They drove by a home they fell in love with and bought it. They will be leaving soonest. But certainly not before they host the PVS All Trips Pool Party in mid-July. Gene and Wilma will also still run their planned ski trip to Telluride (Tell-my-ride?) this winter. Cool too!

Having Wilma leave, set up a minor club crisis. She is Membership Chair, and our bi-annual renewal season, the major membership task, starts forthwith. Pres David Abraham polled the ExCom and other club officers for volunteers or suggestions. David made a great choice! It's second generation PVSer, Pat Vagonis, who is a computer database expert (FYI: An expert is someone who used to be pert.) We all look forward to working with you, Pat. And we'll all get in our membership renewals soonest!

For years, A-Basin, with a base at 10,700ft, has claimed the US's longest ski season at 230 days. Now it may lose that distinction to Rutherford, NJ, with a base elevation of 100ft and perhaps a 365-day ski season. They plan to build a 4.5-acre, first in the US, indoor ski dome. It's patterned after the successful Xanadu dome in Spain and 9 more in Japan. New Jersey's Xanadu could be open by next summer.

A tip of the ol' Knee Cap to Bob Knopes. Bob and Karen were to host their first-ever PVS meeting in June. Several days before the meeting, Karen had to go to Arizona. Bob did a masterful job of getting all of the food, drinks etc. out for our hungry PVS crew. Right on!

New member, Dave Bertagnoli, who generously hosted the June ExCom meeting, is a Silver Medalist! In the Virginia Senior Olympics, Dave finished second in both the 400m and the 800m. He practiced by running from his Alexandria home to the Eastern Shore two or three times a day. And, of course, Dave always uses a Sprint telephone.

## CALENDAR (2005-06)

July 14	Thurs	Strathmore Music Concert	7:00 PM
July 16	Sat	All Trips Party at Sharer's	
July 21	Thurs	Bicycling Gourmet	
July 26	Tue	ExCom at Schwartzbard's	
July 28	Thurs	Strathmore Music Concert	7:00 PM
Aug 23	Tue	ExCom at Blockwick's	
Aug 25-29	Finger	Lakes Wine Tour	
Sept 3	Sat	Crabfest at Betty Lawrence's	rain date, Sept 4
Sep 20	Tue	Monthly Meeting at Waddick's	
Oct 1	Sat	Oktoberfest at Slack/Ward's	
Nov 5	Sat	40 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party at	the Bolger Center (evening)

## Changes

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## CURRENT PVS BOARD & OFFICERS - 2005-06

### EXCOM:

President - *David Abraham*  
Vice President - *Mike Strand*  
Secretary - *Jessma Blockwick*  
Treasurer - *Ray Jones*  
Membership - *Pat Vagonis*  
Events - *Ray McKinley*  
Mid-week Events - *Dave DeVilbiss*

Webmaster - *Marvin Hass*  
40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Chair - *Rachel Abraham*  
Ski Trip Cmte Chair - *Bob Marx*  
TOOT Editor - *Jan Marx*  
TOOT Mailer - *Marilyn Clark*  
Meeting Records - *Sara Huggins*  
Historian - *Jan Marx*

### First Term:

*Charlotte Eddy*  
*Burr Schuler*  
*Dick Schwartzbard*

### Second Term:

*Marilyn Clark*  
*Dave DeVilbiss*  
*Sharon Mulholland*





# PVS SNOWMASS 2006

## Thursday, January 19 – Thursday, January 26

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: United Airlines from Dulles to Denver and Denver 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 (cost is \$235/night/room plus tax) and air can be altered to accommodate resulting date changes. All alternate air will be quoted on an individual basis.

Category	Description	Price
<b>Full Snowmass Package</b>		<b>\$1,900</b>
<b>Land only</b>	subtract	<b>\$ 478</b>
<b>Single Supplement</b>	add	<b>\$ 934</b>
<b>Non-skiers</b>	subtract	<b>\$ 235</b>
<b>Add sixth ski day</b>	add	<b>\$ 35</b>
<b>Over 70 (silver pass)</b>	subtract	<b>\$ 16</b>

### 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 November 1st**. A fee of \$10 will be charged for late payments.

Please send the completed form below together with a deposit of \$250 and/or your 2<sup>nd</sup> payment. For more info, call Carolyn Maurer or David DeVilbiss at 703-370-4865. **Make checks payable to Carolyn Maurer, put PVS Snowmass 2006 on the memo line, and mail to 4508 Peacock Ave., Alexandria, VA 22304.**

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone no. \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

I 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** \_\_\_

**Additional nights at SMC** (\$235/da/rm plus tax): yes \_\_\_ or no \_\_\_; if so, before \_\_\_ or after \_\_\_ trip:

# of nights \_\_\_\_\_

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 Pass: yes \_\_\_ no \_\_\_;

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

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

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

[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 UA schedules):**

**Jan. 19: \*United flight #399 at 6:15 AM from Dulles to Denver (arrive at 8:05 AM) then flight #5651 at 9:26 AM Denver to Aspen (arrive at 10:11 AM).**

**Jan. 26: United flight \$5752 at 1:35 PM from Aspen to Denver (arrive at 2:24 PM) then flight #932 at 3:25 PM from Denver to Dulles (arrive 8:40 PM).**

**\*Later departure has been requested, and will be confirmed if available.**

**Trip Insurance**

Trip insurance is available to all group participants and price is available for those wishing to purchase. The insurance, if paid by the 25<sup>th</sup> of a month, will be effective on the 1<sup>st</sup> of the next month. The insurance provides coverage for accident, illness, injury, or death to attendee or immediate family member and will refund all perishable expenses associated with PVS Snowmass 2006 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. 30 \$1200. Additional charges may apply, depending upon actual costs. After Dec. 1 no refund is likely.

**PVS Standard Disclosure**

Partial or full payment for a reservation on this Snowmass 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 only be responsible to make a maximum effort to obtain the refund of all payments previously made for the trip from the person to whom the payment was made and there shall not be any further obligation on the part of PVS, its officers, its representatives, its agents or its members. Trip participants on this PVS sanctioned trip shall ski at their own risk and therefore PVS 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.

# Telluride 2006

Telluride Colorado February 2-9, 2006



A first class trip with 7 nights lodging at the ski-in/ski-out Wyndham Peaks Resort and to the Golden Door Spa at the Mountain Village which includes full access to the 42,000 square foot Spa and Ski Valet based on double room occupancy.

An all Western experience! All taxes and daily maid service fees included. A Velvet Glove welcome wine and cheese orientation party included with a five day ski pass. Sixth day ski pass optional for an extra fee. Two group dinners, two après ski parties, pre and post trip parties and hotel baggage valet included.

We depart on United Airlines #399 Washington Dulles 6:15 AM, (working on getting this moved later) arrive Denver 8:05 AM; depart Denver 8:55 AM # 6293 and arrive Montrose 9:57 AM. Roundtrip van to Telluride and return to Montrose. (The Telluride airport is closed 60% of the time for weather in February) We depart Montrose on United flight #6293 10:30 AM on the 9<sup>th</sup> and arrive Denver 11:31 AM; then depart Denver on flight #316 at 12:30 PM arriving Dulles 5:50 PM.

All the above for \$1,988 per person double occupancy. Land only price \$1,588. Trip insurance is highly recommended which rates are not yet available. A minor price adjustment is possible based on potential airline fuel surcharges. Trip leaders have made a survey trip to Telluride in June. It is truly spectacular!

The back bowl(s) have now been connected to the front resort by lift. Gondola ride from the Village to the Town of Telluride approximately 13 minutes. Half of each slope is groomed; even the most difficult. Degree of difficulty approximately equal between green, blue and black.

Join Gene and Wilma Sharer for this deluxe February Western ski experience. If you don't have a cowboy hat, get one!

<u>Category</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Price</u>
Full trip Package	Telluride 06	\$ 1,988
Land Only	Deduct	\$ 400
Sixth ski day	Add	\$ 37

**Note: there are no early arrivals or late departures available at these prices! We are limiting this trip to no more than 24 people!**

### Payment Schedule

We have an unbelievable hotel price for the Wyndham Peaks Resort which must be paid earlier than normal; therefore a Deposit of \$350 is due with application and is fully refundable until August 1<sup>st</sup>. A payment of \$1,000 **and** the application below are **due no later than August 1<sup>st</sup>**. Final payment is **due October 15<sup>th</sup>**.

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Please send the completed form below together with a deposit of \$350. For more info, call Wilma Sharer at 301-975-9411 or email at [wilma@sharerassociates.com](mailto:wilma@sharerassociates.com). **Make checks payable to Wilma Sharer, put PVS-Telluride 2006 on the memo line, and mail to 12404 Beall Spring Road, Potomac, MD 20854.**

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Home phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**I have read the disclosure on the bottom of this form:**

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

email address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**Total price of trip (without insurance) - 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 at Telluride: \_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_ no; Roommate (if not listed on this form) \_\_\_\_\_ Bedding choice (if available): king \_\_\_\_ or 2 queens \_\_\_\_

Ski Rental \_\_\_\_yes \_\_\_\_no

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### 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, it is recommended that you recruit your roommate as you will be responsible for the single rate if your \*\*assigned\*\* roommate cancels.](#)

**Cancellation fees are as follows:** None prior to August 1; Aug. 1 to Dec.2, 2005, \$250 per night cancelled if space is not filled; after December 2, 2006, no refund is likely unless space is filled.

### PVS Standard Disclosure

Partial or full payment for a reservation on this Telluride 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 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 only be responsible to make a maximum effort to obtain the refund of all payments previously made for the trip from the person to whom the payment was made and there shall not be any further obligation on the part of PVS, its officers, its representatives, its agents or its members. Trip participants on this PVS sanctioned trip shall ski at their own risk and therefore PVS, its officers, its Board of Directors, the trip leaders, 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.





# Val Gardena & Munich

March 3 – 14, 2006

Nestled beneath the towering pink spires of the Dolomiti peaks, the **Val Gardena** offers an ideal mix of the Italian and German cultures. The valley stretches down from the peaks to a pastoral alpine valley, opening finally into the main thoroughfare near Bolzano and the Brenner Pass. The three villages of the Val Gardena—Selva, Ortisei, and Santa Cristina—each bring a unique personality to the valley’s culture. **Val Gardena** has been voted as one of the **most beautiful ski resorts in the world**.

Skiers come from around the world to take advantage of the extensive terrain of the renowned Sella Ronda, a 26-kilometer (16-mile) circuit of trails and stunning views skiable in a single day by even the least proficient intermediate skiers. Great skiing will be available to everyone, with more than 1180 km ski runs along with 464 ski lifts, and some of Europe’s best snowmaking and grooming. <http://www.valgardena.it>

After enjoying Val Gardena we will travel to Munich for 3 days of visiting one of Europe’s great cities (*one day in Munich after a ski trip was never enough*). We will have the opportunity to experience the cities life ranging from the Opera to the Starkbierfest, Munich’s secret Oktoberfest. [http://www.muenchen.de/Rathaus/tourist\\_office](http://www.muenchen.de/Rathaus/tourist_office)

**Features included:** (Space for 22 people)

- a) Round trip airline service with Lufthansa from Dulles to Munich. All current departure taxes and airport fees are included.
- b) Round trip airport transfers to the Hotel Diamant in Val Gardena.
- c) Seven nights double accommodations at the Hotel Diamante \*\*\*\*.
- d) Breakfast and dinner included daily in Val Gardena.
- e) Transfers from Val Gardena to the Hotel in Munich and from Munich back to the airport.
- f) Three nights lodging, double occupancy, at the Hotel Mercure Altstadt \*\*\*.
- g) Breakfast included daily in Munich.
- h) Welcome reception at BRSC events.
- i) Medical, accident and evacuation insurance.

Space is limited. To sign up fill out the form below and send it with a check for \$366 Payable to Dick Comerford at 307 Lounsbury Ct, Leesburg, VA 20176-2335. Deposits are fully refundable until September 2005.

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Name(s) on your PASSPORT: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Office Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I have read the PVS disclosure statement: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of each person listed on this form is required)

Check appropriate spaces:

Total Package\_\_\_ or Land Only\_\_\_; Room-mate (if not listed above) \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

**Prices & Payments:**

Full price **\$2,166**, Land only **\$1,520**      Single Supplement Addition: Val Gardena \$200, Munich \$184  
Payment Dates: November 1, \$900; January 1, \$900 (if full price) or balance.

**Current Airline Schedule:**

	Mar. 3
Lufthansa 415	Check in at Dulles @ 7:20pm. Depart Dulles @ 8:20pm. Arrive in Munich @10:25am
	Mar. 14
Lufthansa 414	Check in at Munich @ 2:25pm. Depart Munich @ 3:10pm. Arrive at Dulles @ 6:30pm.

**Hotel Diamant:** An elegant and cultivated house situated in the center of San Cassiano in the Alta Badia Valley. This is the right place for anyone who is looking for a skiing holiday, mountains, and especially for those who want to spend their holidays in a warm and welcoming atmosphere. Large and comfortable rooms completely restored with fresh colors. All rooms have bath, shower, wc, phone, color satellite TV, balcony, fridge, safe, hair dryer. <http://www.hoteldiamant.com/>

**Mercure Hotel Muenchen Altstadt:** There could hardly be a more central, yet quiet, location in Munich. Sights such as the Frauenkirche church and the Old Town Hall, featuring the world famous Glockenspiel, are within 3 minutes’ walk. Public transport, S and U Bahn, at nearby Marienplatz.

**Cancellation Policy:**

If it becomes necessary to cancel your trip, the trip leader will make every effort to minimize your loss. There will be NO loss if the cancellation is prior to September 15, 2005, after that date varying penalties will apply based on the airline, hotels and tour operator agreements.

Dick Comerford is leading the PVS part of BRSC’s Eurofest trip to Val Gardena. Inquiries and comments are welcome. Tel: (703) 777-9374      [dick.comerford@adelphia.net](mailto:dick.comerford@adelphia.net)

PVS STANDARD DISCLOSURE

Partial or full payment for a reservation on this Val Gardena 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 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 cancelled for any reason whatsoever, PVS shall only be responsible to make a maximum effort to obtain the refund of all payments previously made for the trip from the person to whom the payment was made and there shall not be any further obligation on the part of PVS, its officers, its representatives, its agents or its members. Trip participants on this PVS sanctioned trip shall ski at their own risk and therefore PVS, its officers, its Board of Directors or its members shall not be responsible for any personal injury, property damage or injuries to others by a participant on a PVS sanctioned trip.



## Potomac Valley Skiers



Tuesday March 28 – Tuesday April 4, 2006

# ***Winter Park Spring Spectacular***

Cost \$1160 per person

Your complete package includes:

Round trip non-stop air transportation from Dulles to Denver on United.

Luxury slopeside lodging for 7 nights at the Zephyr Mountain Lodge.

Lift tickets for 6 of 7 days at Winter Park/Mary Jane.

Round trip ground transfer on deluxe chartered bus.

3 group dinners at Winter Park.

2 after ski parties at resort.

Pre-trip party.

Tips for bus driver and baggage handling at resort and included meals.

All current taxes for above items.

Deduct \$168 for non skiers. Discounts for 70 and over have not been announced.

Last year the discount was \$108. Deduct \$314 for land-only package.

Add \$450 for private bedroom (not private condo).

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### Winter Park Resort

Winter Park is one of Colorado's largest and oldest resorts. It first opened in 1939 and it has a skiable area of 2770 acres. The vertical drop is 3060 with a top elevation of 12060 ft. There are 24 lifts including 8 high-speed quads, 4 triple chairs, 7 double chairs, and 5 surface lifts. Average snowfall is 351 inches. The area is owned by the city and county of Denver, but Intrawest has a long-term operating lease. Intrawest has made major improvements in the lift system and in the base accommodations. The mountain consists of the original Winter Park area and the new Mary Jane area. The Winter Park area has a wide selection of easy, more difficult and most difficult terrain. Mary Jane extends from the top of Winter Park to its own base. Mary Jane has a variety of more difficult and most difficult terrain. Our lodging is steps away from Zephyr Express lift at the Winter Park base, but you can also ski to the lodge by a connector trail from the Mary Jane base.

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### Zephyr Mountain Lodge

The Zephyr Mountain Lodge is Winter Park's premier ski-in ski-out lodging accommodation. It is an all-condo property and we have reserved two bedroom – two bath units. All are equipped with full kitchens with refrigerators, dishwashers, and conventional and microwave ovens. All units have gas fireplaces, cable televisions with VCRs and free high-speed dataport capabilities. The Lodge has 4 hot tubs and a fully equipped exercise room. Free public transportation is available to the towns of Winter Park and Fraser.

## Area Activities

Skiing, snowboarding, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, ice skating and tubing.  
Snowmobile tours.  
Dog or horse drawn sled rides  
Hot air balloon rides

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## Insurance

Optional insurance is available for \$40. It is highly recommended. Coverage includes cancellation for sickness or injury. Delay or lost baggage expenses and medical evacuation. See the trip leaders for a full description of coverage.

## Web links

Winter Park resort: <http://www.skiwinterpark.com/>  
Zephyr Mountain Lodge: <http://www.zmlwp.com/>  
Ski Rentals: <http://www.skiwinterpark.com/rentalsandlessons/rentaloptions/>  
Snowmobile tours: <http://trailblazerssnowmobile.com/>

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## Payment schedule and cancellation costs.

A deposit of \$200 per person is required with the trip application. Additional payments of \$250 are due on October 1 and December 1, 2005. Payment of any final balance is due on January 15, 2006. The initial deposit is unconditionally refundable before August 1. Refunds will be made after that date but actual cancellation costs may be charged. These costs will not exceed \$250 for cancellations before December 15 or \$600 for cancellations before February 15.

Cancellation on or after February 15 may be up to the full trip cost (excluding group meals).

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## Cost adjustments.

We may be required to pay fuel surcharges imposed by United Airlines, additional taxes or fees imposed on air travel, or increased lift tickets prices if the group size is below 25 people. These changes will be passed on to trip participants.

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## PVS terms and conditions.

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## Trip leader contact.

David Lerner, 1809 Midlothian Court, Vienna, VA 22182. Phone 703-281-2923. Email [dslearner@ieee.org](mailto:dslearner@ieee.org)

A co-leader will be announced.

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Trip application – send to trip leader at address above.

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Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phones (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (Work) \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ Roommate Pref: \_\_\_\_\_

Check all that apply: Air \_\_\_\_\_ Land \_\_\_\_\_ Single Supplement \_\_\_\_\_ Insurance \_\_\_\_\_

Lift ticket age category: Under 65 \_\_\_\_\_ 65-69 \_\_\_\_\_ 70+ \_\_\_\_\_

I have read the FINE PRINT. Signatures (If couple, both must sign)

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