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President's Message:

It's the time of year when the current slate of leaders examines "where we are, and where we want to be," all in order to give our successors the benefit of our experience and the insights gained over multi-year periods of intensive participation in the management of our club.

Thus, Ski Trip Committee Chair Bob Marx and his colleagues have completed a thorough enhancement of our ski trip guidelines. Some of these revisions have clarified what were considered to be ambiguities, while others set new standards and requirements for PVS endorsement of our coveted trips. More on this elsewhere in this issue.

We've examined and analyzed a raft of statistics concerning membership and participation in club activities. It's an undeniable fact that participation in activities such as monthly meetings and some of our non-skiing events is on a somewhat declining slope (no pun intended). During the past year, compared with the prior one, average attendance of monthly meetings has declined from just under 43 persons to under 38 and, if we exclude the December and April meetings, when attendance always is above average due to their special programs, the numbers are 41.6 and 33.1, respectively. There is a plethora of reasons for this undesirable trend, not the least of which is meeting locations that are inconvenient for some, constantly deteriorating traffic conditions, reluctance to venture out at night, especially in inclement weather, and more.

None of these are causes over which we have any control or which we can change. Inevitably, we're getting older and that has something to do with some of these non-participation causes. Clearly, we need to attract additional members, preferably of younger ages, who can help reverse our declining attendance. Some new initiatives to this end are soon to be in place, as will some others addressing such as meeting dates and times, especially during the dark winter months.

For now, our conclusion is not to be alarmed. We're sound and viable with increased participation in this year's ski trips. And, let's face it, that's what we're primarily about. Also, our finances continue in a sound mode.

Keep coming, and enjoy the camaraderie of a typical PVS meeting, outing, or trip. By your participation, you confirm your continued interest in the club's perpetual existence, and you reward your volunteers who work hard to make the numerous opportunities possible. Thank you for your continued support.

David

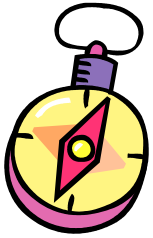


Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, March 20, 2007

7:30

At the home of
*Liz Warren-Boulton and
Joe Jevcak*
Porter St. in DC



Directions:

Joe Jevcak & Liz Warren-Boulton
3049 Porter St. NW
Washington DC 20008
202-244-5717

NOTE: The house is on the north side of Porter St, halfway between Connecticut Ave. and Reno Rd, 1 block from the Cleveland Park metro station.

From the North:

Connecticut Ave south, turn **right** on Porter St. OR
Wisconsin Ave south or Reno Rd south, turn **left** on Porter St.

From the South:

Massachusetts Ave, turn **right** on 34th St, **turn right** on Porter St.

***Street parking on Porter St or at the back of the house on Quebec St. To get to Quebec St, go around the block and look for the number 3049 on the bottom of the lattice gate that will have a piece of white cloth tied to it. Enter through the back gate.

Changes"

Dottie Villers =new e-mail address: dottievillers@yahoo.com (Congratulations on your retirement, Dottie

New Applicant Members

John Seabold and Donna Hambric (Welcome, John and Donna. PVS enjoyed having you on the 718 N. Highland St . Snowmass trip.)
Arlington, VA 22201
Home 703-527-7718
Office 301-763-3336
Office/cell 301-763-2639

John.p.seabold@census.gov
Donna.lee.hambric@census.gov



Welcome

Annual Election - 2007

An appreciative thanks to, **Sharon Mulholland**, our Chairperson and her committee: John Brunelli, Kirk Burns, Marvin Hass, Betty Lawrence, and Rosemary Schwartzbard for the following slate of officers.

President = Mike Strand

Vice President = Dick Comerford

ExCom members = Carolyn Maurer, Ruth Powers, and David Warthen

(A biographical sketch of each ExCom and VP candidate appeared in the February Toot.)

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

President - *David Abraham*
Vice President - *Mike Strand*
Secretary - *Mary Beale*
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TOOT Proofer - *Bob Marx*
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Historian - *Jan Marx*

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Bob Knopes
Dick Laeser
David Lerner

Second Term

Charlotte Eddy
Burr Schuler
Dick Schwartzbard



Ski Trip Committee (STC) News

* The STC has been working for several months to clarify and enhance the *Guidelines for a PVS-Endorsed Ski Trip* (the *Guidelines*) that ski trip leaders use when they prepare their proposals and manage their ski trips, that the STC uses to review the proposals it receives, and that the ExCom uses to approve ski trips for PVS-endorsement each year. A revised version of the *Guidelines* was approved by the ExCom at its meeting on February 28, 2007. A copy of the *Guidelines* is available on the PVS web site. Those without web access can obtain a printed version by sending a request to Bob Marx, Chair of the STC.

* In accordance with the new *Guidelines*, the STC is announcing its intent to meet with potential ski trip leaders and discuss their preliminary proposals for ski trips in the 2007-2008 winter season. This discussion will include all proposals the STC receives by the March 16, 2007 deadline stated in the February Toot. This meeting will be held:

**Sunday afternoon, March 18, 2007 at 2:00 pm, at the home of Eloise Strand
10728 Lady Slipper Ter. Rockville, MD 20852**

Directions:

From Virginia: Take Beltway I-495 to I-270. Take first exit onto Democracy Blvd (East). Follow Democracy Blvd to Old Georgetown Road (left turn at light). Follow Old Georgetown Road North to 4th light, Tuckerman Lane. Turn right on Tuckerman to the first right turn on Gloxinia and enter the "Cloisters."

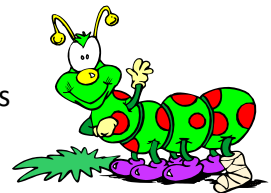
From Maryland: Take Beltway or Wisconsin Avenue to Old Georgetown Road. Turn right on Tuckerman Lane to first right turn on Gloxinia into the "Cloisters."

The Cloisters: After you have entered the Cloisters subdivision, cross Valerian Lane to the stop sign one block later at Valerian Lane (the Lane does a loop.) Turn right on Valerian Lane one block to first right turn on Lady Slipper Terrace. Follow Lady Slipper to its end at the cul-de-sac to 10728. NOTE: 5 cars can easily park in our driveway without blocking our neighbor's access. In the cul-de-sac, park headed into the curb. Before the cul-de-sac, park parallel to the curb.

301-468-1535

Have a Good Recovery, Myron!

As many of you know, Myron Marquardt slipped in his driveway (2/26) and broke his hip. Fumiko reports today (3/1) that he is at a rehabilitation unit receiving physical therapy to learn how to walk with crutches and/or walker. He may be home soon. His room phone is 240-864-6259.



Recover Soon, Myron!

For Sale



Solomon Xscreams - Hot Chili skis. With bindings.
165 cm Orange, yellow, black
Used only one week \$350 or best offer.
Call Sally Finan - 703-716-9023



New Membership Chair

Our very capable and devoted Membership Chair, Pat Vagonis, has asked to retire from this position. Considering that she is the ever running mother of three growing kids, it's quite remarkable that she was able to hold this chairmanship for as long as she has, and during which she accomplished a complete redo of our membership database. We are indeed indebted to Pat, and hope that family and profession will permit her to maintain an active role in the club.



I am delighted to be able to announce that long-time member and professional accountant, also ski trip committee member, Mike Hatanaka, has agreed to succeed Pat for the next two club-years. Mike is an exceptionally qualified person for this important leadership position, and we are grateful for his accepting it. We wish him good luck and express our thanks for what he has and continues to do for our club.

David

Coming Events

🎵🎵◆ PVS Goes to the Theatre ◆🎵🎵 Broadway's Compelling, Smash Hit



Sunday, March 25, 2007 at 2:00 pm see *Doubt* at the National Theatre

Doubt played on Broadway from March 2005 to July 2006 winning the **2005 Tony for Best Play and the 2005 Pulitzer Prize for Drama**. Cherry Jones also won the Tony for Best Actress. She recreates her role in Washington, DC. ***Doubt*** is a riveting, serious drama not appropriate for children under 13.

Doubt takes place at St. Nicholas, a Catholic Church and school in the Bronx in 1964. Sister Aloysius, the school principal, suspects the young, charismatic Father Flynn of improper relations with one of the male students. Convinced that the priest will be blindly protected by the church hierarchy, Sister Aloysius sets out to take him down herself. The play examines the line between gossip and truth, certainty and doubt.

The Group Price is \$79.50, including the handling fee. The Box Office, price is \$85 per seat. Our group of tickets has been **Sold Out**. Additional tickets may be available. Contact Ray or Nancy McKinley right away at 703-527-7126 or e-mail at raymckin@gmail.com immediately if interested in this dramatic experience.

🎵🎵◆ PVS Goes to the Theatre ◆🎵🎵



Joanna Walker in Concert

Tuesday, March 6th at 9 PM

Joanna Walker, a new PVS member, will release her new Jazz CD and showcase her amazing voice in the lounge at Le Canard Restaurant in Vienna, VA. The restaurant is expecting a full house, so please plan to arrive early! For more information please contact her at -- joanna.walker@cox.net

Jazz

Help support live music in Northern Virginia and add some jazz to your life!

BROOKSIDE GARDENS GUIDED TOUR

Thursday, April 26, 10:30 AM

Thanks to Rachel Abraham's initiative we will have a revival of the popular Brookside Botanical Gardens spring tour, led and guided by a member of the Garden's cadre of professionals.

Meet at the Visitors Center at 10:30 AM and the tour will begin promptly at 10:45, lasting about an hour.

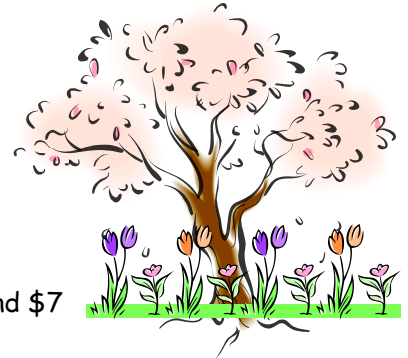
Cost: Depending on the number of participants, the cost will range between \$ 5 and \$7 per person. The maximum number of participants is 20.

RSVP: To reserve your space, please call Rachel not later than **April 16** at 301-530-7612 or e-mail rhabraham@aol.com.

Bring: It is suggested that participants bring their lunch sandwich and, weather permitting, an outdoor group luncheon will be had by all.

Directions:

Brookside Gardens, located in Wheaton, Maryland, is easily reached by taking Georgia Avenue north from the Beltway, turning right at Randolph Road, and again right at Glenallan Avenue. The Gardens Visitor Center is at 1800, a right turn at the four-way stop. Parking is on-site.



Williamsburg Weekend

April 13 - 15, 2007



PVS South has planned another fun filled weekend with lots of food for April 13-15 in Williamsburg.

Plan to arrive on the afternoon of April 13 for a 3:00 check in at The **Hospitality House** located on Richmond Rd. a short distance from the historic area. That evening we will have cocktails at the **Sharers** followed by dinner at the nearby **Two Rivers Country Club**.



We offer two options for Saturday: tour historic Jamestown with its splendid new galleries or take the ferry across the James River to tour Bacon's Castle built in 1665 www.apva.org/baconscastle and historic St. Luke's Church built in 1632 www.historicstlukes.org/. We will follow this with lunch in the cozy Victorian Smithfield Inn www.smithfieldinn.com/. Saturday evening's festivities start with cocktails at the **Harpers** followed by a buffet supper at the **Klines**. We will end the evening with dessert and coffee at the **Clarks**.

At noon on Sunday we will have a lavish champagne brunch



at the elegant **Williamsburg Inn**.



This event is limited to 20 people plus the 8 of us who live in Williamsburg. To reserve your place, send a check for \$325⁰⁰ made out to Marilyn Clark and marked PVS Weekend by March 15. The fee covers 2 cocktail parties and dinners, lodging for 2 nights, and brunch on Sunday.

Call Marilyn Clark at 757-565-1942 or e-mail at ramjclark@verizon.net if you have any questions about the weekend.



This 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 a 3 day add on to the 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 entire Western Hemisphere. ***Las Leñas isn't merely a good summer ski area; it's one of the world's GREAT ski areas. This resort is served by 13 lifts, 40 miles of trails, and 4,100-foot vertical drop from its 11,253-foot summit.*** Las Leñas is 7 times the size of Vail. The lower section's nine lifts connect a variety of groomed trails, ideal for all levels. 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 stay at the only 5 Star hotel at Las Leñas, the superb *Pisces*.

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 river trip and multi-course lunch 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 the 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 overnight to DC.

Cost: We still have not firmed up prices. But skiing at Las Leñas is expensive! We are in high season, the resort has raised prices and airfares are up some \$250 more than last year. We now expect that the Argentina portion of the trip will be in the \$3,800-\$4,600 range. The add-on to Brazil should be an additional \$800-\$900, including airfare. We expect to have final prices next month.

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 through February. Call us at 703-527-7126 for more information. Or e-mail us ArgentinaBrazil2007@potomacvalleyski.org



Past Events

February's Meeting



Mary, and Josie, her tail-wagging dachshund, welcomed 29 guests to her finished (!) and beautifully decorated home. She graciously explained her numerous improvements as people asked. If you will remember back to last winter, Mary hosted the monthly meeting when her floors were still tender after the polyurethane had been applied to the hardwood floors. We wore stocking feet or her cute blue surgery booties.

Members excitedly talked of ski areas they just returned from and of up-coming trips while they munched on veggies, Mary's famous deviled eggs, pretzels, mini quiches, and more.

David ran the meeting expediently and we heard about future trips and events.

Mary provided us with tasty cookies and coffee.

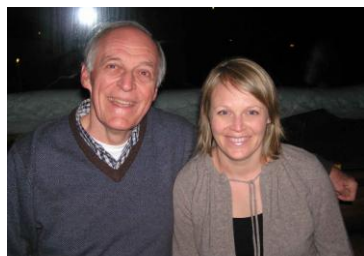


PVS at Big Sky for BRSC Western Carnival

On or about Saturday, 3 February, 27 skiers and one boarder left their various homes to make their way to Big Sky, Montana, to partake of the Blue Ridge Ski Council's 2007 Western Carnival. Not all of these travelers were members of PVS, but we all were convening as part of the PVS contingent. Unfortunately two of our PVS travelers, **Marty Rine**, our trip leader, and **Carolyn Callaway** were unable to participate due to illness. So who were all these people who left freezing temps behind in the east to enjoy spring skiing in Montana? In February?



Top of Lone Mt. Note ski slopes of billionaire's "Yellowstone Club" behind us. Bob, Jan, Dave P, Dave C, Dottie.



Dick Laeser & daughter Kat from CA

Chuck Arnold, a member of the Southern Maryland Ski Club, was a delightful young man who chose to travel with us as he was the only member of his club to attend. He said his wife ordered him to sign up as she didn't want to hear grumbling all year about not skiing. He skied The Peak in her honor. (Yes, we did our best to recruit him for PVS!)

"**The Boys**" were three young men who found out about the trip on the web. Their names are **Jared Langston**, **Andy Minarik** and **Ryan Stayer**.

They are high school and college buddies who took this trip to strengthen old ties. Andy is a snowboarder, but we liked him anyway.

Jared used to snowboard, but saw the light and returned to skis. Ryan never strayed from The True Path.

Dave Callaway made the trip without wife Carolyn (and without his boot bag, which didn't catch up to him until a couple of days later). I do hope his skis eventually made it back home as they were AWOL at last notice. Luckily he was able to rent equipment for his first days skiing.

Genevieve Garment gets the award for coming the greatest distance. She came from Rome, Italy, to join friend **Mary Ann Gustafson**. They have been meeting for an annual ski vacation for the past several years.

Melissa FitzGerald is no stranger to Big Sky. She lived in the Bozeman area for a number of years and still owns a house in the foothills. We got to wave at it on our way to the airport going home.

Robert and Cara Jablon took the sartorial award for the trip. Cara is an elegant dresser as well as an elegant skier. Robert had the most amazing collection of ties on the bus. And, gentlemen, can you imagine wearing a coat and tie every day while on vacation?

Bob Knopes gave us an occasion for a special party, not that PVS ever needs an occasion, by celebrating his 75th birthday party on the trip. In the small world category, he found out that he and his trip roommate, Chuck, are related by marriage.

We were delighted to have **Dick Laeser's** lovely daughter **Kat** join her dad and us for part of the week. Kat, a former ski instructor, actually skied the peak. She pronounced it "awesome." Most of us just took the tram up & back for the view, which really was awesome.

Co-trip leader **Jan Marx** and right-hand-man **Bob** stepped into Marty's shoes to shepherd the group there and back again. The latter became quite a challenge when United Express cancelled the homeward flight for the majority of our group. Many people pitched in to investigate alternatives and we all eventually arrived home safely. (Fly Delta jets!) Jan & Bob spent a couple of days trying new equipment, but when the demos were done, they pronounced their old skis to be like comfy bedroom slippers.



Bob preparing to race.



Mike, Eloise with NEW HAT on sleigh ride to a super dinner that included entertainment



Shirley near Iron Horse Lift

David and Susan Payne joined us from upstate New York. Susan told us of attending a conference at Big Sky, in the summer, when an overzealous construction worker dynamited the access road and stranded them for several days with no exit and no power. The staff prepared food over open fires and used candles to escort guests to their rooms.



Eloise and Rosemary shopping

Shirley Rettig started the trip on a sour note when the Super Shuttle insisted that she arrive at the airport two hours before our scheduled departure time of 6:00am. There is nothing open at Dulles before 5:00! So she rattled around with the cleaning crew. The trip improved from there.



Yellowstone Tour

The intrepid Rosemary Schwartzbard and husband Dick came through again as natural leaders shepherding an every-changing group of skiers all over Big Sky and, on our final ski day, to the neighboring resort Moonlight Basin. Don't ask me where we went, but I can tell you that we had a good time. Rosemary also led the hopping contingent.

Eloise Strand planned to hit the slopes while husband Mike worked. Imagine their dismay when their room didn't even have a desk where Mike could set up his laptop and other work materials. It took a couple of days, but the hotel eventually located a better room for them.



Bruno, Joanna & Lone Peak

Yvonne Thayer joined pals Melissa and Dottie. During a cross-country skiing day at the Lone Mountain Ranch she may have skied past a sleeping moose. Others assured her that it was down that particular trail, but Yvonne never saw him (or her). This may have been a good thing!

Dottie Villers was the hostess with the mostest throughout the trip as she coordinated the traditional PVS après ski parties and arranged for a Yellowstone snow coach tour for several of us. Elk, bison, waterfowl and other critters abound. We saw Old Faithful (twice), a bald eagle and also a hapless golden eagle being tag-teamed by two ravens with designs on his lunch.

Bruno and Joanna Walker were the other PVSers who tackled the peak. Joanna pronounced it "steep." Bruno, Joanna and Bob Marx all raced for the honor of PVS. Bruno won a silver medal for his second run after having a binding pre-release on his first. Go Bruno!

Speaking of racing: Be sure to congratulate Charlie Huggins for taking a BRSC prize for his race performance. And ask him why he was skiing for SCWDC and not PVS.



Another great PVS trip - in spite of fickle airlines and thin snow cover!

(Editor's note: United could not accommodate us until 2 days later so we opted to switch airlines and return to National Airport instead of Dulles. Four of us had cars parked at Dulles. Ask Strands, Callaway, and Slack/Ward about the "closeness" that brings. Fun!)

Mike

&

Melissa

Making the best of the long wait in Bozeman



Submitted by Jim Slack & Mary Ellena Ward

(Editor's Note: Mary took off snow boots & put on slippers as she waited in the looongTSA line.)





THE KNEE

by Ray McKinley

Before I “March” into this month’s gossip, a word about this winter’s weather. Yucky! We had a mild December, and the warmest January ever. But in February the bottom dropped out. And we didn’t have snow, we had ice. Sliding down the white stuff on skis is exciting. So is sliding on the white stuff on the beltway. But it’s a different kind of exciting.

It was really cold in mid February. So cold that no PVSers showed up at Betty Lawrence’s Blue Knob ski house for a PVS mid-week skiing event. The Knee recalls a Blue Ridge Ski Council Ski-O-Ree at Blue Knob several years ago (all right it was 15 years ago!) when it was so icy that you had to use ski poles like pitons to get across the upper parking lot. Betty, they don’t call it “Blue” Knob for nothing.

Things were better closer in. While it was snowing in DC, Jean van der Tak and Shirley Rettig went to Liberty and skied in good conditions on some real snow. As the Knee is wont to say, “Give me death or give me Liberty.”

VEEP Mike Strand has successfully made it through Montgomery County jury duty. Mike only used one word. “Guilty.”

It’s a new Vista. Bob and Janet Marx are using Mr. Gates’ (No not Bob, the Secretary of Defense, it’s Bill, the Microsoft guy) newest operating system. They aren’t overwhelmed. According to Jan, the same icons are there, but they do different things. The Vista isn’t clear.

A tip of the ol’ Kneecap to June Read-Martin. She has just moved into a new Gaithersburg townhouse. Right on!

Ilse Keel now is back in Germany. Unfortunately, it’s not for skiing. Ilse had to leave suddenly to minister to her sick brother.

Ray and Judy Jones were back in the DC area for the birth of their first grandchild. Benjamin Ryan was born on Tuesday Jan 30, and along with his mother, is doing fine. According to born-again Floridian, Ray, “Thankfully, we returned to warm, sunny Sarasota before the really cold weather hit.” But, Ray, you can’t ski in Florida!

According to Marvin Hass, and the NY Times, Bolivia’s only ski area, Chacaltaya is disappearing. It bills itself as the world’s highest ski resort, at 17,388 feet. Skiing is above the clouds with a view of Peru’s Lake Titicaca. But its single ski run is expected to be gone in a few years. Skiers now descend to the lodge on a trail of rocks that 14 years ago had 40 feet of snow.

Chacaltaya’s lift, which stopped working recently, was powered by an old automobile engine. Now skiers must hike 30 minutes (At 3 miles above sea level!) to its only run. Glaciers are increasingly receding in the Andes, but Chacaltaya’s melting has been especially quick. More than 80 percent of the glacier has been lost in 20 years. The glacier’s relatively small size and the abundance of rocks absorbing **heat** under its **ice** have quickened its retreat. There is a rumor that Marvin is planning a weekend bike trip to ski Chacaltaya before it melts.

PVS has floozies--or more properly flusies. The influenza bug is doing us under this season. Marty Rine, trip leader on the Big Sky (which is never, never abbreviated BS) Trip, came down with the bug and missed the BS trip. Marty’s deputy, Jan Marx, stepped into the breach and did a super job. No BS loss of capabilities whatsoever! More on flusies later.

There was a problem getting home. Our group’s flight was cancelled. Jan called the BRSC wholesaler, Judy Miller, for help. (You may remember Judy from several years ago when she was in prison for two years for airline ticket fraud.) Judy said you are on your own to get back! Fortunately, Bob Marx was able to rebook PVS home via Atlanta. Boo Judy Miller!

Congrats to Charlie Huggins! He won a BRSC (which, contrary to what you might read elsewhere, stands for Big Round Single Cantaloupe) Silver medal at BS.

Some of you, who get your TOOT electronically, may ask why this paragraph is red. I dunno! But it makes the column considerably more colorful.

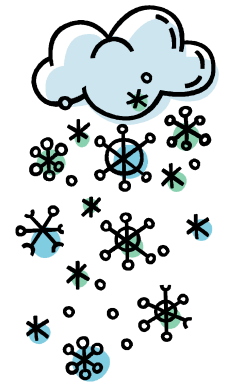
Earlier in the season, despite getting a flu shot, Sharon Mulholland, was a flusie, too sick to go to Snowmass. What a bummer!

Suzanne Boisclair is back from what she considers to be an outstanding trip to Africa. She spent her time in one of my favorite countries, Tanzaneknea. Suzanne saw everything, but especially enjoyed her Serengeti Safari. Afterwards she said “Safari, so goodie.”

Finalknee, on Christmas day Rosemary and Dick Schwartzbard were in Antarctica. They climbed a volcanic cone, and later jumped into the 35 deg Antarctic Sea. Brrrrrr!

Calendar

Mar	6	Tue	Joanna Walker's concert (see inside)
Mar	10	Sat	Snowmass Post Trip Party at Van der Tak's; 3-6:00 PM
Mar	18	Sun	STC meeting with potential ski trip leaders; 2:00 PM at Strands'
Mar	20	Tue	Monthly Meeting at Warren-Boulton's/Jevcak's
Mar	25	Sun	"Doubt" at the National Theater
Mar	27	Tue	ExCom at Abraham's
April	13-15		Williamsburg Weekend
April	17	Tue	Annual Meeting at Heitchue's party room.
April	26	Thu	Brookside Garden Tour
May	13	Sun	Sun Peaks post-trip Party



Ski Trip Calendar 2007-----Western, Euro, South America)

Mar	3-11/07	<u>Sun Peaks</u> (Ray/Nancy McKinley)
Mar	3-10/07	<u>Schladming</u> (PVS/BRSC G. Flake/J. Smith) (Feb 26-Mar 3 Athens: Mar 10-13 Vienna)
Aug	9-25/07	<u>Las Leñas, Argentina</u> (Ray/Nancy McKinley) (Aug 18-21/07 Buenos Aires: Aug 21-25 Rio de Janeiro, Brazil)



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