

Fellow Potomac Valley Skiers:

Thanksgiving season is coming soon. However an ongoing privilege of PVSers is continuous Thanksgiving. Thanks currently to three ex-presidents and an ex-Excomer for the October meetings: Janet and Bob Marx and Liz and Serge Triau--meetings with enchanting Halloween decor and delectable menus. And this appreciation extends to our current ski club activity calendar of inviting events--hiking, skating, biking and sightseeing tours in our city as it is, plus a black-tie dining evening--all events that beckon the membership. For all these our ski caps are off to Bill Anderson, George Hicho, Betty Byrne, Marvin Hass, Betty Lawrence, Barbara and Fred Leonhardt, Nancy and Ray McKinley, Marilyn and Jim Panagopolous, Terry and Ham Morton, and Bette Walker.

Now, back to standard time and thoughts of that "good kind of white powder." Get prepared to pack!

Appreciation longstanding from the past for Bob Wyckoff's contributions as an impressive nineteen-trip leader and member. Margaret, you have our sympathy for our mutual loss.

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President XXIV



MONTHLY MEETING November 20, 2001, 7:30 p.m.

Home of Ruth Powers, 7580 Potomac Fall Road McLean, VA 22102 Tel: 703-821-2431

Special Guest: Annual appearance of Brian Eardley of the Washington Ski Center to tell us about the latest ski gear. Directions to Ruth Powers' house: From Beltway, take Exit 44 (Georgetown Pike, Rte. 193). Go west on Georgetown Pike for one mile, turn right on Potomac River Road (just after crossing small stone bridge--the Betty Cooke Memorial Bridge). Entrance wall says Potomac Overlook Subdivision. Go to end of Potomac River Road (about 1/2 mile) and turn right on Potomac Fall Road. No. 7580 is first house on the left after turn. Driveway goes down hill to the house.

ICE SKATING

Thursday, November 1, will be the first meeting for

those interested in ice skating with PVS. The session

will be at Cabin John Ice Rink from 10:30 to 12:30,

an arrangement not carved in stone. Lunch after session

will be at nearby Bakeryi. To know dates, times and venues

most preferred by all, please call Bette Walker at 202-333-0766.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND POTOMAC VALLEY SKIERS AUTUMN DINNER AT THE ARTS CLUB OF WASHINGTON. FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9, AT SEVEN O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING. THE COST FOR THIS OPTIONAL BLACK-TIE EVENT IS \$63.00 PER PERSON.

PLEASE SEND CHECK PAYABLE TO BILL ANDERSON 5401 WESTBARD AVENUE, APT. 408 BETHESDA, MARYLAND 20816

PLEASE CALL BILL TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE, AND IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS: 301-654-4711

Stroll & Dinner:

Sat. Nov. 10th

Deadline for Sign-Up: Nov. 4th

Join the group for refreshments at the Leonhardt=s home (606 Firehouse Lane, Gaithersburg, MD 20878) on Sat. Nov. 10th at 2:00 PM. Following snacks, wine, and other beverages, the group will walk (or bike or drive) to a Chinese restaurant in the Kentlands. Two routes are options: the Along@ walk will be about 2-3 miles around the lakes and neighborhoods of the Kentlands on paved, level paths and the Ashort@ route (0.7 mile) will be direct to the restaurant. Dinner will be at 4:30 PM; soup and four pre-selected entrees will be served family style to each table. Following dinner, the group will walk back to the Leonhardt=s for dessert and coffee. The cost for the event will be about \$17 per person; those who sign up will be obligated for the cost of the dinner <u>unless cancellation is made by Nov. 4th</u>. In case of rain, we will skip the walk and just eat and eat and eat. Call Barbara Leonhardt (301-963-8111) to sign up by Nov. 4th or to obtain directions to the Leonhardt=s.

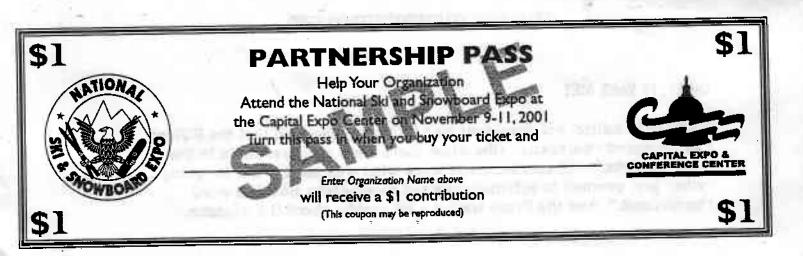
National Ski & Snowboard Expo Nov. 9, 10, & 11, 2001 Capitol Expo Center Rte. 28, 1/2 mile south of Rte 50

--Over 100 exhibitors

- --Swap your used equipment & get cash for new season
- --Super sale on skis, boards, fashions
- --Warren Miller's newest blockbuster movie

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Hours: Friday: 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sunday: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Free parking,. For info contact Zedeck Associates, 703-644-9899



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BICYCLING GOURMET

Upper Rock Creek Bike Path -- 18 miles Thursday, November 15 at 10:30 am

Starting Point: Strathmore Hall Arts Center (meet at far end of parking lot). Route will go east to the Rock Creek Bike Path and then head north to Lake Needwood. On return segment, will stop for lunch near end of ride at the *Garrett Park Cafe*, a hidden gem in this community with turn-of-the-century-atmsphere.

Rest rooms, water, and art exhibit available at Arts Center. (open 10:00 - 3). Leaders: Marvin Hass (703) 751-4737 and Betty Byrne (202) 483-4048 This will be the last ride of the current year.

ANNUAL CHILI HIKE

This traditional PVS event will be held this year on Saturday, November 17. Meet at 1:30 at the Great Falls Visitor's Center, Virginia side. The chili dinner is full, but call the McKinleys at 703-527-7126 to check on cancellations. All are welcome to join the hike.

www.potomacvalleyskiers.org

New items on the PVS Web Site include a photo of three members of PVS on the observation deck of the George Washington Masonic Memorial in Alexandria taken during a special tour of this unusual building arranged by Bill Anderson on October 19. There are also two photos of a last-minute hike/brunch in the Lansdowne area arranged by Betty Lawrence on October 20. Members were able to stroll for a mile from Betty's new apartment down to the Potomac through a dedicated nature reserve.

OKAY, IT WAS ME!

Your TOOT editor, not President Ned Flaherty, who said that the Dillons had produced "barbecued ribs when there were none available in the local markets." Of course, crabs were what was meant--but in typing, "ribs" just seemed to automatically put themselves after the word "barbecued." And the Prexy wasn't a bit crabby about the mistake.

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS MONDAY, DEC. 10 TO MONDAY, DEC. 17, 2001

Doug Horstman of Alpine Group Consultants will be directing you on our low-budget trip to Denver. Sally Finan of PVS will be our contact at Steamboat Springs.

Call to see if there is still space. You may reach Doug Horstman at dhorstman@alpinegroupconsultnts.com and his assistant Maureen Kruger at MKruger@alpinegroupconsultants.com. Their phone number there is 703-591-8440.

Ski Snowmass, CO

Jan. 17 - 24, 2001

Final Payment Due Nov. 10th

The snow is beginning to fall in Colorado and, in just 2 ½ months or sooner, PVS'ers will be on the slopes. A group of 50 will be going to Snowmass. Look for a mailing which will provide: details on the trip; a list payments that you have made thus far; and the amount of the final payment which is due November 10, 2001. This date supercedes the due date previously provided. A list of the trip participants will also be included in the mailing. Keep January 12, 2002 available for the pre-trip dinner/party. Thus far, there have been no changes in the airline schedule but United Airlines is now revising their schedules through Dec. 31, 2001. So - keep posted. If you have any questions, please call Barbara or Fred Leonhardt at 301-963-8111.

STILL TIME TO SIGN UP

PVS BANFF / LAKE LOUISE CANADA 2002

(THIS TRIP IS PART OF THE BLUE RIDGE SKI COUNCIL WESTERN CARNIVAL 2002)

Saturday February 2, 2002 to Saturday February 9, 2002

THREE SKI AREAS: LAKE LOUISE, SUNSHINE VILLAGE, AND NORQUAY

WE WILL BE STAYING THREE NIGHTS AT THE "CHATEAU LAKE LOUISE" and FOUR NIGHTS AT THE "BANFF SPRINGS HOTEL"

TOTAL PACKAGE PRICE: \$ 1300 (DOUBLE OCCUPANCY)

INCLUDED IN PRICE: PRE TRIP PARTY, ROUND TRIP AIR FARE FROM WASHINGTON TO CALGARY AND RETURN, TRANSFER FROM CALGARY AIRPORT TO THE CHATEAU LAKE LOUISE AND MIDWEEK TO THE BANFF SPRINGS HOTEL, BREAKFAST DAILY, PVS APRES SKI PARTIES, LIFT TICKET (5 OF 6 DAYS), BRSC WELCOMING PARTY, BRSC MIDWEEK APRES SKI PARTY, BRSC FAREWELL DINNER PARTY AND DANCE, BUS TRANSFER TO THE AIRPORT IN CALGARY, POST TRIP PARTY, EMERGENCY MEDICAL INSURANCE.

TO SIGN UP FOR THE TRIP: SEND A DEPOSIT OF \$100 (PAYABLE TO JOHN H. SMITH) TO:

JOHN H. SMITH, AT 8174 INVERNESS RIDGE ROAD, POTOMAC, MD. 20854.

CONTACTS: JOHN H. SMITH AT 301-299-8376 OR JACK PEOPLES AT 301-438-7298

A grand European ski extravaganza and sailing holiday March 15-30, 2002

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- --A week's skiing in Courcheval
- --5-day cruise among the picturesque Greek Isles and 2 days in Athens.

For information call Nancy or Ray McKinley, 703-527-7126

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NOTE ON STEAMBOAT AND CHAMONIX TRIPS: EACH COULD USE ONE FEMALE. CALL DOUG HORSTMAN OR JIM SLACK.

Blue Ridge Ski Council Fall Meeting September 29th

Fourteen of the twenty ski clubs were represented at the meeting. Total attendance was 43, and this included representatives from JTM and GTU. Wayne Homens discussed the BRSC Web Site. Twenty three sanctioned trips are listed. Approximately 70 people are now looking at the site each day. If clubs need a few more spaces to fill their trips, the BRSC Web Site for a \$10 fee is a good place to advertise.

Travel restrictions and plane schedules were discussed by Joan Magro of JTM who in running the ski trip to Chamonix, France, and the three day extension to Prague. Approximately 150 are signed up for this trip. Five clubs are going to Chamonix, France, and all are leaving out of Dulles Airport. Four clubs are on Swiss Air, and one is on Lufthansa. Cancellations and price changes may occur before March.

Judy Miller of GTU reported that 241 had signed up for Banff/Lake Louise. There is space for 376 skiers, and clubs need to get members to sign up. Anybody wanting not to change hotels should contact Nancy Waddington (Crabtowne Skiers) as they are staying at Banff Springs Hotel, and they have space available.

The BRSC By Laws were updated, and copies were distributed at the meeting along with updated copies of the race rules. Sam Mantis from Washington Ski International discussed weekend club racing at the local ski areas.

The BRSC voted to go to Lake Tahoe in 2003, Aspen/Snowmass 2004, Breckenridge 2005, and Sun Valley in 2006. Next years European trip (2003) will be to Innsbruck, Austria, and the following year (2004) to Cortina, Italy. Western trips will continue to take place the first week in February, and the European trips the first week in March.

Ski Area Survey From Membership Renewals

Less than half of the PVSers filled in the three places on the renewal form, and some only filled in two. The data below indicates that club members like Steamboat and Snowmass. The big surprise was that nobody listed the number one place in the east, and Mt. Sutton did not get a single vote. The small number of Canadian ski areas chosen was lower than anticipated as the favorable exchange rate makes skiing in Canada a bargain. The favorable exchange rate of the dollar to the Euro resulted in a strong vote for Europe, but no place got more than one vote. Colorado continues to be the favorite ski state followed by Utah, Montana, California, Idaho, Wyoming, N. Mexico, Oregon, Maryland and Arizona. Some people listed towns, states, and countries instead of ski areas. Results as reported on the renewal forms are as follows:

	Colorad	<u>o 59</u>	
Keystone 2	Aspen 2	Crested Butte 5	Colorado 5
Snowmass 12	Durango 1	Copper 2	Vail 8
Steamboat 13	Winter Park 1	Beaver Creek 2	Telluride 6

Utah 17

Deer Valley 2 Park City 4

Snowbird 1 **Rockies** 1

Utah 3 Salt Lake City 3

Canyons 2

Montana 9 **Big Sky 8** Montana 1

California 8 Tahoe 5 Mammoth 3

West 1

Idaho 5	Wyoming 4	New Mexico 2
Sun Valley 5	Jackson Hole 4	Taos 2

Maryland 1 Arizona 1 Oregon 1 Mt. Bachelor 1 Wisp 1 Flagstaff

Canada 9

Big White 1 Whistler 3

Banff 3 Western Canada 1

Nancy Greene's 1

Europe 18

France 3	Zurs 1	Val d'lsers 1	Courmayeur 1
Europe 4	St. Moritz 1	St. Anton 1	Megeve 1
Switzerland 1	Davos 1	Wengen 1	Bormio 1
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Anybody interested in running a trip to any of the above areas should contact George Hicho (301) 963-1836 in November.

Charles Huggins

PAST EVENTS*

...AT LEAST IT WASN'T ICE!

As each group of PVSers arrived for the October monthly meeting at the Marxes, they insisted theirs had been the most miserable trip through the rain. What should have taken 30 minutes, turned into a two-hour disaster was a frequent complaint. Some even insisted they were not going out into the terrible weather again but would just bunk down with the hosts. <u>BUT THEN</u>--grumbles turned to smiles as members tore into the delicious repast--sandwiches and salads galore, ending with assorted kinds of cheese cake PLUS two huge other cakes. And the happy Halloween decorations added to the festive fun. Jan even had a tree (similar to the Christmas kind) hung with many orange pumpkins and bright lights.

Because of the weather, the turnout was smaller than usual, leaving large quantities of food untouched (tho we did our best!) but Jan had a number of good causes to use the rest.

Especially warm thanks to the Marxes for their gracious hosting on a bad night--and for the fun preview of the Halloween to come.

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A most beautiful fall hike 🗇 (KF)

I would be hard to find a nicer day and a better place for a short hike than the grounds around Betty Lawrence's new condo at Leisure World at Landsdowne, Virginia. All twelve of us were warmed up with mimosas and munchies before we started through the woods and across the golf course down toward the Potomac, a mile and a half we were told. The river was really there even if we could not see it through the leaves from Betty's windows high up. On the return trip we were creative and went in different ways such as over rocks a la Billy Goat, around the large buildings, or just the straight and easier way through the woods.

We felt we had earned our lunch of pizza, salad, and apple pie as we settled down in comfort and talked while enjoying the beautiful view or watching football on TV.

Thanks Betty for continuing to be so hospitable to PVS.

NOTE: Lu Beale and Jan Marx have been name?PVS historians. If you have any items you think should be saved for the club, please send or give them to Lu or Jan.

TOUR OF THE GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC NATIONAL MEMÒRIAL

Bill Anderson planned and organized this pleasant day, starting with a tour of the Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria, and ending with lunch at Potowmack Landing Restaurant at the sailing marina along the George Washington Parkway. Twelve PVSers toured most of the nine floors of the 330-foot tall memorial, viewing a 17-foot bronze statue of Washington, 12 dioramas depicting highlights in the life of Washington, various personal effects and portraits of Washington, a model of the throne room of King Solomon's temple, and the beautiful medieval Knights' Templar chapel.

Highlights were the spectacular views from the outdoor terrace on the ninth floor and an operating model of a Shriners' Parade featuring over 1000 pieces, including elephants, camels, asses and other related items. We were joined for lunch by guests of Ruth Powers, and enjoyed a quiet lunch as there were few takeoffs from National Airport going over.

Thanks, Bill, for a great day!

....Sheldon Drews

ANNUAL FRANK SHELBURNE HIKE AND LUNCH

No doubt Frank Shelburne was with us in spirit on Thursday, October 11 as George Hicho led some 20 PVSers around Clopper Lake on the third annual Frank Shelburne Memorial Hike. It was a beautiful fall day, perfect for hiking. Several people arrived late due to the complexities of the Seneca Creek State Park's pad system, but with the help of Barbara Leonhardt's mobile phone system, everyone was able to rendezvous by the end of the hike.

Afterward, all adjourned to the Cafe Mileto in a nearby shopping center where we were joined by several non-hikers, including President Ned Flaherty and Charles Huggins. Everyone ate heartily, particularly of the mussels which seem to be a Cafe Mileto speciality. \

Many thanks are due George for organizing this fine event, and especially for arranging such lovely weather.

.....Shirley Rettig

IN MEMORIAM: ROBERT LLOYD WYCKOFF

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September 1, 1920 - October 21, 2001

Bob Wyckoff, a longtime PVS member, passed away after a many years of home care by his wife, peacefully in his home in Silver Spring.

He joined the Ski Club of Washington DC in 1959. He met his wife, Margaret, in Paris on a ski trip to Europe with the Pennsylvania Ski Federation. He joined the Potomac Valley Ski Club and led many trips to Europe from 1954 to 1989 first, with the Pennsylvania Ski Federation and then starting in 1970 with PVS. He held board positions in both the SCWDC and PVS Not only has he hosted trips abroad, he also welcomed PVSers in his home for at least ten Octoberfests, countless Pre and Apre-Ski Trip parties and always had a great slide show.

Bob always enjoyed public speaking and was a graduate from Dale Carnegie and a member of the Toastmasters. After retiring as an engineer from the Department of Defense, he provided volunteer support for the National Handicapped Sports Foundation. He was a loyal member of the Church of the Pilgrims for 45 years.

Bob is survived by his wife, Margaret, of 40 years, his daughter Patricia, son-in-law James, and his grandchildren Christine (7) and Justin (4).

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THE ANKLE

Since no one can replace Ray, this column has been lowereddemoted to the ANKLE.

Bill (the ANKLE) Anderson

Henry Beard & Roy McKie's Ski Dictionary for Bunny Slopes, Schusses & Apres Ski defines Skiing as the Art of Going Broke while Rapidly going nowhere at Great Personal Risk. This is not true of PVS's as they are constantly on the move.

Ray & Nancy McKinley are presently "skiing" Provence, Greece and Turkey.

Don & Pat Cope fled to Italy five days after the terrorist attack on America. They were overwhelmed at the outpouring of the affection shown to them by the Italians. Don & Pat observed hundreds of American Flags displayed throughout the cities and villages. Old Glory was proudly waving from the Ponte Veccho Bridge in Florence.

Alice Swalm & Jacques Hadler also had a wonderful sojourn in Italy, enjoying great food and those beautiful Italian Blue Skies. Bella Vista.

John Smith & Pat Tengel recently returned from a grand tour of Scandinavia.

Bette Walker spent the month of August in Provence. She is eager to return to renew a new acquaintance?

Jessma Blockwick stood in line for over 4 ½ hours at Denver's Airport for her return flight to Washington. United distributed candy to those in line and once aboard Jessma received a free glass of wine.

Sheldon Drews flew to Oregon to inspect daughter Dina's newly acquired 20-acre vineyard. Well, it will be a vineyard after Dina chops down all the cherry trees. Sheldon can't wait to stomp on the grapes with his new ski boots! Speaking of trees, Rosalie Cicotelli had her trees trimmed; she was tired of raking leaves. The downside: she had to purchase window coverings to keep nosev neighbors from spying on her. Only cost \$1,150! Lu Beale had a huge tree removed from her yard after a freak storm blew a large portion into her neighbor's yard. Only cost \$3,100! Ham & Terry Morton had a Tulip Poplar tree removed from their garden. Only cost \$3,800. Bill Anderson removed an (a)corn from his ankle at the cost of a Dr.Scholl's corn pad. Cost only \$1.25.

Congratulations to Bob Marx. He received the Lifetim e Achievement Award from the Minnesota Consortium for his contributions to the Geographic Sciences.



From the Knee to the Antile

Jan & Bob's son Brian was awarded five ribbons, including "best of show," for four woodworking items he submitted to the Virginia State Fair: one jewelry box and three character carvings.

Joanie Flake didn't make the G. Washington Memorial Tour as she was at Sibley Hospital giving Dick Clark moral support while Marilyn was undergoing "t"foot surgery. Marilyn, please stay out of the Conga Line and get well, soon!

Now, we know why Bob McNeill loves Ski Liberty. He has suffered acrophobia since his teens.

Karen Felker sang with the Metropolitan Chorus at the gala opening concert of the N.Va. College. They were joined by several choral groups as well as the US Army Band Herald Trumpets.

Next time you see Lu Beale, ask her for the time. Yes, Lu has a "talking-hearing" watch.

Bill Anderson had his first car accident after 56 years of driving (everyone crazy). He was on his way to church. Is there a message here somewhere? Some candy corn to anyone who knows the name of the vampire on his license plate that caused his accident? Happy late Halloween!

It was good seeing "P"Bing Poon at the October meeting. Bing moved to Mercersburg, Pa., after retirement. He moved there to be near Whitetale Ski area. Also, Pa., does not tax annuity dollars.

Bob Knopes was also at the October meeting. Bob's family are making plans to spend Christmas skiing in the Austrian Alps. What a great way to spend Christmas.

As this column is coming to a close, I hereby declare that the ANKLE is not responsible for its contents. All names and places named herein are purely fictional and any similarity to living persons or places is entirely on purpose. ("S"ankle – "s"anks to those "salt-of-the-earth" friends for generous assistance.)

The Knee is on vacation. His regular column will appear in the November Toot.



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