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Dear PVSers.

For us, long-time club members, it's almost unbelievable. But we know it's true for five years ago we came together to celebrate the last "fiver" milestone in our club's history. So here we're approaching that next fiver milestone, and personally I find it's time to reflect, perhaps to reminisce? Well, let's leave that latter musing for our upcoming big event, and here, advisedly I hope, spend just a moment on recognizing some of what's happened, what's taking place.

Most profoundly it can be said that, as a club for and by skiers, we are much alive with a bounty of five ski-trips in our repertoire for the upcoming season, and with a reasonable number of participants. Sure, there are fewer active skiers than there were some years ago, and even yesteryear. It's undeniable, we are getting older and the thrill of conquering the white clad mountains in often cold and blustery weather has either diminished or gone away for some of us. It could be argued, however, that as a social or perhaps better said socializing institution we've kept up with our members' changing preferences and have, on balance, provided a variety of programs to stimulate the mind and body, in the company of compatible friends, and often while also pampering our nutritional needs.

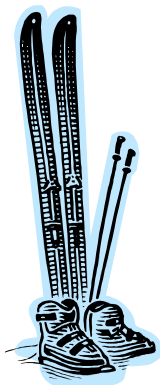
Our viability as a voluntary club is the direct product of a bunch of dedicated members who keep us going with this variety of activities, from hikes and bikes, to concerts and lectures. We are grateful to these committed souls and always aim to reward them with our participation and appreciation.

As we make our final arrangements for our big bash, we express thanks to all members for their continued support of our club's doings, and to reiterate our call for everyone's participation in the months and years to come. There's much to be thankful for, and together we can continue to enhance and broaden our activities further. Let's make the next fiver the best ever with enjoyable activities for all.

Happy Anniversary

David

Monthly Meeting



Brian Eardley speaks . . .

... and tells all about
the new skies and boots

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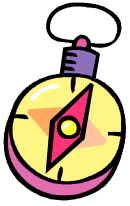
Tuesday, Nov. 15

at

Ingrid and Jim
Monaghan's

8522 Beech Tree Road
Bethesda, MD. 20517

7:30 P.M.



From Beltway:

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

8522 Beech Tree Road

301 - 365 - 0752

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## **Washington Nationals Baseball Tickets Available**

Our group has 4 season tickets together. Great seats! Just under cover (no rain), in the shade, and near First Base: Section 306, Row 2, Seats 8 thru 11. Go to [www.nationals.com](http://www.nationals.com) for a seating diagram. This year the seats were \$25 each.

Due to turnover, we have available for the 2006 season, 2 seats for up to 30 games. We will accept as few as (2 seats at) 5 games. So, for a 5 game "subscription" you could have 4 seats at 2 games and 2 seats at 1 game.

For questions or to express your interest, contact Mike Strand at 301/468-1535 or [hrdyna@aol.com](mailto:hrdyna@aol.com)



## **40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of POTOMAC VALLEY SKIERS**

**Banquet at the Bolger Center -- Saturday, Nov. 5, 6:00 PM**

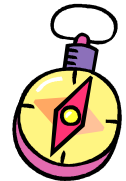
The Anniversary Celebration at the Bolger Center is completely sold out. Members on the waiting list will be notified of any cancellations as soon as such occur.

Sorry we are not able to accommodate everyone.

*Inquiries about this event:* Rachel Abraham, (301) 530-7612 email: [rhabraham@aol.com](mailto:rhabraham@aol.com)  
6201 Hollins Drive, Bethesda, MD 20817

### **DIRECTIONS to BOLGER CENTER, POTOMAC, MARYLAND**

**(Our festivities are in the North Building of this 83 acre campus)**



#### **From Virginia:**

Take 495 North (Beltway) to Exit 39 West, River Road, (Route 190). Proceed to Falls Road at Potomac Village Center (gas station on your right). Turn right, and again right at Democracy Blvd. **Slow down at a left turn in the road, the entrance to the Center comes up suddenly on your right (large stone signs left and right on the entrance road). Turn left at first stop sign. At sign for LOT A turn right and proceed to entrance of North Building. Park and enter this building.**

#### **From Silver Spring, Points North and Center DC:**

Go to Democracy Blvd and Old Georgetown Road (Old Georgetown Road is a Beltway exit). Proceed on Democracy Blvd for about 5 miles. Do **not** enter at Newbridge Drive but pass that intersection and proceed to the upcoming entrance, on your left, off Democracy Blvd. Then proceed as noted in bold type above.

The Center's phone number is 301-983-7000 and the Web site is at [www.bolgercenter.com](http://www.bolgercenter.com).



## Chili Hike

Saturday, Nov. 12, 2005

This is the 20th anniversary of the PVS Chili Hike and it will be held on Saturday, November 12. Meet at 1:30 PM at the Great Falls Visitor's Center, Virginia side. After hiking through the gorgeous wilderness along the river and the falls just a few miles from the White House, we'll have a hot and not-so-hot chili supper at Ray and Nancy McKinley's house. The fall foliage should be perfect! All are welcome to hike (but call to sign up so that we don't miss anyone) but space for chili is limited. Call Ray or Nancy at (703) 527-7126 to sign up for hiking and/or to reserve a place at the chili supper and also to sign up to bring an appetizer, salad or dessert. Cost for supper will be about \$8. Join us!



## National Ski and Snowboard Expo Nov 11-13, 2005 Fri - Sun

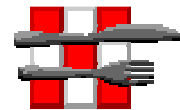
Dulles Expo Center Cost \$10 Ski Area Exhibits; Super Ski sale, Ski swap, Warren Miller movie, and more.

Further info: [www.nationalskiexpo.com](http://www.nationalskiexpo.com)

(PVS is not associated with organizers of this event)



## BICYCLING GOURMET South Alexandria Exploration Sunday, November 13 10:30 AM



**Route:** Join us for a spin through the Cameron Run Valley from West Alexandria to Dyke Marsh on the Potomac and return. This route is largely on bike paths/low traffic streets and passes through areas not necessarily known by most cyclists. Optional lunch after the ride at the Anadolla Cafe, which offers high quality, inexpensive cuisine with an attractive decor and free wifi access.

**Starting point** is the Anadolla Bakery/Cafe, 650 S. Pickett Street (West Alexandria). Directions to starting point: take Beltway exit 173 (S. Van Dorn St.; Alexandria; Rte. 401 -- LEFT turn from the exit ramp, down a short hill on Van Dorn, pass UNDER the Beltway) and then proceed 1/2 mile north on S. Van Dorn to S. Pickett St. (3rd traffic light on S. Van Dorn after exit ramp traffic light; ) Take a right turn on S. Pickett Street and proceed just 600 feet to 650 S. Pickett Street on the right (one of several businesses on a warehouse block). Please use off street parking. [Metro users: Van Dorn Metro Station is 1/2 mile away]. Free coffee will be available for cyclists at the cafe prior to the ride.

**Leaders:** Marvin Hass (703) 751-4737

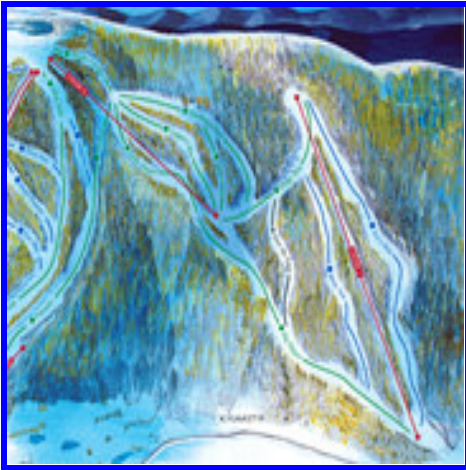
**Note:** Starting time listed above is when cyclists actually depart; please arrive earlier to allow sufficient time to set up your equipment.

## FREE CONCERT

-- [Stan Kenton Christmas](#) -- Tuesday, December 6, 2005 at 7:30 pm at the Kennedy Center. Music by the All Brass Band (US Army). Parking on the street, OR under the Kennedy Center (for a fee). Call Carolyn Maurer or Dave DeVilbiss for info to where to meet.



[carolyn.maurer@verizon.net](mailto:carolyn.maurer@verizon.net) 703-370-4865



is 30 % bigger. **North Camp**, the back side of Marsh Mt, is now open. They added 2 triple lifts, 1 black, 2 blue, and 7 green trails.

***January 18-20, 2006***

|                                                              |                |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Room per night (18 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup> )        | \$79           |
| (Total with taxes & fees)                                    | <u>\$91.10</u> |
| Voucher for Thursday lift ticket \$2.00 (free over 70 years) |                |
| Après ski supplies per person about                          | \$6.00         |

*This is your chance to demonstrate the latest skies, free of charge, and a lift ticket for \$2.*

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

Contact Jan Marx (703-451-9158 OR [jebbmarx@aol.com](mailto:jebbmarx@aol.com)) if you are going so she can plan Après Ski on Wed and Thurs nights, and buy your vouchers from Ski Chalet.

Rooms paid individually. For each room, call WISP Hotel 1-800-462-9477 to reserve your room; Ask for the Ski Chalet demo day rate, and pay one night's deposit with credit card or check. The rate includes 1 to 4 people. We can try to match individuals with roommates, if you wish.

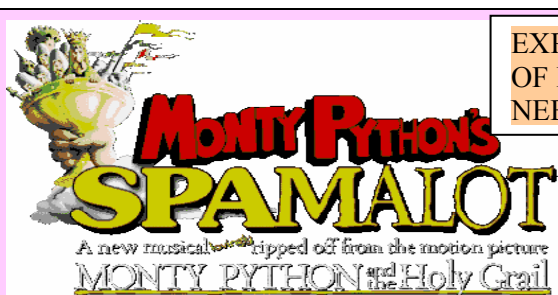
**Rooms go fast so CALL NOW if you think you want to go. Cancellation is 14 days prior to first night's stay.**

Lift tickets are obtained individually at the ski area with your ski voucher on Thursday. Week day tickets are \$39, weekends are \$52. Those over 70 years ski free but must show ID for ticket.

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

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

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The Broadway production won 7 Tony Awards in 2005, including Best Play and Best Comedy. Now starting its second sold-out year on Broadway, this multimillion-dollar production is coming to Washington's National Theater next summer.

EXPRESSION
OF INTEREST
NEEDED

PVS Goes to the Theatre ♦

Broadway's Smash Hit

June 9 or 16, 2006

PVS has a unique opportunity to get tickets, and at group rates at the National Theater for this smash, **Tony Award Winning** musical. We're going to one of 2 Friday Evening performances at 8:00 pm either June 9 or 16, 2006. When tickets are available (sometime this fall) we will need to act rapidly. **Call Ray or Nancy McKinley now (703) 527-7126 to express interest** (not a commitment). **Or send an e-mail to nmckinley@convera.com.** Please let us know if either Friday is OK. Prices are not yet set but are expected to be around \$90 for orchestra. They are \$150 each on Broadway. The show is expected to run from June 7 to July 9, 2006.



OCTOBERFEST --- Saturday - October 1

A large contingent of PVSers descended on Mary Ward & Jim Slack's Termineigh Horse Farm in Catharpin to celebrate PVS's 27th annual Oktoberfest. It was a festive occasion with wonderful weather to complement the country setting. Most of us took time out from our socializing to make a last visit to see the horses before they move away to Lexington, VA. (We're expecting to have another chance to say goodbye to Mary and Jim.) When dinnertime arrived, we happily devoured the delicious wurst that Jim grilled for us, as well as the multitude of accompanying German-style appetizers, salads, desserts, etc. that we all brought. We managed many enjoyable conversations between bites.



Many thanks to Mary and Jim for organizing this annual event for so many years! Even though we won't be able to enjoy the Termineigh Farm in the future, here's hoping that someone will take the baton and continue this popular event.

Submitted by Ruth Powers



Ah, Blue Knob Ski Resort in the Autumn!

Gorgeous fall colors, brisk temperatures, superb hospitality, and good friends made for a terrific Columbus Day weekend in the mountains at Betty Lawrence's hillside retreat. Never mind that the heavens saw fit to deliver some much-needed rain – PVSers never let a little cloudy weather spoil a weekend getaway. Our group of 8 took full advantage of what Betty's chalet location has to offer and went on several hikes – on the slopes (which are undergoing some unusual and interesting excavation to get ready for the upcoming ski season), on roads (that took many of us to the vacation house of Betty's daughter), and on twisting trails. After a hearty hike, what better than a toddy and soak in the bubbling hot tub!

Betty provided breakfasts – including delicious scrambled eggs for everyone on Sunday morning, while others delivered lunches, fabulous dinners, and "just desserts" for all. Ray and Nancy provided their delicious cassoulet, Jan and Bob Marx supplied chicken and rice that was "to die for" on Saturday evening, Ruth Powers provided a dessert of cookies drenched in wine and layered with whipped cream and we all hastened to dig in. After a day of hiking for all, with some antiquing squeezed in by Ray and Nancy McKinley, what more could you ask for than to sip wine by the fire?

Jessma and Ruth fixing snacks--



Sunday, the group divided, with Ray and Nancy departing (poor Nancy had to work on Columbus Day), Ruth, Jessma, and Betty ventured forth to the railroad museum in Altoona – a visit well worth the time getting there, while Bob, Jan, and Marty Rine went on another vigorous hike. Sunday evening, after a dinner of the bounteous leftovers from Friday and Saturday evenings (Yum!) it was time for rousing games provided by Jessma.

Monday morning, alas, it was time for cleanup, pack up, and departure back to the more hectic world in which we reside each day.

Thanks, Betty, for making this wonderful opportunity for a mountain holiday available to PVS yet another year.

by Nancy McKinley & Bob Marx



We Spied

Wednesday Oct 27, 2005

Under the able guidance of spymaster Charlotte Eddy, she and eight other PVS members lurked through the exhibits, movies, tutorials, and examinations at the International Spy Museum (www.spymuseum.org). None of us were shot, tortured, or executed. We were happily educated.

The museum starts with an introduction to obtaining and using an identity as a spy. Then continues with displays of spy equipment; everything from lipstick-case pistols to the Enigma cipher machine (<http://www.codesandciphers.org.uk/enigma/>). Even Emma Peel's leather pants and Maxwell Smart's shoe phone from the TV shows (*The Avengers* and *Get Smart*, respectively) of the 1960s. There were displays on historic spymasters (e.g., George Washington and Benjamin Franklin), Hollywood's presentations of spying, our country's involvement with finding everyday spies in our own country during World War II (e.g., HUAC), and finally the gift shop with lots of spy and cipher books plus Pink Panther plush toys.

To test your proficiency in these mysterious matters, we present you with a deep and dark puzzle to solve. Of the nine PVS members who went to the International Spy Museum, how many used the Metro to get there? (Hint: It's more than eight and fewer than ten.)

"All is not what it seems."

Submitted by Jim Slack



SNOWMASS 2006

PVS is again heading to Snowmass and the Mountain Chalet, January 19 through 26, 2006. Join us for this perennial favorite, both for its skiing and many other activities in the Aspen environs. Choose

among four interconnected mountains with over 5,000 acres of skiing, interchangeable lift tickets, and free bus service to Aspen Highlands, Ajax Mountain, and Buttermilk ski areas. Enjoy the convenience of slopeside lodging with direct access to the extensive Snowmass trail system from the Snowmass Mountain Chalet. A stay at the charming Mountain Chalet includes a daily family-style breakfast and daily soup lunch, greatly appreciated by trip participants and other guests, many of whom return year after year.

Comprehensive trip price of \$1,900 includes air fair with flight into and out of Aspen, ground transfers to and from SMC, 7 nights lodging, taxes and maid service, breakfast and lunch, après ski parties including welcome wine and cheese party, two group dinners, hotel baggage handling and tips, 5-day lift ticket, pre-trip and post-trip parties, and more. Land only price is \$1,422. Other adjustments are available for sixth ski day, Silver Pass, non-skiers or alternate air. Trip insurance available and highly suggested.

For more information: Contact trip leaders Carolyn Maurer and David DeVilbiss at 703-370-4865 or by email at carolyn.maurer@verizon.net.

Needed: One Female & possibly One Male

To reserve:

- Send deposit of \$250 per person AND APPLICATION to: Carolyn Maurer at 4508 Peacock Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22304 or carolyn.maurer@verizon.net
- Note "PVS-Snowmass 2006" on the memo line. **NOTE: Single female is needed due to a cancellation!**

Telluride 2006 February 2-9, 2006

A first class trip with 7 nights lodging at the ski-in/ski-out Wyndham Peaks Resort and Golden Door Spa at the Mountain Village, which includes access to the 42,000 square foot Spa and Ski Valet. An all Western experience! All taxes and service fees included. A five day ski pass. Sixth day ski pass optional for an extra fee. Two group meals, two après ski parties, pre trip party and hotel baggage valet included. We depart on United Airlines #399 Washington Dulles 6:15 AM on the 2nd, 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. We depart Montrose on United flight #6293 10:30 AM on the 9th 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; rates are now available

The trip is now fully subscribed, reservations available on the waiting list in the event of cancellations.

For more info, call Wilma Sharer at 301-975-9411 or email at wilma@sharerassociates.com.

February 17-March 6, 2006, join Nancy and Ray McKinley for an 18-day

Scandinavian Smörgåsbord!

Scandinavia shines in the winter! The major tourist attractions—even the outdoor parks—remain open and invite visitors to enjoy without the crowds of summer. Our winter's trip will be perfect for skiers and sightseers alike covering the highlights of three different countries, in 5 Star Luxury--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 a 2,800-foot vertical**.

Hurry! Only 1 Room Left

far sightseers enjoy the museum and the waiting list is long. Stay 3 nights at the hotel, a luxury 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 **14th 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. We're certain you'll love it. **Its mostly-intact city wall has 29 stone 12th Century watchtowers, each topped by a red tile roof**. With cobblestone streets and lots of unique shops, it's a great place! We cruise back to Stockholm and sadly, return home on March 6.

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**.

The full, luxury 18-day trip is \$3,896 pp, double occupancy, including airfare, hotels, all breakfasts, dinners in Lillehammer and two overnight cruises. Our 11-day package, returning to the US on February 28, costs \$2,723. **We look forward to a great See and Ski Trip and hope you'll join us!** For more info call us at (703) 527-7126. Or e-mail nmckinley@convera.com. To sign up, send your check for \$2200 to Ray McKinley. Mail to McKinleys, 2326 N. Upton Street, Arlington, VA 22207-4045.

Val Gardena & Munich March 3 – 14, 2006



From the JP Moser guide: 23.11.2004

"Hotel Diamant is a holiday oasis in the heart of the Gardena Valley!

Generous premises, a familiar atmosphere and an agreeable ambience distinguish the Hotel Diamant. A very interesting symbiosis - the high comfortable Hotel with the belonging Vital Centre Dona Dindia, fulfilling your every wish, and the fantastic surrounding mountain landscape of the Dolomites create the special charm and the unique flair- that will captivate you from the first day. Here it is very easy to rise every day of your stay to a festive moody day.

There are 9 room categories for both business and leisure travelers but especially for those looking high standard in the roomy offer. The bedrooms, comfortable and wide, with either four poster beds or bunk beds, feature their own balcony.

The culinary highlights are remarkable, which they will give you pleasure all around the clock: if it is simply a snack taken in a romantic corner of the 8000 m² large private parc or the pleasure breakfast buffet or the excellent dinner in an peculiar ambience... they will always take care to let you have the best!

Last but not least, wellness and beauty are two of the strong points of this property; the "Vital Centre Dona Dindia" with indoor swimming pool (29°) and many other facilities such as the new and elegant sauna landscape with Tyrolean sauna and panorama window, the steam bath with aromatic fragrances, the bio sauna with mountain herbs smell, the Kneipp foot bath and a lot of space for relaxing."

We have 12 spaces left. Hopefully, the pool temperature is in centigrade. We will NOT have bunk beds!

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



WINTER PARK RESORT
COLORADO'S FAVORITE®

Needed: One Male
Units still available until **Nov. 13**

Tuesday March 28 – Tuesday April 4, 2006

Enjoy Spring Skiing at its best with Dave Lerner and Jan Marx.

Winter Park is one of Colorado's oldest and largest ski resorts and we will be spending 7 nights at the luxury Zephyr Mountain Lodge at the base of the lifts. The package also includes round trip air transportation on United, lift tickets for a **full 6 days** (not the usual 5), ground transfer on a deluxe chartered bus, 3 group dinners, after ski parties, a pre-trip party, baggage handling at the resorts and tips and current taxes for all of the above.

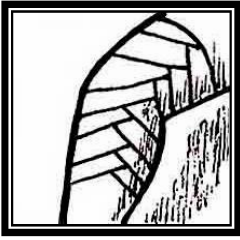
The Zephyr Mountain Lodge is Winter Park's premier ski-in ski-out lodging accommodation. It is an all-condo property and we have reserved two bedroom – two bath units with a fully equipped kitchen. One bedroom has a king bed, and the other has twin beds. (Living room hide-a-beds will NOT be used.) All units have VCRs and free high-speed data ports. ***Units HAVE to be released Nov. 13. It might be possible to find more after that.**

The mountain has a great selection of runs form easy cruisers to challenging steeps on the newer Mary Jane area. There is a 3,060 foot vertical drop covering 2,770 acres. There are 24 lifts, including 8 high-speed quads. Snowmobile tours, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, and ice skating are also available.

Value pricing is part of the Spring scene and we are able to offer the entire package for only **\$1,160**. There will be a substantial discount for senior lift tickets (details not yet available).

A full trip flier is available on the web at: <http://members.cox.net/dlerner1/WinterParkFlyer.html>

Call Dave Lerner at 703-281-6923 for more information or send e-mail to dslerner@ieee.org or Jebbmarx@aol.com



THE KNEE

By Ray McKinley

The Knee believes that PVS should take a strong stand against hurricanes. They are warm weather events and don't do a damn thing for skiing! Please write your Congressperson!

Speaking of hurricanes—or his-acanes, David and Rachel Abraham's son lives in Florida (where the Knee understands the skiing is, in a word, abysmal). His home is a scant 50 miles from where Wilma's eye came ashore. (I have no idea what happened to the rest of Wilma's body.) Some palm trees and an outdoor light came down, but no significant damage whatsoever to his home. Right on!

It's November, a bit early for skiing, but the perfect time for Pumpkin Chunkin' in Delaware. Don and Kathy Dillon introduced this "sport" to PVS a few years back. The object is to propel (chunk) a pumpkin as far as possible using any sort of device. It had disappeared from the Knee's, and from Don and Kathy's, lexicon. Then a few weeks back, there was an article about a man who had spent \$200,000 and 5,000 hours on Pumpkin Chunkin'. He hybridized a new species of perfectly round, 9" in diameter pumpkins. And he built an 80-foot long, wheeled pumpkin cannon. He'll take it to Delaware this month. He believes it will chunk his pumpkins over 4,000 feet! Ain't America just wonderful? This is as American as pumpkin pie!

The President Gets Goosed, Part II: If you didn't ask Reg Heitchue how his Canada Goose hanging trial came out, The Knee did. The state's attorney brought the officer who cited Reg to the stand. As the officer explained what had happened, he almost broke out laughing several times. Defendant Reg then took the stand and explained his side. The judge noted that he had had problems with Canada Geese in the past. He asked our defendant "What should I do?" Reg suggested that the judge dismiss the case. And the judge did. The final result was just ducky.

Another PVSer goes south. As you read this, Burr and Byoung Schuler have their Alexandria home on the market. They won't be moving that far south. They plan to move closer to their second favorite sport, golf—in Dumfries,

VA. The Schuler's favorite sport is, as I'm certain you knew, Pumpkin Chunkin'.

And, sadly, Karen and Knox Felker are selling their condo and moving to Charleston, SC

As we found at Oktoberfest, Jim Slack and Mary Ward also have their home on the market. They are moving to a half-acre and no barn. As Jim said, "We're downsizing the dirt and outsourcing the horses." Jim and Mary also have a darling new puppy that wouldn't leave Mary's side. PVS will miss all of you.

At Oktoberfest, former CIAer, Betty Lawrence and Liz Tria were busy discussing Secrets. It's a bar in Ocean City

Just in case you were losing sleep waiting to find where the BRSC European trip will be in 2007, it's out. They are going to that tottlin' town, Schladming, Austria. Wondering about the pronunciation, It rhymes with Fostria.

Several ExComers got a chance to tour Sharon Mulholland's lovely, large Kentlands townhouse at the October ExCom.

Do you know what brand of toilets are on U.S. submarines? American Sub-Standard!

Bob Harmon is off to a Vermont photo stay with the Arlington County Senior Citizens. According to Bob they plan to photograph fall colors so he can paint them. But we know the real purpose of the trip is for Bob to brush up on his New England accent-eh?

As Bob Harmon heads out, Dottie Villars is going a bit farther; she's going to Egypt. Dottie said she didn't want to go, but I do think she's in de-Nile. The Knee hopes she gets to see the tomb of my favorite—Queen Knee-fertiti.

John and Ellen Burgess are at Sun Valley for a Jazz Fest with lots of friends from SCWDC (Some Club in Wilmington, Dela. C)

All of our most heartfelt wishes go out to Trudy Santoro and son, John on the loss of Mike Santoro. While playing tennis a few weeks ago, Mike felt pain and weakness in his legs. (See details on page 10.) He died November 1. This is a huge loss to all of us.

Barbara Leonhardt is slowly recovering from the accident that destroyed her car as she was sandwiched between two trucks. She is still having regular shoulder therapy. After she is fully recovered, Barbara, I've been told, plans to take up Pumpkin Chunkin'.

"Late-breaking news - a New Knee! Club Treasurer, Ray Jones, has just completed Knee replacement surgery. The doctor said he couldn't see how Ray ever walked on it. Now he'll be able to ski better than ever. Kneet!"

*Talk About Gracious !**Goodness, gracious!*

The October meeting was held at the Heitchue's the EVENING BEFORE the movers came to empty their house. (They are moving to a condo in Reston.) It is easy if you have no dishes in the cupboards = use paper plates and cups! Jean reported that it was frustrating when she bought food for the meeting and discovered that Reg thought it looked good so took it to the condo while he worked there! Three stacked boxes served as the table for the sign-in book. Member turn out was good with 39, plus 5 applicants, and 2 guests.

We thank Reg and Jean for taking this all in stride. We will miss this lovely home.

N *SAD NEWS*

O *Mike died at Fairfax Hospital last night, Nov. 1st, from prostate cancer (first diagnosed 7 years ago) which had metastasized to the bone marrow. Prior to the latter part of September, he was in his usual good health status---feeling great and very active in everything he enjoyed doing----tennis, skiing, traveling, etc. (He played in a senior tennis tournament in late September.) When he first started feeling pain, he thought he had overdone the tennis and decided to stop playing for a while. Then the weakness in his legs made him think he may be having a recurrence of hepatitis which he had had when he was in the Navy way back in the fifties. Medical tests quickly determined his cancer had spread to the bone marrow to the area of the spine. He was admitted to Fairfax Hospital on Oct. 14 (my birthday) and received his first radiation treatment on Monday, Oct. 17 (his 76th birthday). On Friday, after 4 radiation treatments, he had a "brain bled" (left side), and they transferred him to the Neuroscience ICU Unit. They were never able to stop the bleeding nor the pressure in his head. His blood would not clot no matter how many units of blood parts (including platelets) were administered. He was very heavily sedated. (The doctors thought at first there may have been an abnormal blood vessel in the head that ruptured---that they could perhaps go in and "fix". They found no such abnormality.) John and I were with him when he died.*

Arrangements are as follows and will be in Saturday's Washington Post:

Viewing: Sunday, Nov. 6: 1-3 PM and 5-7 PM

Murphy Funeral Home

1102 West Broad Street

Falls Church, VA .22046: (703-533-0341)

Funeral Mass on Mon., Nov. 7 at either 9:30 or 10 AM (yet to be determined)

St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

3305 Glen Carlyn Road (at intersection of Rt. 7)

Falls Church, VA 22041

Burial will follow at Quantico Memorial Cemetery, Triangle, VA

For those who may want to, contributions to your preferred cancer-fighting or cancer assistance (hospice, etc.) organization would be welcomed. My son John and I thank each and every one of you for your prayers and thoughts at this time.

Trudy Santoro

Calendar2005-2006

November 5 – 40th Anniversary Dinner

November 11-13 – Fri-Mon, Ski Expo

November 12 – Chili Hike

November 15 – Monthly meeting at Ingrid Monaghan's (Bethesda)

November 22 – ExCom at McKinley's

December 6 – Free Concert – "Stan Kenton Christmas" - Kennedy Center

December 20 – Monthly Holiday meeting at Macaluso's (DC)

January 10 - December/January ExCom

January 18-20 – **WISP Demo Day trip**

February Zoo walk (date TBA)

January 19-26 – Snowmass

February 2-9 – Telluride

February 17 – March 5 Scandinavia

March 3-11 – Val Gardena

March 27- April 3 – Winter Park

April Frank Shelburne Memorial Hike

June 9 or 16 Friday – Spamalot – National Theatre