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President's Message

Fellow PVS'ers:

PVS's leadership wants to hear from you. We want to know your preferences for club activities and therefore our Program Planning Committee, under the leadership of David Abraham, has designed a questionnaire for that purpose. Please give us your responses to the questionnaire that you will find inside so that we can put together a program of activities that best meets your interests.

For those of you who like to hold open your options regarding ski trips, it is now time to decide on trips for the upcoming season. PVS is offering some great trips and some spaces are still available. Check inside for details.

Happy fall season.

Reg



MONTHLY MEETING
OCTOBER 21, 2003, 7:30 P.M.



Home of Bob and Jan Marx
8312 Oakford Dr.
Springfield, VA
703-451-9158

Directions on next page.

BOB and JAN MARX

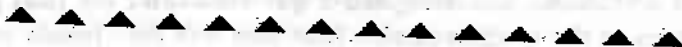
8312 Oakford Dr. Springfield, VA 703-451-9158

FROM NORTH ON THE BELTWAY:

Take Exit 5 west onto Braddock Rd. Go to the fifth stop light and angle left onto Burke Lake Rd. Turn left at next stop light onto Rolling Rd. Go to third stop light and turn left onto Forrester Blvd. (called Hillside on the right side of Rolling). Go two short blocks and turn right onto Oakford Dr. (opposite the school on your left). Go about two blocks, past the Dead End sign to 8312 on your left.

FROM SHIRLEY HWY AND 95:

Exit 95 SOUTH at Old Keene Mill Rd (Hwy 644) West. (Franconia Rd and the Mall go to the East.) Go to the seventh stop light and turn right onto Rolling Rd. Go through one light, past McDonalds and turn right onto Roxbury Ave. (opposite the post office). Turn at the second right (road curves around to the left) onto Fenwood Dr. Go one block and dead end into Oakford Dr. Turn right and the house is the fourth on the left = 8312.



**OCTOBERFEST - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4
3 P.M., RAIN OR SHINE**

Deadline may have passed when you receive this, but you might call Mary Ward or Jim Slack to ask about spaces. (703-754-8814). Directions are in the September TOOT.

Don't forget to bring your own eating utensils and plate. And beer mug if desired.





**SEVENTH ANNUAL BLUE KNOB FALL FOLIAGE WEEKEND
FRIDAY - MONDAY, OCT. 10-13**

Blue Knob lodge is full, but if interested, call Betty Lawrence to ask about cancellations. 703-726-8165.



ADD MORE to the PVS Injured Reserve list. Jackie Flaherty and George Hicho have both had knee replacements.

Anyone else the club should know about? Let the TOOT editor know.

	<p>BICYCLING GOURMET W&OD Trail -- Sterling to Leesburg Thursday, October 16, 2003 10:30 AM Starting Point: VA Rte. 28 & W&OD Trail Parking Lot.</p>	
<p>Route: Twenty mile round trip ride on the flat W&OD trail to Leesburg and return with short detour near end to the Old Dominion BrewPub for lunch. This is a BrewPub which is very popular with area cyclists. You can sample at least a dozen varieties of fresh beers/ales (as well as root beer) and dine on hearty pub food in their newly remodeled facility. Lunch is expected to start no later than 1:30 PM. This ride is mostly on a straight bike path; participants can choose to cycle either a shorter or longer distance.</p> <p>Directions to Starting Point: <i>VIA Rte. 7 (Leesburg Pike).</i> From the Beltway go 15 miles west toward Leesburg, Exit right on VA 28 South (Sully Road) and proceed 2.4 miles and turn right at traffic light into parking lot 1/4 mile just before the W&OD Trail Overpass (visible from road). <i>VIA Dulles Toll Road:</i> From the Beltway go 12 miles to Rte.28 North (Sully Road). Proceed 3.6 miles to the W&OD Trail Overpass and continue. Just beyond the overpass, turn left (traffic light) from Rte. 28 into parking lot. (less traffic this way, but costs 85 cents toll).</p> <p>Leaders: Marvin Hass (703) 751-4737 and Betty Byrne (202) 483-4048</p> <p>Note: Starting time listed above is when cyclists actually depart; please arrive earlier to allow sufficient time to set up your equipment. Nearest "facilities" are 2 miles beyond starting point. (Portapotty). Rest stop with running water facilities at Leesburg rest stop. If you arrive late, just proceed west on the Trail.</p> <p>Next ride: Sat. Nov. 8 Sailing Marina to Landmark area via Eisenhower Ave bikepath.</p>		



ANNUAL FRANK SHELBURNE MEMORIAL HIKE

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30

The hike will be held at Seneca Creek State Park, MD. We will hike 3-4 easy miles around Clopper Lake in the Park. Meet at the Boat Center at 10:30 a.m. After the hike we will have lunch at a local restaurant. Those who would like to join the group for lunch only, please call Shirley Rettig for directions. (703-836-0147)

To reach Seneca Creek State Park, exit I-270 at #10 and go west on Clopper Road. Cross Quince Orchard Road and continue about one mile to park entrance on left, just after Game Preserve Road on right. In the park go straight ahead and follow signs to Boat Center.

Call Shirley if there is a question about the weather.

GREETINGS FROM YOUR PROGRAM PLANNING COMMITTEE

As you no doubt have noted by now, this issue of Toot also serves as the "messenger" for our survey questionnaire. You'll also note that it is designed as a self-mailer so that you wouldn't have to bother finding and addressing an envelope. While that method is just to make it more convenient to send us your response, the real McCoy is, of course, your responses.

As we've written before, we're all much aware of the demographic and other changes which have, and continue to occur in our membership. These result in changing preferences for participation in club activities. Our survey aims at learning just what members' current preferences are, and we urge each and every one of you to take pen in hand and give us the information sought.

To utilize this self-mailer process you may find that space for your responses is a little scarce. If that's the case, please use a separate sheet of paper and include it with the questionnaire. Please be sure to write your name on it so that we can tie things together. Also be sure to indicate whether the response is for one or two persons.

We're all set to tabulate, analyze and act upon your responses. So please, send them in speedily and fully. Remember, this is your club and you need to let us know what it should be focusing on to best meet your expectations. Thanks for your participation.

David Abraham



STEAMBOAT

JANUARY 22 - 29, 2004

PVS will be doing a prime-time trip to Steamboat on Jan 22-29 2004. We will stay at the Sheraton and fly via Eagle-Vail airport. Cost will be \$1700 for those under 65. Deduct \$28 for those 65-69, \$128 for those over 70, \$228 for non skier. The trip includes airfare, hotel rooms, ground transfers, and a 5 of 6 day lift ticket. There are also 3 group dinners and after ski parties. The optional full breakfast package is an additional \$112, including tips and tax. The single supplement is \$699. Deduct \$399 for land only. Call for combination cost with Snowmass trip.

Payments through October 1, 2003 total \$700. Space may be available for additional participants. An initial deposit of \$200 should be send to David Lerner, 1809 Midlothian Ct., Vienna, VA 22182. An additional payment of \$500 will be required if we can confirm space for you. Your initial deposit will be returned if space is unavailable. David Lerner and Sally Finan are your trip leaders. The airport and ground transportation schedule are arranged to permit a back to back trip with the Snowmass trip. Call Dave at 703-281-6923 or Sally at 703-716-9023 for more information.

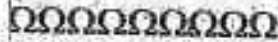
SNOWMASS

JANUARY 15 - 22, 2004

Trip may now be full, but call if you're interested. More space may be possible or there may be cancellations.

Wilma Sharer 301-975-

941emailWilma@sharerassociates.com.



SPAIN AND MOROCCO

FEB. 13 - 29

Check flyer on PVS Web Site or use express link:

www.homestead.com/pvskiers/Spain04.html

16 days. 2 continents, 4* and 5* luxury accommodations. Skiing at Sierra Nevada in Spain and Oukaïmeden in Morocco. Touring through Andalusia, Spain and Morocco. 6 nights in Granada, 2 nights on Costa del Sol. 1 night in Tangier, 2 nights in Fez, 3 nights in Marrakesh. Includes all breakfasts, 14 dinners, tours or skiing, airfare, après ski, pre- and post-trip parties, baggage handling, transfers, gratuities. Full trip \$2988. Land only \$2441. 10-day land only \$1789.

Four spaces left. To reserve a space, send your check for \$2000 per person, payable to Ray McKinley and send it to McKinleys, 2326 North Upton Street, Arlington, VA 22207-4045. Please call for more information or e-mail nmckinley@convera.com.



CORTINA d'AMPEZZO

(Venice & Vienna options)

FEB. 28 - MARCH 10

(with options)

There is space for a single woman. If interested, call Glade Flake at 301-762-6890.

GOLF at LEISURE WORLD

by Burr Schuler

The 29th of August was a beautiful, sunny 78 degree day. Twelve people arrived at the club house at 12:30 PM. Bob Schafer, a permanent resident, had the foursomes assigned to starting times and we Teed off.

The course was in superb condition; beautiful and well maintained. Tall oak trees and several ponds waited for your errant shot. Deer roamed freely (6 in one herd); turtles and domestic geese have the run of the ponds.

The most amazing thing was no players; we only saw three people all afternoon.

Gorman Young and Helen Price played only 9 holes because carts were restricted to cart paths and both were saving their legs for skiing. A little shower forced us to the Leisure World Restaurant after 3 1/2 hours of play.

Myron Marquardt showed up 20 minutes later. He lost his golf bag on Number 15 hole and had to retrieve it. After a few beers and late lunch with Jeannette Albersheim throwing crackers at the bad joke teller, we ended our enjoyable afternoon.

Thanks to Bob Schafer – Myron Marquardt for coordinating the golf outing, and Leisure World for having us. You missed a great outing.

SEPTEMBER MONTHLY MEETING

The new regime was a great success! That was the declaration that hostesses and hosts are not to provide dinner at PVS events. Dorie and John Waddick had an array of delicious snacks, wine, soft drinks and coffee which were more than enough to keep everyone happy.

Attendees were eager to greet one another after the summer hiatus, catching up on each other's adventures, of which there were many to report. Delightful visitors were introduced, ski trips were updated, business was handled swiftly by Prexy Reg so that people could resume their talking and snacking.

Prospective hosts and hostesses please note that matters are now simpler. And thanks to Dorie and John for leading the way so impressively!

Jessma Blockwick

DELAWARE WEEKEND (SEPT 12-14)

The PVS Delaware contingent did an outstanding job of organizing a fun-filled weekend. Don and Kathy Dillon, Betty Lawrence and Sue Walsh opened their homes to some 30 PVSers who enjoyed several rounds of golf, antiquing, beach walks and lots of delicious food.

After dodging multiple rain storms getting there on Friday, we assembled at Dillon's canal house for dinner featuring crabs and fried chicken. Don had cleverly set up tables in his carport where we were protected from the wind and rain. It was reported that the crabs were better than ever. Don had provided hoses to wash down the crab eaters, or was it just their tables.

On Saturday the group headed north on Ocean Highway to Sue's new Rehoboth home where we had "happy hour" prior to heading into town for a sit-down dinner catered by the Stoney Lowen restaurant. Salmon or steak were the choices and the service was flawless. Comments such as "best restaurant meal ever" were heard as we headed back to our cars. Perhaps the fact that the restaurant owners live across the street from Sue might have helped, but it was a meal to remember.

On Sunday morning it was time to assemble at Betty's for brunch. Betty's brunch team assembled enough food for an army, but not much was left over. After brunch some headed home, some headed to the golf course, and some headed to the beach for the last rays of summer.

Many thanks to the Dillons, Sue and Betty for organizing this outstanding weekend and for opening their homes to PVS.

Dick Clark



BECAUSE OF A TREE,

THERE IS NO KNEE!



CALENDAR

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- October 16 ... Bicycling Gourmet, p. 3**
- October 21 ... Monthly meeting at the Marxes', pp. 1&2**
- October 28 ... ExCom at Dottie Villers'**
- October 30 ... Annual Frank Shelburne Memorial Hike, p. 3**
- November 8 ... Bicycling Gourmet, Sailing Marina to Landmark via
Eisenhower Ave. Bikepath**
- November 16 ... Chili Hike (may change depending on McKinley's house)**
- November 18 ... Monthly meeting (Can you host this? Call Ray McKinley)**
- December 16 ... Monthly Meeting**
- January 15 ... WISP Demo Day**

**Marilyn Clark
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Annandale, VA 22003-4108**

