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Fellow PVSers:

As I look toward our first fall meeting, September 19, at the Waddicks', I'm just back from the southern hemisphere and must ask: Is this a great country or what?! Well, let's think about that. We have some of the finest skiing in the world. That's certainly great. But we also have to pay a king's ransom to do it. And the breaks for senior citizens are becoming fewer and farther between.

The bad news about skiing in the United States is that most venues now reduce rates only minimally for those over "a certain age." But that's also the good news! What that says to me is that in the US (and certainly in PVS) we're used to people skiing well into their 80s. And the number of gray-haired snowboarders is growing every day. We're healthy and active and we're still hurtling down the mountain!

This all became clearer when we skied in Argentina. In Bariloche you can ski for \$5 a day if you're over 65. Seems to me that if the ski resorts were accustomed to 65-year-old and older skiers, they'd charge them more. So my guess is they don't see that many, the way we do in the US.

Once again, the US leads the way! Is this a great country or what?

*Nancy*  
Nancy McKinley  
President



FIRST MEETING OF THE FALL  
SEPTEMBER 19, 2000 - 7:30 pm

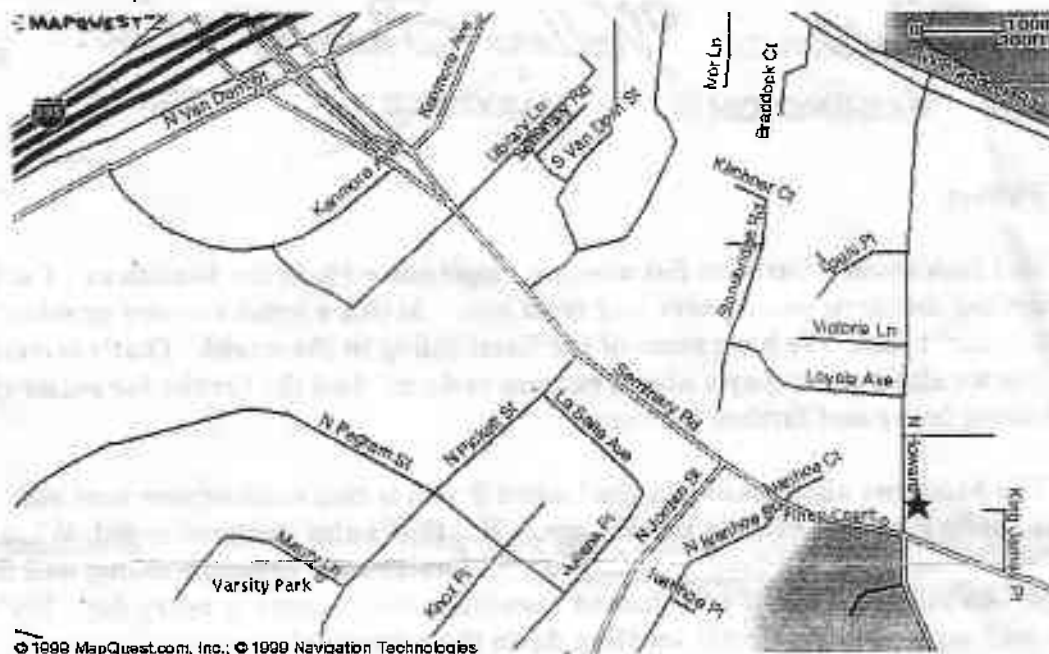
Home of Dorie and John Waddick  
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Directions to the Waddick's for the September 19th Ski Club Meeting

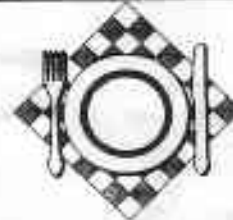
From Interstate 395 exit at Seminary RD. go East toward Old Town Alexandria  
On Seminary RD East at the 4th stop light, turn Left onto N. Howard St.  
The second house on the right is 1605 N. Howard St.  
If the driveway is full continue on to the first right which is Maple Tree Court.  
Park in the Maple Tree Court culdesac.



**BICYCLING GOURMET**

**Glen Echo to Woodend**

**Thursday, September 21, 2000 10:30 AM**



**Starting Point:** Glen Echo/Clara Barton House Parking Lot. (MacArthur Blvd. & Goldboro Rd. nearest major

intersection).

**Distance:** 16 miles. **Terrain:** On bike trails.

**Route:** Ride will proceed via MacArthur Blvd, Capital Crescent, and Rock Creek bike paths to Woodend mansion in North Bethesda. This complex contains a small museum of the Audubon Society and a nature trail. We expect to have a guided nature tour for our group. After the tour, we will cycle a short distance back to Bethesda for lunch at the Thyme Square Cafe, which is adjacent to the bike path. This Cafe is listed in Phyllis Richman's Dining Guide (First Edition) and specializes in gourmet healthy cuisine (fish & chicken OK, no red meat).

**Guest Leader:** Jean Mielczarek (703) 280-1007 assisted by Marvin Hass (703) 751-4737

**Note:** These trips do leave promptly at time indicated. Please allow sufficient time to arrive at the starting point, to get your equipment in order, and to hear the route description by the leader.

## Oktoberfest

- When:** SATURDAY, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2000 at 3:00 p.m. Rain or Shine
- What:** 22st annual PVS Oktoberfest featuring beer, sausages, sauerkraut, pretzels, potato salad, & pflaumen kuchen. Oompah music, too, for dancing of feet, clapping of hands, and cavorting of spirit.
- Call:** Coordinator Aina Thomas at 301-309-8933 by Tuesday the 19<sup>th</sup> of September to reserve your place (limited to 60), to choose low-fat or high-test wurst, and to sign up for bringing a potato salad, kuchen, or other Bavarian delectable. No-shows will be responsible for their share of the cost.
- Cost:** Approximately \$8.00 per person.
- Bring:** Your own eating utensils and plate. Your favorite beer mug is, of course, always welcome.
- Optional:** Lederhosen and Dirndl. Even Pferdekleidung.
- Where:** Mary Ward & Jim Slack's Termineigh Horse Farm & Nosh Bar, 4580 Sudley Road, Catharpin, Va.
- Directions:** Take I-66 west from the Beltway. Exit at 47B (Manassas Battlefield) onto Route 234 North (Sudley road). Go 5 miles to downtown Catharpin (check out the new Alvey's Community Store). At the guard rail 0.5 miles later, turn left onto the (now paved at the beginning) gravel driveway. (If you get to Old Field Drive on the left, you just went by our driveway. If all else fails, call 754-8814 from the payphone at Alvey's and we'll come get you.) We are the brick house at the end of the driveway.

### PERFORMANCE TOUR AND EXHIBIT

THURSDAY OCT. 12, 2000  
11:00 A.M.

#### Piano 300: Celebrating Three Centuries of People and Pianos

To commemorate the 300th anniversary of the piano, invented circa 1700 by Bartolomeo Cristofori (1655-1732), this exhibition examines the influence of the Piano and highlights the American History Museum's distinguished collection. On view are almost two dozen instruments from the museum's collection; manuscripts by such composers as Mozart, Chopin, Liszt, Gershwin, and Ellington tools; photographs; play bills; sheet music; and other memorabilia.

**PIANO 300** explores the piano as a complex machine, a handsome work of decorative art, and the vehicle for a infinite variety of human expression, reflecting technological, cultural, and social changes from the Industrial Revolution through the present day.

#### **THE TOUR:**

We will meet in the exhibit area at the S. Dillon Ripley Center of the Smithsonian Institution (This is the little round building just to the West of the Castle) at 11:00 AM to tour the exhibit ourselves. The exhibit is on the third level down (below ground). At 12:00 there is a one hour Performance Tour in which a professional pianist describes many of the pianos and plays demonstrations appropriate to the music of each vintage of piano.

For those who also wish to join us, we will have lunch in the Associates Dining room at 1:00PM

#### **ARRANGEMENTS:**

Call John Smith (301-299-8376) for additional information, to organize car pooling (parking is available only at the L'Enfant Plaza garage), for directions by subway, and to reserve a place at lunch.



# 1ST ANNUAL FRANK SHELBURNE MEMORIAL MIDWEEK HIKE AND LUNCH AT CAFE MILETO FRIDAY OCT. 27TH

We will meet promptly at 10:30a.m. at the Boat House on Clopper Lake in Seneca Creek State Park, and hike the circular trail around the lake. The trail is flat and the short (4.0 mile) hike will build up our thirst and appetite for lunch at Cafe Mileto. Lunch at Cafe Mileto is excellent, and the Mussels are almost as good as those served by Roland at Auberge Les Alleghenys in Sutton, Quebec. Interested PVSers should contact George Hicho (301) 963-1836. Lunch is also open to non hikers. Lunch time is anticipated at approximately 1 p.m.

**Directions:** Proceed north on I-270 to Gaithersburg and take exit 10 Clopper Road. Go north on Clopper Road past NIST for a couple of miles, the road narrows and Seneca Creek State Park entrance appears on your left. Enter the Park, bypass the Visitors Center on right, and then turn right after passing the Contact Station. Proceed a few hundred feet, and turn left on first paved road, and follow to the parking lot by the Boat House where we will meet for the hike.

Frederick people should proceed south on I-270, exit Quince Orchard Road, go west to the second traffic light, turn right on Clopper Road, and proceed as above.

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## Olney Theater & Dinner Sunday Oct. 29

See this classic satire about society -The Mad Woman of Chailot -a hilarious comedy as well. Matinee performance is at 2 p.m. at the Olney, the first summer theater in Maryland and still one of the best. Stay for dinner with other PVSers afterward if you can - at the Blue Ox Café in the Town Center Mall on the way back to Olney.

The bargain price is \$20 for the show, assuming that as many as 15 people sign up. To reserve, call Jeannette Albersheim (301-598-7525). By Oct. 19 she must receive your check made out to her for \$20. Her address is 3574 Fiske Terrace, Silver Spring, MD 20906-1729. Please say whether you plan to go to dinner.

Directions to Olney Theater: It is located on MD Rte 108 in Olney, MD, 1 1/2 east of Georgia Avenue (Rte 97) and 2 miles west of New Hampshire Avenue (Rte 650)... Take Connecticut Avenue exit off 495. Go approximately 8 miles north to the intersection of Connecticut and Georgia Avenue. Turn left onto Georgia and Follow it north 5 miles to the intersection of Georgia and Rte 108. Turn right onto Rte 108 and follow it 1 1/2 miles to Olney Theater on the left. Lots of parking if you veer to the right to the new lot behind the theater.



# THE GALA DATE - NOVEMBER 4, 2000

## 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner Update!

Over 60 have signed up. There is room for more. Please send your check for \$50 pp issued to Potomac Valley Skiers to Pat Tengel, 8174 Inverness Ridge Road, Potomac, MD 20854.

The entrée is Roasted Prime Rib, but you can have Breast of Chicken if you request it in advance.

Dress: Black tie optional.

For more information see the July TOOT or contact Joan Flake at 301 762 6890 or Karen Felker at 703 931 6843 (e-mail karknox@erols.com).



### PVS SKI TRIPS, 2000-2001

Jsn. 22-29, 2001	Steamboat	Barbara Leonhardt
Feb. 10-17, 2001	The Canyons	Nancy & Ray McKinley
Feb. 28-Mar. 7, 2001	Telluride	Don Dillon
Apr. 2-9, 2001	**Keystone	Bob Knopes

**\*\*This trip was rescheduled from Dec. 2000. Please contact trip leader Bob Knopes at 703-690-2039 for new details.**

### PVS TRIP PAYMENT SCHEDULE

- Sept. 8 - The Canyons - second
- Sept. 15 - Telluride - first
- Nov. 15 - Telluride - second
- Nov. 23 - Steamboat - final
- Dec. 10 - The Canyons - final
- Dec. 31 - Telluride - final

### **PVS - Steamboat - 2001**

**Mon. Jan. 22 - Mon. Jan. 29, 2001**

The trip is on target and remains full with just 2 on the waiting list; if you would like to join this list, please call. In September, trip goers will receive a mailing which will indicate the amount of their **final payment due November 23**; a brochure describing the insurance; a list of participants; the required medical form; a trail map; and any other appropriate info. The Steamboat Grand Hotel is due to open this Fall and you can view an update on the hotel at [www.steamboatgrand.com](http://www.steamboatgrand.com) (but be patient - it takes awhile to obtain the pictures). If you have any questions, please call Barbara or Fred at 301-963-8111



## TELLURIDE STILL OPEN. Need single lady and single man.

(Oops, not to be together.)

Join our great group including the Flahertys, Marquardts, Strands, Schwartzbards, George Hicho, Bob Knopes, Shirley Rettig, and newer prospective members Joel Edelstein, Bob Schafer, Cheryl Shauck, and, your leaders, Don and Kathy Dillon.

FEBRUARY 28 — MARCH 7, 2001      \$1575/70 & OVER \$1340      CALL 301 330 5371 NOW

This is a **DELUXE TRIP**, Ski-in, Ski-out, Double occupancy Accommodations, all-jet air from Reagan National leaving at the convenient hour 9AM, 2 dinners, several apres-skis, pre-trip party, easy transfers by van, and 5/6-day lift ticket. You will love Telluride and Mountain Village, Colorado. If you have not been there recently you will be glad you came, because you will experience great and beneficial changes. Easy and intermediate runs now dominate the landscape. Great snow, 2 new quad chairs, a free gondola system to town and no lift lines await us.

N.B.: We will soon decrease our room and air allotments to minimize penalties, some of which we have already incurred. If you are thinking about this trip, call us now!

February 10-17, 2001, join Nancy and Ray McKinley to Ski

## the Canyons, Utah

Ski with us at the West's newest mega-ski resort, the Canyons, in Park City Utah. Completely new and **ultra-luxurious**, the Canyons will change your thinking about Utah skiing forever more! The Canyons now covers **eight different mountains**. One mountain is all green runs (except for one blue), another is totally black runs. And, the Canyons has the **most intermediate runs in Utah!** If you skied the Canyons a year or two ago it's a totally new resort—twice as large. Today the Canyons is the largest ski area in Utah--**3,400 acres!** (By comparison, Park City and Steamboat are about 2,300 acres.) The Canyons has a **3,190 foot vertical** and an all new lift system including **6 High Speed Quads** and a high speed gondola amongst its 16 lifts. The uphill capacity is staggering—no lift lines. It's **spectacular**, and perfect for PVS with a base at 6700 feet and 9900 feet at the top, so scant altitude problems.

We'll stay slopeside at the Grand Summit. The Grand Summit Resort Hotel is Utah's **newest and largest ski-in/ski-out hotel**, having opened in March, 2000. Amenities include: **luxuriously furnished** rooms, full service **health club**, soothingly heated, swim in/swim out pool, whirlpools, steamroom, **sauna, massage, fine dining/bistro, lounges, concierge, bell** and room service, and 24 hour reception and front desk.

**Hurry only 7 spaces left** OUR PRICE - \$1584, 65+ \$1552, LAND ONLY \$1295

If you have any questions, or need our flyer, call Nancy or Ray at (703) 527-7126. To sign up send your check for \$850.00 payable to Ray McKinley, to 2326 North Upton Street, Arlington, VA 22207-4045.

**PARTICIPANTS: Second payment of \$650 due to us by September 8**



## SKY KEYSTONE IN THE SPRING APRIL 2 - 9, 2001

**Luxury slopeside accommodations in new River Run Suites, an easy walk to the gondola. Lift tickets good for Keystone, Breckenridge and Arapahoe Basin and almost 2,000 acres of varied terrain. Keystone has won a gold medal for terrain, lifts, grooming and family and a silver for snow, challenge, service, weather, access, food, lodging, off-hill activities and scenery from SKI Magazine. Last year skiing was excellent into late April.**

**River Run is a beautiful pedestrian village filled with shops, restaurants, a microbrewery, nightlife and events. Brick-lined streets wind through the village past elegantly designed buildings of stone and rough wood.**

**PACKAGE INCLUDES 6 DAYS, 7 NIGHTS IN KEYSTONE, AIRFARE, TRANSFERS, BAG HANDLING, 5-DAY LIFT TICKET, HAPPY HOURS AND GROUP DINNERS.**

**Cost will be approximately \$1195. For more information or to reserve a space call Bob Knopes at 703-690-2039 or drop an e-mail to [BKnopes@Mindspring.com](mailto:BKnopes@Mindspring.com).**

### PAST EVENTS

Golf at Leisure World by Myron Marquardt

What a great day for golf at Leisure World on July 28, 2000. Jeannette sure knows how to schedule for good weather. A group of us began our afternoon by meeting at the Stein Room in the clubhouse for lunch. At 12:45, sixteen of us began play. We were glad to see Sue Walsh from Arizona. She set the record for distance from home.

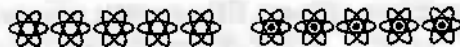
After we finished our golf rounds, we again journeyed to the Stein Room for refreshments and to relate tales of woe and feats of extraordinary Accomplishments. We learned from Don Dillon that if you have trouble hitting a ball across a lake, hit it low and hard and it will skip across the water as though it were on concrete. Sixteen people around one table made for a nice cozy gathering. Suzanne Boisclair demonstrated how to get to a chair on the far side of the table. You crawl under the table and push legs aside as you progress to the other side. It works very effectively.

It soon became time to head out for dinner. Fifteen of us proceeded to a restaurant for dinner. Some more discussion about golf and then about where we are all planning to go skiing this winter.

Another big thank you to Jeannette for arranging a very successful afternoon. We look forward to next year.

## AUGUST BICYCLING GOURMET

A fickle weather forecast indicating possible thunderstorms did not frighten a dozen avid cyclists including PVS members Marvin Hass (leader) and Shirley Rettig. This was the first time for a new route - the W&OD Trail between Leesburg and Purcellville. A timely Washington Post story three days before the ride pointed out how the existing farms in this area are threatened by burgeoning suburbia. On return to Leesburg, the group enjoyed a lunch al fresco at the South Street Under Bistro in the Market Station Complex.

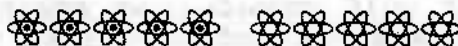


...and a good time was had by all.

A dozen PVSers found a lovely evening and a delightful concert awaiting them at the second trip to the Strathmore Music Festival. The musical unit was called the Classical Band and it had the usual members of violinists, cellist, pianist and bass player. And they made beautiful music together--Vivaldi and such.

Then the guest artist turned out to be a banjo virtuoso, who added some definitely different touches to the concert. It seemed clear that no human hands could play an instrument so fast--but he could and did. In one selection, he played the second violin's part, while the latter played the cello's part, etc. etc. They tossed in ragtime and western numbers near the end. All decidedly different and fun.

Again we thank Pat and John for arranging an evening of such pleasure. All you others should plan to come next year!



### NOTES FROM THE EDITOR:

\*\*\*It has been declared that henceforth Marvin Hass shall officially be known as PVS Webmaster in recognition of his labors on our behalf to set up a PVS Web page and to keep it full of interesting items. Next listing of the Board members will thus designate him.

\*\*\*The TOOT editor reminds members that items for the newsletter are due no later than the date of ExCom each month. And it is helpful to have items sent in before that date to help in planning the number of pages needed. They can be handed in at ExCom, sent by mail or by E-mail (but in this case put in body of E-mail, not as an attachment) or faxed to 703-790-9778.





# THE KNEE

by

Ray McKinley

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The end of summer is upon us. Leaves will soon be turning, and many are sad. But not PVSer's. It's just startin' for us. And I, for one, am raring to go. But I remain perplexed by one item. If it is called "Labor Day," how come there is no one working?

But to heck with working, lets talk about playing--and our favorite type of playing is strip poker. No, it's skiing. In August, the Knee asked you to tell how many US states you have skied in, and I got a lot of responses. Both Nick and Jean Chybinski had a long list, but it included countries (and they have skied in both Japan and Russia) as well as states, and countries are for another time.

Aina Thomas's list totaled 11, but she is the only one to include DC, (cross country on the Rock Creek golf course). DC may not qualify as a US state, but it certainly is a state of disorder.

As of now, there are co-leaders of the "contest" with 15 states each. Jack Peoples' list includes five ski areas in Washington State (I can only come up with names for 3!) and New Jersey's Great Gorge when it was a Playboy Club.

Charles Huggins has also skied 15 states including North Carolina and Tennessee. Didn't know there were any ski areas there. Perhaps an area called Tenneski?? Please tell me if you skied any nontraditional states, and about your list.

After retiring from government service (and it was our government), Jacques Hadler went to the Webb Institute. There he taught Naval Architecture (and later became Dean). Jacques is now doing research into the most efficient hulls for high speed sea shipping. The answer--catamarans.

Here's a Knee word to the wise. Tossing your salad is better than tossing your cookies.

Jim Slack read that searching through one's T-shirt drawer is oft a chronicle of one's life. In searching through his, Jim discovered one of our really old PVS T-shirts. It was beige, with a brown, full line drawing of the goggled skier whose face appears in the "O" on our TOOT logo.

Jim, it was a bit tight, but everyone knows that all clothing shrinks dramatically with age.

The Knee never makes a mistake. Last month I noted that Bob Harmon was back from a trip to Scandakneevia and his 50th High School reunion in Maine. That is true, but the trip was two years ago. Occasionally, the Knee's notes lose their temporal veracity...*kneea culpa*.

It is, however, timely to note that the selfsame Bob Harmon will be off to Amsterdam and Belgium this fall to study Flemish painters. Perhaps next year he will visit Athens to study Greek plumbers...

And closer in time, Marianne Cook is currently in Vienna for three weeks. That's nothing; I once spent four weeks in McLean!

Could it be that June Kelsay is leaving the area? Sara Huggins reports seeing her name on a list of those selling their Montgomery County abodes. More on this later.

Whilst many of us were in Argentina, Jeannette Albersheim and Jessma Blockwick spent three days in my favorite place, Knee York City.

The write up on the Argentina trip, by Bob Harmon, will be in next month's TOOT. But the Knee was there, and can offer some early insights.

Like Tysons, there is an L. L. Bean in Argentina. It's Spanish for The The Bean.

If you need expert Sushi advice, just ask Mike Hatanaka. He readily pointed out "all the right stuff" (raw) in Buenos Aires.

Janet and Bob Marx were busy buying very small souvenir T-shirts as they are about to again be grandparents--to their first granddaughter.

While Myron Marquardt went south to Argentina, Fumiko went west to Japan. They will meet in California for son David's birthday.

After he was coerced on stage on a side trip, octogenarian Gorman Young whiled away the evening dancing with svelte Brazilian showgirls.

Some horsed around. Penny Hanshaw was on horseback twice. And Mary Ward provided horse lessons to PVS's youngest member, 7 year old Jonathan Wilson. He became a neigh sayer.

Jim Arnold was careful to point out veal was not Argentinean beef--yet. More next month.

**CALENDAR**

- Sept. 2 ... Crab Feast at Betty Lawrence's
- Sept. 19 ... Monthly meeting at Dorie and John Waddick's, pp. 1 & 2
- Sept. 21 ... Bicycling Gourmet, p. 2
- Sept. 23 ... Oktoberfest at Mary Ward's and Jim Slack's, p. 3
- Sept. 26 ... ExCom at the McKinleys'
- Oct. 7 ... thru 9th, Fall weekend at Betty Lawrence's at Blue Knob.  
Call her 703-759-0471.
- Oct. 12 ... Piano performance and tour, p. 3
- Oct. 15 ... Post Argentina Party at the McKinleys'
- Oct. 17 ... Monthly meeting at Sally Finan's and George Welti's
- Oct. 24 ... ExCom at Bette Walker's
- Oct. 27 ... 1st Annual Frank Shelburne Memorial Hike, p. 4
- Oct. 26 ... Midweek Gourmet Bike Ride
- Oct. 29 ... Olney Theatre and Dinner, p. 4
- Nov. 4 ... 25th Anniversary Dinner, p. 5

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