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A few days ago the September issue of SKI magazine adorned my mailbox. Its mere being there, with the provocative cover page picture of a powder skier-tester evoked a broad smile. As I read the punchlines and took a closer look, it all seemed to want telling me that it's not that far away any more, that the summer is coming to its close with Labor Day only days away, and Fall right behind it. Well folks, to some extent in our lives, that's what it's all about. We do our best to fill our varied lives throughout the year, and in particular during the non-skiing seasons, with a variety of interesting, stimulating and friendship-fostering activities. These, and whatever we all do on our own, we hope will lead to the very season we, as members of a ski club, look for with great fervor and anticipation.

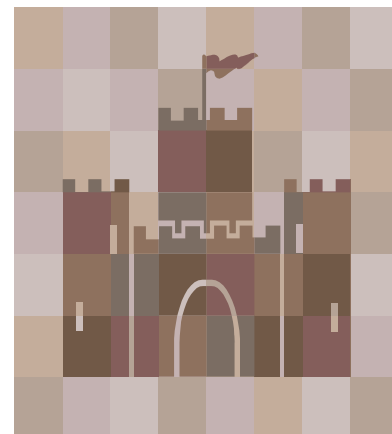
As we could have anticipated, the magazine provides much information about the newest of new equipment, attire, expansion and modernization of some of our favored venues, and the results of myriads of tests performed by professionals who go to all this trouble just for our benefit, to make sure we are facilitated to choose the optimal boards and boots, the truly warm-keeping gloves, and on and on. I'm always thinking what if I don't avail myself of all this new intelligence and what if I do. As our "in house" expert has told us at each yearly visit and presentation, "there's really not much change," yet when you read the annual equipment test gospel, you can't help but wonder if you shouldn't dig in after all, and get that new ski or boot or accessory. In the final analysis, I've always felt that good and properly sized equipment is essential to ski well. Whether we really accomplish that universal aim is pretty much a function of how we do, not what this or that equipment can make us do.

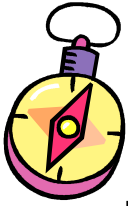
Our activities calendar keeps growing, thanks to the continued efforts of program chairs and volunteering members. With a most enjoyable Annapolis picnic just behind us – thanks again to our gracious hosts, Jean and Reg - we now face the traditional Crabfest, and that will be followed by the Oktoberfest. Hopefully many of us will partake, and with our presence reward ourselves and the organizers. Then with the Blue Knob weekend the colors of Fall will be upon us, and on to the white stuff soon we'll march. But you might not if you don't promptly make your trip reservations. Our trip leaders are anxiously awaiting your call and deposit check. Do it now! Enjoy.

*David*

*Monthly Meeting  
at the Waddick's*

**Tuesday, September 19  
at 7:30 PM  
1605 N. Howard St.  
Alexandria, VA  
703-751-3143**





### Directions to Waddick's:


**Take Shirley Highway (I-395 inside the Beltway) to Exit 4, Seminary Rd East.** Proceed about 0.6 miles east on Seminary Rd (four traffic lights) to N. Howard St and turn **left** (Hospital will be on the right at this intersection). The second house on the **right** on N. Howard St. is the Waddick's (1605 N Howard St). Park in the driveway or drive past the house to the first street, Maple Tree Court. Turn **right** into Maple Tree Court and park on the street. (Maple Tree Court is a cul-de-sac with public street parking.)

A map can be generated by clicking [here](#) for those receiving TOOT by e-mail in most formats and currently connected to the Internet or by accessing map web page <http://www.homestead.com/pvskiers/Waddickmap.html>



A new **ROSTER** is being sent via separate e-mail to those receiving Toot via e-mail. A hard copy is being enclosed with those receiving Postal Service Toots. Anyone having difficulty, please let Jan Marx know.

Membership issues should be addressed to Pat Vagonis.



**Web Site:** [www.potomacvalleyski.org](http://www.potomacvalleyski.org) Updated trip flyers can be found by going to the PVS web site.

Also photos of previous PVS Ski Trips, Club documents, and an updated home page oriented toward potential members.



**NEW WEB SITE is being established.**

PVS is moving its web site to a new hosting service. It will still be reachable as [www.potomacvalleyski.org](http://www.potomacvalleyski.org). The content of the new site will be much the same as the old site but with the significant addition of on-line copies of the Toot. You will need to log in with a user name and password to access the Toot. **User names** have been constructed from the PVS roster in the form as FirstLast with no spaces. Capitalization must be as shown. Your password is the first 8 characters of your e-mail address as it appears in the roster. Do **not** type more than 8 characters of your e-mail address. Members with no listed email address should use their home phone number **without** the area code. Include the - in the phone number as in 555-1212.

User names are limited by the hosting software to a maximum of 12 characters. Include initials and 2-part names as shown in the roster but do **not** include spaces or periods. Do **not** type more than 12 characters of your name as it will confuse the password checking program.

User names and passwords can be changed by e-mail request to [dslerner@ieee.org](mailto:dslerner@ieee.org). There is no way to do this on line.

Our new web site also can be reached as [www.pvskiers.org](http://www.pvskiers.org). Presently, the old web site can be reached at [www.pvskiers.homestead.com](http://www.pvskiers.homestead.com).

**GOLF OUTING**

**Friday Sept 29, 2006**

Where: AT NORTHWEST PARK GOLF COURSE, ON LAYHILL RD. MD.



**COST:** 18 HOLES WITH CART 47.00 / 60 YEARS+ 43.00  
9 HOLES WITH CART 28.00/ 60 YEARS+ 26.00  
9 HOLE PLAYERS COULD START 2 HRS. LATER & ALL FINISH AT THE SAME TIME FOR OPTIONAL LUNCH.

**CONTACT, BURR SCHULER** - 703-878-7074 OR E-MAIL [oburr2byoung@yahoo.com](mailto:oburr2byoung@yahoo.com)  
or **MYRON MARQUARDT** 301-460-3269 OR E-MAIL [mdm3269@webtv.net](mailto:mdm3269@webtv.net)



**BLUE KNOB**

*Ninth Annual Fall Foliage Weekend*

Sat – Mon, Oct 7-9, 2006



**WHERE:** Betty Lawrence's lodge at Blue Knob, PA  
**LOTS TO DO:** Hiking, flea markets, RR museum, spa, antiques, serious eating and some partying.  
**COST:** Approximately \$15/person/night, two-night minimum.  
Accommodations limited  
**CONTACT:** Betty Lawrence 703-319-1860 [lizl@verizon.net](mailto:lizl@verizon.net)

**Annual Frank Shelburne Hike**



**Wednesday, October 18 at 10:00 AM**

This year's Frank Shelburne hike will be a **Glen Echo/C&O Canal circuit** route hike. The starting point will be at the Glen Echo/Clara Barton House parking lot. We will meet there at 10:00 AM. This is an easy hike of about three miles which ends up at the Irish Inn at Glen Echo where we will have lunch at 12:00. For those non-hikers who wish to have lunch only, meet up with the hikers at the Irish Inn at noon.

As an added attraction, those who wish may take a tour of the Clara Barton House after lunch. Tours start every hour on the hour from 10:00-4:00.

In case of bad weather, we will all just meet at the Irish Inn for lunch at noon.

**Please contact Sally Finan (703-716-9023) if you plan to attend - a head count is needed for lunch reservations.** For more information, call Sally.

Detailed directions will be in the October TOOT.

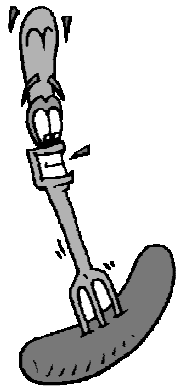
**Kentlands/Lakelands Stroll**  
**Optional Dinner after the Stroll**  
**Saturday, October 28th 2:00 pm**

Sharon Mulholland and Barbara Leonhardt will lead a 1-1<sup>1/2</sup> hr walk around the lakes, neighborhoods, and parks of Kentlands and Lakelands in Gaithersburg, MD. The route is generally flat. We will meet at Sharon's house at 2 pm to begin our walk. Near the end of our walk, we will pass through the "downtown area" where those who wish will choose a restaurant for dinner (probably Chinese and/or Italian). On the walk back to Sharon's, we can opt for a dessert stop. Non-diners will have just a few blocks to walk back to their cars from the restaurant area.



To sign up, please call Sharon or Barbara and indicate if you wish to opt for dinner. In case bad weather causes cancellation of the event, participants will be notified in the morning. Call **301-330-2953 (Sharon)** or **301-963-8111 (Barbara)** for more information and to sign up. Driving directions will be in the October. TOOT.

## Oktoberfest



**When:** Sunday, October 29, 2006 at 2:00 p.m. Rain or Shine

**Hosted by:** Margaret Wyckoff & the Vagonis'

**Where:** Pat & Jim Vagonis' 11925 Ledgerock Ct. Potomac, MD

**What:** 28<sup>th</sup> annual PVS Oktoberfest featuring beer, sausages, sauerkraut, pretzels, potato salad, & pflaumen kuchen. And what would an Oktoberfest be without Oompah music!

**RSVP:** Pat at 240-832-7145 by October 15<sup>th</sup>. Limited to 60

**Cost:** \$8.00 per person

**Bring:** Your own eating utensils and plate.

Your favorite beer mug is also welcome

**Optional:** Lederhosen and Dirndl. Even Pferdekleidung.



**Directions:**



**From Virginia** - From 495 N., take River Road exit towards Potomac. Proceed 3 miles turn right at light onto Falls Road. Go another 2.3 miles and turn left onto *(see Almost there...)*

**From Silver Spring** - From 495 N., bear right towards 270 N. Take 1st exit and turn right onto Old Georgetown Road. Make left at next light onto Tuckerman Lane, proceed 3.7 miles. Turn left at light onto Falls Road, proceed .3 mi, turn right onto *(see Almost there...)*

**From Gaithersburg** - From 270 S., take Falls Road exit towards Potomac. Proceed 2.3 miles and turn right onto *(see Almost there...)*

*...Almost there:* **Glen Road** (not S. Glen Rd), go another .7 mi. and turn right onto Gregerscroft. Make 3rd right onto Ledgerock Ct. We're towards the end of the court on the right. #11925  
 (Phone **301-838-5545** if you're lost!)

# Chili Hike

month.

Saturday, November 4.

Details and directions, next



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## Wine Tasting for Wine Connoisseurs and Wine Lovers



Friday, November 17, 2006 at 8:00 pm.

***A flight of 20 year old wines will be served along with some tasty hors d'oeuvres.***

Some of the possible wine choices are Chateau Gruaud Larose 1986, Chateau Talbot 1986, Chateau Clerc Milon 1986, Chateau Pichon Longuevell Comtesse De Lalande 1986, Insignia 1986, etc.

**Where:** John and Dorie Waddick's. 1605 N. Howard Street Alexandria, VA 22304

**Limited to 20 people.** Cost of \$40 per person.

**Sign up** at the September monthly meeting at the Waddick's or.....  
call the Waddick's at **703-751-3143.**

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### August 20, 2006 Ski Pioneer Alexander Cushing Dies [Squaw Valley](#)

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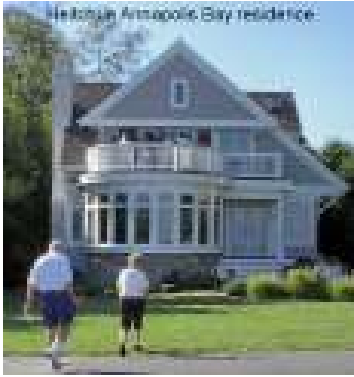
RENO, Nev. (AP) -- Alexander C. Cushing, the founder and chairman of one of the world's largest and best known ski resorts, died at his summer home in Newport, R.I., the resort announced Sunday. He was 92. Cushing, who helped launch the sport in the U.S. by bringing the 1960 Winter Olympic Games to his Squaw Valley USA near Lake Tahoe, died Saturday of pneumonia, the resort said.

Cushing opened the California resort (*with the backing of relatives and friends*) in 1949 with one chairlift, a rope tow and a 50-room lodge. Among other things, Cushing set standards for the ski industry with advanced lift systems and cutting-edge facilities, said Warren Lerude, a corporation board member. "Alex Cushing was one of the great pioneers in the ski industry in America. By bringing the Winter Olympics to Squaw Valley, he helped spark the development of the ski industry in the United States "Cushing bid for the games as a publicity stunt, never dreaming he might get them. The Games were the first ever televised.

Ironically, Cushing acknowledged he was never much of a skier. "I was never a good skier," he told The Associated Press in 1995. "I could get down the slopes."

(However,) Cushing fought with environmentalists and government officials for years over everything from ski runs to diesel fuel contamination. In 1989, the Sierra Club and Hewlett-Packard Co sued him.

## Annapolis Bay Picnic



On a perfect summer's day, Jean and Reg Heitchue hosted 25 PVsers at their Annapolis home. They have a beautiful and charming house with a view of the bay, including a grand master bedroom with a veranda facing the water.

Elegant was the word of the day. Wine was served at the door by a charming friend of our hosts, delicious food was prepared, including shish-ka-bob from the grill. Some guests strolled along the beach road while others continued to enjoy each others company. Reg was the chauffer between their home and the marina parking lot.

*THANKS, JEAN and REG !*



Annapolis Bay Picnic Aug 12, 2006  
Hosts: Reg and Jean Heitchue



Annapolis Bay Picnic Aug 12, 2006





# Steamboat Springs (Trip is Open)

## Wedel Week Reunion December 8 – 15 2006

Potomac Valley Skiers invite you to attend a Wedel Week in Steamboat Springs, Colorado with Dick & Betty Comerford as your host and hostess. Steamboat Springs, Ski Town USA, has a base elevation of 6900 feet, ideal for anyone who has difficulty adapting to high altitude (sleeping below 7500 feet keeps the head aches away).

The purpose of Wedel Week is to get in shape for the coming ski season, both by working hard on ski technique and practicing après-ski activities in the evening. For the skiing end of it, Steamboat, rated as one of the top 5 areas in the nation, offers terrain for all levels of skiers and routinely has some of the best powder in the Rockies. **On the lighter side, après-ski activities will be based around our luxury ski-in/ski-out Sheraton Hotel. The package includes all breakfasts, 3 good group dinners, nightly après-ski gatherings, a special awards ceremony and a post-trip party.** We should be able to ski with Billy Kidd, but if he is not available, we will have a special guest lead us in a warm-up run.

- \* 7 Nights Lodging
- \* 25 Yards to Gondola
- \* Rooms Have 2 Queen Size Beds
- \* Starbucks Coffee in Each Room
- \* 4 Restaurants & 3 Lounges
- \* Heated Outdoor Pool
- \* 7 Hot Tubs, Steamrooms & Saunas
- \* 4 High Speed Quad Chairs
- \* Average Snowfall > 27 Feet
- \* 3668 Vertical Feet - 2nd Highest in CO
- \* 164 Ski Trails
- \* 25 Lifts (1 Gondola)
- \* 13% Beg, 56% Int, 31% Adv
- \* Lots of local activities
- \* Convenient to Restaurants & Shops
- \* Full Service Luxury Hotel

We are currently at 14. We are still open and, in particular, need a single female and a single male.

7 Nights Lodging, Daily Breakfast, 3 Dinners, Après-ski -----	\$790
Air and Ground Transportation-----	\$490
<b>Total-----</b>	<b>\$1280</b>

**Call Dick NOW** 703-777-9374 -- [dick.comerford@adelphia.net](mailto:dick.comerford@adelphia.net)

Check Payable to Dick Comerford at 307 Lounsbury Ct, Leesburg, VA 20176-2335.



### January 2007

**"space is still available"**

PVS is again heading to and the Snowmass Mountain Chalet, January 18 through 25, 2007. Join us for this perennial favorite, for its excellent skiing, and for its many other activities in the Aspen environs. Choose among four entire mountains that share one interchangeable lift ticket with more than 5,000 acres of skiing, and free bus service to Aspen Highlands, Ajax Mountain, and Buttermilk ski areas. Enjoy the convenience of slideshow lodging with direct access to the extensive Snowmass trail system from the Snowmass Mountain Chalet. A stay at this charming 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.

Trip will include group dinners, après-ski parties, and other events. This year we are planning an optional excursion to the mountain village of Redstone for lunch and other activities.

Come join us! Complete trip cost \$1,890. Air is arranged with United Airlines.

For more information:

Contact trip leaders Carolyn Maurer and David DeVilbiss at 703-370-4865 or by e-mail at [carolyn.maurer@verizon.net](mailto:carolyn.maurer@verizon.net).

To reserve:

- Send \$1,000 per person to:  
Carolyn Maurer, 4508 Peacock Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22304

Note "PVS-Snowmass 2007" on the memo line.

**More rooms available.  
Need one male &  
one female**

PVS & Blue Ridge Ski Council Presents

## WESTERN CARNIVAL & BIG SKY

February 3-10, 2007



**Big Sky** Montana - **NO WAITING AROUND.** 18 lifts and its spectacular Euro-style tram transport skiers to 3,600 skiable acres. The terrain on the 3 mountains ranges from the tame wide slopes of *Southern Comfort*, with plenty of **blue terrain**, to the steep chutes and wide-open **powder fields of Lone Peak 11,166 ft** **Average snowfall-400 inches.** **Beginner-17% Intermediate-25% Advanced-37% Expert-21%.**

**Moonlight Basin** area has a mix of **green, blue** and **black** trails with, **long, groomed runs** + the *Headwaters hike-to-ski* area. **The two ski areas are connected.** A 6<sup>th</sup> day ticket for \$26 will get you a one ride ticket from Big Sky chair lift to Moonlight Basin. You can ski back to Big Sky.

**LODGING: We upgraded to The Summit.** Every room has a sink, small frig, coffee maker, hair dryer, cable TV, & free wireless dataports. Many rooms have a King size bed, gas fireplace, and, jetted spa bathtub. (Other room configurations available.) Ski storage is in the lobby. Fitness center, swimming pool size hot tub, restaurants in hotel. **Three high capacity lifts within 100 yards of the entry**

**SKI-OUT, SKI-IN**

**Daily breakfast buffet included.**

**Lodge elevation - 7,500 ft**

**INCLUDED:** ➤ Round trip airfare (Washington to Bozeman) ➤ Round trip transport (Bozeman to lodging) ➤ Seven nights lodging (double occupancy) ➤ All taxes ➤ Baggage handling in & out of hotel ➤ Five out of six-day lift tickets at Big Sky ➤ Welcome Party ➤ Après Ski Beer Blast - ➤ Nastar Race - at Moonlight Basin ➤ Farewell Dinner Dance  
Many other activities available - see flyer.

**COST \$1,490** Contact Marty Rine: 703-978-0179 or [mrine@cox.net](mailto:mrine@cox.net) OR Jan Marx: [Jebbmarx@aol.com](mailto:Jebbmarx@aol.com)

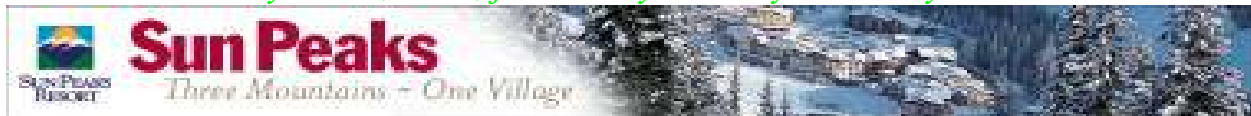
Land only = Less \$400. Single supplement = Add \$350. Non-skier = Less \$140.

**SIGN UP:** Send \$750 (check payable to PVS Big Sky 2007), to: Marty Rine, 5256 Lonsdale Dr, Springfield, VA 22151 [www.bigskyresort.com](http://www.bigskyresort.com) [www.moonlightbasin.com](http://www.moonlightbasin.com)

**In addition our PVS group will have:**

- Pre-trip party.
- Two après ski gatherings.
- Optional group dinner.
- Pot-luck post-trip party.

*February 17-25, 2007, join Nancy and Ray McKinley to Ski*



The Potomac Valley Skiers are returning to a true gem of a resort, Sun Peaks. **We went in 2005, and EVERYONE wanted to go back, so we're doing it!** Sun Peaks is Canada's newest, brightest destination resort. It's a skier's paradise. And, unlike the Coastal British Columbia resorts, Sun Peaks Resort is known for its sun. Yes, the sun shines at Sun Peaks. And shines. And shines. And shines--more sunny hours than any other resort in North America!

The BC ski resort logs an average of 2,000 hours of sunshine per year. That sun, combined with 220 inches of annual snowfall and an average mid-winter temperature of 20 to 25 °F, helps make Sun Peaks a favorite for fair weather ski holidays.

Sun Peaks has some other claims to fame, such as the best grooming in Western Canada and the best weather for skiing in all of Canada. It has 3,678 acres, a vertical of 2,891 feet, 91 runs and a charming, Tyrolean-style car-free village that twinkles under the alpine starlight. Sun Peaks skis like Whistler. But, unlike Whistler, it has no coastal rain or fog!

For info, e-mail us [sunpeaks2007@potomacvalleyskiers.org](mailto:sunpeaks2007@potomacvalleyskiers.org)



**Our 9 day 8 night trip Includes: 7 Nights at ski-in ski-out Olympic Gold Medalist Nancy Green's Cahilty Lodge featuring spacious rooms and superbly appointed suites. It has a restaurant, hot tub, bar, and fitness facilities, radios, in-room coffee machines, and more. For only \$31 pp additional you can upgrade to a studio with kitchen and additional amenities including fireplaces or balconies. We have a final night at the 5 Star Fairmont Hotel Vancouver.**

**We feature two people per hotel room. 5 of 6 Day lift passes good at all three mountains. 3 great group dinners, incl. a snowshoe, on-mountain fondue dinner. Welcome wine & cheese, happy hours, pre & post trip parties. Airfare, hotel baggage handling and tips, bus gratuities.**

**GREAT PRICES - \$1,896; 65+ \$1,844; Nonskiers \$1,687**

Land Only \$1,446 (Based on \$1.11 CAN per \$1.00 US) Upgrade to Studio add \$31,  
Breakfast Package add \$108

This trip sold out early last year so act soon. Please call us for more information or to get a copy of our full flyer at 703-527-7126. **Too sign up send your check for \$250 per person payable to Ray McKinley, 2326 N.**

**8 Upton Street, Arlington, VA 22207-4045.**



## SKIING IN SCHLADMING, AUSTRIA



**TOURING IN ATHENS, GREECE AND IN VIENNA, AUSTRIA**  
ATHENS, GREECE – Monday, February 26, 2007 to Saturday March 3, 2007



SCHLADMING, Austria - Saturday, March 3, 2007 to Saturday March 10, 2007  
VIENNA, Austria – Saturday, March 10, 2007 to Tuesday, March 13, 2007

**ATHENS, GREECE:** Four nights at the Divani Palace Acropolis, a five star deluxe hotel near the Acropolis

**SCHLADMING, AUSTRIA:** Seven nights at the Sporthotel Royer, a four star hotel.

**VIENNA, AUSTRIA:** Three days at Hotel Regina a four star historic hotel located in the center of the city.

**THE SKIING:** The region of Schladming-Dachstein-Taussern is one of the largest ski areas in Austria with four inter connected mountains. Snowmaking on 100% of the ski slopes. There are 90 ski lifts and, 167 kilometers of downhill runs. Glacier skiing on the Dachstein Glacier. Ski runs as long as 5 miles.

**Maximum elevation** 6,600 feet **Vertical drop** 3,700 feet; **Ski Terrain:** Beginner: 30% Intermediate 60% Expert: 10%

Cross country skiing -- 60 Km of cross country ski trails. Lift tickets: The five day regular lift ticket in 2006 was \$168 and \$150 for seniors

### **TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS:**

Fly from Washington Dulles Airport to Munich on United Airlines and then to Athens, Greece.

Fly from Athens to Munich on Lufthansa Airlines. Motor coach to our hotel in Schladming, Austria.

Transfer by motor coach from Schladming, Austria to our hotel in Vienna.

Fly from Vienna on Lufthansa Airlines to Munich and then to Washington Dulles airport on United Airlines.

**INCLUDED IN PRICE:** Total Price \$2,900 (double occupancy) includes all of the above plus transfers, buses, and trip insurance. (Price based on Euro price of 1.24 to a dollar). Pre Trip Party, Portage of All Baggage, Post Trip Party.

**Includes Medical Insurance and Trip Cancellation / Interruption Insurance.**

**NOT INCLUDED:** Lunches, Lift Tickets, Diners in Athens and Vienna.

**TOTAL PACKAGE PRICE -- ATHENS+SCHLADMING+VIENNA \$ 2,900 (DOUBLE OCCUPANCY)**

Single supplement and Skiing in Schladming (only) – Available on request – price to be determined

**PAYMENT SCHEDULE:** NOW: \$ 700; Oct. 1 \$500; Dec.1 \$500; Jan. 1 \$700

### **IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING US OR HAVE ANY QUESTIONS:**

Contact: Glade Flake ([gladeflake@aol.com](mailto:gladeflake@aol.com)) 301-762-6890 OR John Smith ([johnhsmith@juno.com](mailto:johnhsmith@juno.com)) 301-299-8376

TO RESERVE: Send the trip application form and a check for \$ 700 payable to Glade Flake

TO: Glade Flake, at P.O. Box 60347, Potomac, MD 20859

## Snowbird/Alta 2007

Utah: March 17-24



# **CANCELLED DUE TO LACK OF PARTICIPATION**

For more information contact Mike or Eloise Strand at 301-468-1535 or 301-881-0812 or [HRDYNA@AOL.COM](mailto:HRDYNA@AOL.COM)

## NEXT SUMMER--August 9-25, 2007, join Nancy and Ray McKinley to See & Ski in Argentina, Brazil

*The grandeur of Argentina's Andes, the Old World beauty and tango passion of Buenos Aires, and to top it all off – a 3 day add-on to magical Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. 8 days and 7 nights in Argentina's world-class 40,000 acre, 4,100 ft vertical ski resort, Las Leñas, and 5 days, 4 nights in America's most cosmopolitan city, the Paris of the W. Hemisphere, Buenos Aires. And there's an option for a 3 day add on to Brazil's Carnival town—Rio de Janeiro. Join us and enjoy.*

*While North America suffers summer, enter Argentina's Las Leñas, the largest lift-serviced skiing area in the entire Western Hemisphere. This South American resort stretches across 40,000 acres of the Andes and is outfitted with 13 lifts, 40 miles of trails, and 4,100-foot vertical drop from its 11,253-foot summit. By comparison, Las Leñas is seven times the size of Vail. There's oodles of skiing for everyone.*



*Las Leñas' single huge mountain is divided into two main areas. The lower section's nine lifts connect a variety of*



*which are ideal for beginners and intermediates. Experts seeking the off-piste perfection that has made*

*famous continue above the tree line – huge bowls, steep chutes, and fresh powder await. There are also*

*a significant number of blue pistes above the tree line. In keeping with its European roots, the village at the mountain's*

*base has a multitude of fine shops, restaurants, bars and discos. With copious snow, and superb skiing for all levels, Las*

*Leñas is a truly great place to ski in August!*

*We'll include all lodging in 4 or 5 Star hotels, daily breakfasts, and all dinners at Las Leñas, 2 dinners in Buenos Aires, all transfers, happy hours, airfare from Washington, DC, pre and post trip parties, and eye-opening tours in Buenos Aires including a trip to one of the gaucho Estancias (ranches) outside of town. This will include a parillada featuring all the finest of cuisine and entertainment. Our stay in Buenos Aires also offers a not-to-be missed, first-class tango show and dinner.*

*We have a spectacular 3-day add-on. This will include round trip air to Rio, 4 or 5 star lodging near Copacabana and Ipanema Beaches. We'll tour the city, visit Rio's signature Sugarloaf Mountain, the statue of the Christ, and much more. Rio is the only city in the world with a tropical rainforest within the city limits. We highly recommend this unique city and the add-on.*

**Schedule:** *We leave from DC Thurs eve, Aug 9, 2007, arriving in Buenos Aires Fri morning. And surprise, there's no jet lag; they are in our time zone. We spend Fri in Buenos Aires, and leave Sat for Las Leñas. The next 7 days we enjoy in Las Leñas. On Aug 18 we return to Buenos Aires for 4 days of sightseeing and gustatory delights. On Aug 21 those continuing fly to Rio, Brazil's wonderland. Enjoy the beaches, and the sightseeing. On Aug 24 we fly back to DC overnight arriving on Sat morning, Aug 25, 2007.*

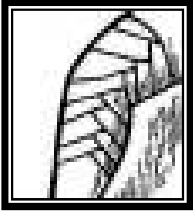
**Cost:** *We don't yet have a firm cost. However, since the Argentine peso is very weak, we expect the cost for the 14 day trip to be about \$2,700-\$2,900. To add 3 nights in Rio, Brazil should be, including airfare, \$700-\$900. Our See and Ski trip is for everyone. Space is limited for this trip of a lifetime. To hold a space, send a check for \$100 per person, to Ray McKinley. Mail it to 2326 N. Upton Street, Arlington, VA 22207-4045. This deposit is refundable until October 2006 when we will finalize costs our trip. Call us at 703-527-7126 for more information. Or you can e-mail us at [Argentina2007@potomacvalleyski.org](mailto:Argentina2007@potomacvalleyski.org)*

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# THE KNEE

By Ray McKinley

Oh my goodknees, summer is virtually over. Yes, I know it's not really over until the Autumnal Equinox on Sept 21. But, do you know the significance of the Autumnal Equinox? It's when the Fat Lady sings.

Indeed, ski season cannot be far away. Returning from a business trip to Northern California recently, I saw new snow in the high Sierras. Hip, Hip, Hurrah! (Or better for this column is Knee, Knee, Hurrah!)

Who is running the club? It seems that all of our Officers are taking vacations. Pres David, and Rachel Abraham will soon be cruising the Black Sea. It's called the Black Sea because they only cruise at night. Veep Mike, and Eloise Strand will soon be back from a trip to Kenya and its equatorial, but high altitude and cool capital, Knee-robi. Redskin fans Mike and Eloise were so gung ho (that's a technical term, like *feng shui*, but not as properly positioned) about Africa they missed 2 'skins pre-season games.

Treasurer Ray, and Judy Jones are off on a quick trip to California before their permanent move to Florida. And Ray's replacement as treasurer. Bob and Karen Knopes are just back from southern (but not South) Africa. Former Pres Serge, and Liz Triau are doing a Utah Elderhostel on genealogy. That's where you can get your Jeans to fit better. The Knee and Nancy are headin' south to Brazil and then Argentina to ski (in September for the first time) and get ready for next year's PVS trip.

Club Secretary Mary Beale doesn't have any major trips planned to other continents. But Mary does plan to visit Bethesda!

Here's an update on Glade Flake's knee. It's improving. According to spouse Joan, Glade is having physical therapy three times a week. And his range of motion is improving. Surgery on the other knee is on hold. Not Kneet!

Kitchens can be a pain. Kirk and Peggy Burns are having their kitchen redone. (So as to better hold PVS events!). They are now living in their laundry room. What clean fun!

Kirk and Peggy are now in Alaska, where they are taking a tour and doing some personal touring by renting an RV. (Which is short for Reglaciatiion Victim)

At the Heitchue's wonderful Annapolis picnic, Bob McNeill was sporting a 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division polo shirt. When asked about it, Bob said, had he not been declared legally blind, he would have been a member. Instead, all he got was a polo shirt. Bob also noted that he had just taken his first-ever kayak ride—a requirement to join the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division.

Here's a thought for the upcoming season

## *carvé diem*

According to Marvin Hass, Arapahoe Basin was the last ski area in Colorado to close—after a 227-day season. The glacier at Liberty Mt closed (i.e., melted) two days later

A new Guinness Record was set July 27<sup>th</sup> by Rainer Hertrich at Oregon's Timberline, also according to Marvin. It was Rainer's 1000<sup>th</sup> consecutive day of skiing (the previous record was 365 days). He has skied every day since November 1, 2003! Since then, he has skied 34 million vertical feet, or 33,000 feet a day. Wow!

It's time for Part 27 (or so) of the "Tale of Betty Lawrence's Beach Houses." As I'm certain you will recall, Betty has already owned and sold some 1,134,201 beach houses on the Eastern shore. (If I've told you once, I've told you a million times—don't exaggerate!) Her most recent one, in South Bethany, was just sold. Some of the profits are being used to get Betty a new home on the bay with Eastern water views. She'll have nothing to beach about.

Off to *Deutschland* is Margaret Wyckoff. She'll stay with her 93 year old, vibrantly healthy aunt, and visit friends. Right on!

Ubiquitous PVS (again, Part 27). After a dinner in Rockville, Barbara and Fred Leonhardt and Liz and Serge Triau were having coffee at a sidewalk café. Who should walk by but Gene Sharer. Williamsburger Gene still works up here two or three days a week running a software firm. He was on his way to a shoe store to pick up a pair of walking shoes as Gene and Wilma are about to tour Nova Scotia (Latin for exploding salmon) and Prince Edward Island—recently demoted from King Edward Island.

Kneenuf for now.

## Calendar

Sept 2	Sat	Crab Fest, 4:00 PM at Betty Lawrence's
Sept 16	Sat	Strathmore Concert, Reception, Tour - 7:00 PM
Sept 16	Sat	BRSC Meeting
Sept 19	Tue	Monthly Meeting at Waddick's
Sept 26	Tue	ExCom Meeting at McKinley's
Sept 29	Fri	Golf at Northwest Park
Oct 7-9	Sat-M	Fall Hiking at Blue Knob at Betty Lawrence's
Oct 17	Tue	Monthly Meeting - Dorian Janney's
Oct 18	Wed	Annual Frank Shelburne Hike 10:00 AM
Oct 24	Tue	ExCom at Knopes'
Oct 28	Sat	Kentlands, 2 PM at Mulholland's
Oct 29	Sun	Oktoberfest, 2 PM at Vagonis'
Nov 4	Sat	Chili Hike with McKinley's
Nov 17	Fri	Wine tasting, 8 PM at Waddick's
Nov 21	Tue	Monthly Meeting at Finan's/Welti's
Nov 28	Tue	ExCom at Marx's

## Ski Trip Calendar - 2006/2007

### (Western, Euro, South America)

Dec 8-15/06	<u>Steamboat</u>	(Dick Comerford)
Jan 18-25/07	<u>Snowmass</u>	(C. Maurer/D. DeVilbiss)
Feb 3-10/07	<u>Big Sky</u>	(PVS/BRSC M. Rine/J. Marx)
Feb 17-25/07	<u>Sun Peaks</u>	(Ray/Nancy McKinley)
Mar 3-10/07	<u>Schladming</u>	(PVS/BRSC G. Flake/J. Smith)
		<i>(Feb 26-Mar 3 Athens: Mar 11-13 Vienna)</i>
<del>Mar 17-24/07</del>	<del><u>Snowbird/Alto</u></del>	<del>(Mike Strand)</del>
Aug 9-25/07	Las Leñas,	Argentina;
	<i>(Aug 18-21/07 Buenos Aires: Aug 21-25 Rio de Janeiro, Brazil)</i>	

If you are intending to sign up, do so soon before trip leaders have to make a final commitment. If there is not enough participation, another trip may have to be canceled.

