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President's Message:

As I approach the end of my two-year term as president of PVS, I wish to thank the many PVS members who have worked so diligently for the success of the club over the past two years. Particular thanks go to the hard-working editors of the Toot – Jan Marx (also our historian), Dave Warthen (also responsible for membership records and e-mail distribution of the Toot), Marvin Hass, and Ellie Thayer; to Ray McKinley, who not only is our events guru, but also, month after month, wows us with his Knee column, chock full of news and clever wordplays; and to Rosemary Schwartzbard and the members of the ski trip committee, who year after year have come up with fabulous ski trips for PVS. Many thanks to Dick Laeser, our treasurer; Dave Lerner, our webmaster (and backup Mary Ward); Sue Lyon, responsible for our meeting records; Barb Leonhardt, who has distributed the hard copies of the Toot; Bob Jablon, our secretary; our nominating committee, headed by Nancy McKinley last year and Dave DeVilbiss this year; and our current Excom members – Vice President Bob Knopes, Carolyn DeVilbiss, Louann Eadie, Liz Warren-Boulton, Melissa FitzGerald, Reg Heitchue, and John Holt, as well as past Excom

members Dick Schwartzbard and Mary Beale. The club owes a large debt of gratitude to Mary Beale, who served so admirably as secretary for many years.

Thanks are also due to our wonderful trip leaders, who assumed the significant organizational task of running a ski trip, including hounding people for their payments and shepherding large groups of people to distant locations. I also wish to thank the many PVS members who opened their homes and served as hosts and hostesses for the monthly PVS meetings and special events. I have enjoyed serving as president of PVS, and having the opportunity to work, socialize, and ski with many PVS members. PVS has a fabulous new slate of officers who will serve the club well, and I look forward to my continued participation in the club.

For my last column, I cannot resist writing about the recent long weekend that Bob and I spent in Killington, Vermont. After this weekend, it is quite clear why most of my skiing over the past 40 years has been in the West. First, there is the day-long drive up to Vermont, fighting trucks and traffic jams on the New Jersey turnpike. Second, although Vermont skiers are tough, and can ski on anything, I

PVS Annual Meeting

Tuesday, April 16, 2012, 7:30 PM

Reston Town Center

Midtown Condo Party Room

11990 Market Street, Reston, VA 20190

Host: Reg Heitchue, 703-437-7611

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Join fellow PVSers at the annual business meeting, which will involve the election of officers for the coming year, the voting process for applicant members, and the perennially favorite social hour with friends.

EVERYONE IS TO BRING a favorite dessert (A to H surname) OR appetizer (I to Z surname) to share. Beverages will be provided. As we are in a party room, please take your platter and whatever is left over home with you.

--Directions, p. 2

have become soft – what the Vermont skiers call “hard snow” would simply be ice to Western skiers. Third, the slopes are narrow, and can be far more crowded than Western mountains. Vermont, however, is beautiful, and worth a trip once in a while.

Killington lured me this particular weekend because of a two-day weekend mogul clinic. How better to improve one’s mogul technique than two days skiing ice and rocks? The seasoned Vermont skiers assured me that the conditions at Killington were as good as they get, and could not understand how I could declare the slick snow to be “ice.”

I did learn quite a bit from my instructor, including tips that apply to skiing on groomed slopes, as well as moguls. The third day, I also tagged along on a semi-private late afternoon lesson with Bob, and learned a few things as well from his instructor. One observation is that Eastern skiing is different than Western skiing – in the West, there is a focus on wide carved turns; in the East, virtually all the skiers are doing short radius turns. Eastern skiers also keep their feet much closer together than Western skiers.

Here are the key general points that my instructor emphasized:

1. Proper angulation is critical – the hips should be angulated into the hill, while the upper body looks down the fall line. The upper body should not follow the skis, i.e. if the skis are positioned across the fall line, the upper body should be facing down the fall line.

2. The weight must stay balanced and forward (sitting back in the bumps is a big problem). Bob’s instructor described the proper body position as “moving the hips over the balls of the feet.” Make sure that you do not bend over at the waist.

3. As you turn, release your body laterally down the hill (this is a movement of the body up over the skis and down the fall line - it obviates the need to shift weight to the new downhill ski). On the bumps, it is a leap of faith to essentially throw your body down the hill.

4. Keep your poles forward.

Directions to Annual Meeting from the Beltway:
Take Route 267 West (toll road)
Take exit 12 (Reston Parkway) and turn right at the end of the exit ramp
Turn left at 2nd light onto Bluemont Way
Go 2 blocks and turn right on Liberty Street
Go 1 block and turn left on Market Street
Midtown Condominium is on the right at 11990 Market Street
Free valet parking at the front door (tips appreciated, but not necessary)
The valet or concierge will direct PVSers to the Party Room upstairs

5. As you turn, apply pressure to the tops of both boots – if you can’t pressure the ski that is advanced, move it back somewhat.

6. Both my instructor and Bob’s instructor advised that, for hard snow (i.e., ice), use very gentle movements in edging and applying pressure, and use less edge; in other words,

apply the brakes slowly.

For the bumps, there are several additional techniques:

1. As you mount the bump, your lower legs should flex (go down) to absorb the bump. This movement downward should start before the pole plant (you are reaching downhill with the pole plant). Stay in the down position until you reach the fall line, and then come up and extend your legs.

2. Make sure the skis are pivoting together (this also applies to a turn on a groomed slope).

3. Keep your skis closer together in the bumps.

4. There is less edging in the bumps; the skis should be flat as you make the turn. There appears to be a variance of opinion as to how much edging is required at the end of the turn in the bumps; the terrain may determine the amount of edging that is needed.

5. Keep your chin up and try to look ahead to as many bumps as possible.

6. In icy conditions (the ice is usually in the valleys between the bumps) ski from the side of one mogul to the side of another to avoid the ice.

I hope that these tips are helpful. The ski season will be essentially over when you read this column, but there is the potential of Chile in the summer, and the prospect of the 2013-2014 season. Again many thanks go to everyone who contributed so much to PVS over the past two years.

Cara Jablon

Thanks, Cara, for your Presidential service to PVS for these past two years !!!

Nominating Committee Report for PVS Officers (2013 – 2014)

<p>Candidates for PVS Officers & Board Members for 2013-2014</p> <p>President: Nancy McKinley ExCom: Jane Dealy Vice President: John Holt ExCom: Bob Knopes ExCom: Maryann Rozzell</p> <p>Additional nominations may be made by the signatures of any five active members in good standing and must be presented at a business meeting at least one month prior to the election which will be held on April 16, 2013</p>	<p>Submitted by the Nominating Committee: Dave DeVilbiss (Chair) John Brunelli Jan Marx Dick Schwartzbard Ellie Thayer Serge Triau</p>
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Officers:	Board Members:
Nancy McKinley Profile: March '13 TOOT p. 9	Jane Dealy Profile: March '13 TOOT p. 10
John Holt Profile: March '13 TOOT p. 9	Bob Knopes Profile: March '13 TOOT p. 10
	Maryann Rozzell *Profile:

*I was born and grew up in Alabama where the thought of skiing never entered my mind. My first skiing was at Big Vanilla in New York, and I knew so little about it that I had knit mittens for my kids, and they were worn to shreds after two or three runs using the rope tow!

When we finally took a family trip to Breckenridge, my eyes were opened as to real skiing. I have been on 5 or 6 PVS trips. The two that stand out in my mind are the trip to Snowmass when I injured my thumb, had surgery, and PVSers were so solicitous, helping with my luggage on the way home, etc. The other special trip was to Barcelona where I have wanted to visit for a long time. In June, I retired from the Alexandria School system where I had been a physical therapist for 27 years and now have only my volunteer vacation trips, ushering at Arena Stage, quilting, museum volunteering, etc. to keep me busy.



Applicant Members:	Profile:	Sponsor:
Marna Blanchette	March '13 TOOT p. 11	June Read
Joy & Steve Huffines	March '13 TOOT p. 11	Rosemary Schwartzbard
Kal Nossuli	March '13 TOOT p. 12	Cara Jablon
Ruth Healey	†	Rosemary Schwartzbard

†Germany was my home for the first 24 years. Then on the ski slopes of Hochsoelden in Austria, I met my husband, Fred. After a short but intensive courtship, we got married a year later, but not before I broke my leg during a pre-honeymoon trip to Lech in Austria.

Today, 54 years later, one of us is still on skis. I just returned from an Easter trip to Wisp.

For the rest of the year, I am looking forward to hiking, some biking and some kayaking. Other passions are gardening, the theatre and travel, preferably on my feet with a rucksack on my back, but in reality, it usually turns into a cruise or a car trip.

Coming Event

HEAVENLY HARPS

April 6, 2013

7:00 PM



Join Louann and Bob Eadie at an unusual concert where fifteen or more harpists will be playing beautiful music. The performance is the Washington



Area Folk Harp Society's annual concert. The date, time, and place are Saturday, April 6, at 7:00 PM, at the Knox Presbyterian Church (on Route 50 across from Loehmann's Plaza in Falls Church), 7416 Arlington Boulevard, Falls Church, VA 22042. The concert will feature a couple of pieces that a friend of the Eadies arranged for harp ensemble, as



well as many other pieces for harp groups. There will be a mix of Celtic and other music styles, plus the finale of 15+ harps!

More details posted on www.wafhs.org. Cost is \$15 per person, \$12 for seniors. No advance reservations are required. Come early to hear the warm-up act.

Coming Event

Join PVS for the
Eclipse Chamber
Orchestra's concert
Sunday, April 21
at 3:00pm



In its 21st season of world-class performances, Eclipse Chamber Orchestra offers audiences an eclectic pastiche of music. Once again the critically acclaimed ensemble, composed of musicians from the National Symphony Orchestra, will play its subscription season at the **George Washington Masonic Temple in Old Town Alexandria, VA**, one of the D.C. area's most intimate concert venues. Please join PVS to enjoy the upcoming concert.

www.eclipseco.org

SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2013 at 3 PM

David Teie, Conductor

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart: Overture to Lucio Silla

Mozart: Sinfonia Concertante

Joel Fuller, violin

Mahoko Eguchi, viola

Mozart: Posthorn Serenade

A reception follows the concert in the Great Hall.

Price - Seniors - \$20; Others - \$25. Tickets purchased at the door.

Please RSVP to Ray and Nancy McKinley at 703 527 7216 or at raymckin@gmail.com by April 20 to let us know you're coming.

We'll see you there!



Coming Event

WASHINGTON, D. C. SKI TRAVEL SHOW

FRIDAY EVENING, MAY 3, 2013



6:30-9:30
Hors d'oeuvres
Cash Bar
Prize Drawing
9:30

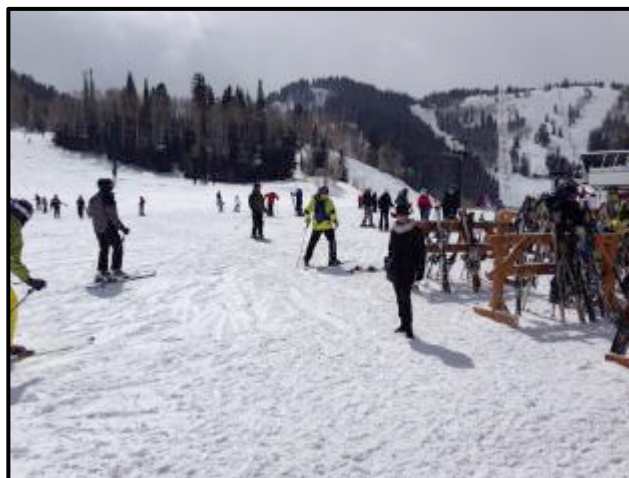


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INFORMATIVE EVENING AND YOU MAY WIN A SKI TRIP.
EXPERTS FROM SOME OF THE WORLD'S LEADING SKI RESORTS WILL BE THERE.

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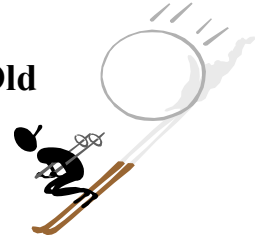


*Rosemary (right-center) at
The Canyons*

Snowmass 2014

Wednesday to Wednesday, January 15-22, 2014

We're going back to Snowmass!! Join us for a return trip to this "Old Faithful" ski resort. Once again, we will be staying at our beloved Snowmass Mountain Chalet. Reserve your space now for this PVS favorite!



- Snowmass offers direct access to 3,100 acres of slope-side skiing just outside the door.
- The skiing terrain totals more than 5,000 acres with interchangeable lift tickets and free bus service to Aspen Highlands, Ajax Mountain, and Buttermilk ski areas.
- Slope-side lodging at Snowmass 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. This small hotel, with its welcoming staff, is unique for its convenience and friendly ambiance.
- The trip will include airfare (or land only), van to and from airport, ski passes (at a great rate), pre-trip party and hotel apres ski parties.

PVS has reserved 21 rooms. Those interested can now register by sending **\$300 to Carolyn DeVilbiss** at 4508 Peacock Avenue, Alexandria VA 22304 (note "PVS-Snowmass 2014" on the memo line)

Sign up early for the limited air spaces (good price, good schedule)!

For more information contact trip leaders:

Carolyn DeVilbiss at 703-370-4865 (carolyn.maurer@verizon.net)

Louann Eadie at 703-860-0318 or 703-203-0936(c) (louann50@mac.com)



Past Event

March 19th General Meeting



Louann, Bob and General Tso welcomed seventeen of us into their home where the feeling was all about family and love, with a wall full of family pictures, grandchildren’s toys in the back room, and comfy seating everywhere. We had far-away Maryland and south Fairfax County folks, who discussed travel times. It was decided that with the clear traffic, it took the same amount of journey time. Of course, John Lyon coming from Dumfries throws the averages way off.

Louann and Bob created some intriguing snacks, including Cheesy Mushroom Wheels, baked Spinach Squares, toasted pecans, spiced mixed nuts, two cheese choices with



crackers, and more.

Ray McKinley presided over the meeting because --- oh, yea --- our president and vice president were SKIING! – at The Canyons. Ray announced the up coming events and meetings, and Louann talked about the ExCom approved 2014 ski trip to Snowmass.

The brief meeting was followed up by dessert, which hit the spot. It was cheesecake with fresh strawberries and whipped cream and Louann’s family’s sour cream coffee cake. Many people asked Louann for her recipes. Two of them are included below.

THANKS, Louann and Bob! -Jan Marx

Cheesy Mushroom Pinwheels

-Louann Eadie

<u>Ingredients</u>	<u>Instructions</u>
2 cups (about 6 oz.) minced mushrooms ½ cup chopped green onion 1 Tbsp butter 8 oz. cream cheese, room temperature ¼ tsp salt 1 Pillsbury thin pizza crust cooking spray 1 egg 1 tbsp water 2 tsp poppy seeds	Cook the mushrooms and green onions in butter until softened. Allow to cool for a few minutes, then combine with the cream cheese and salt in a small bowl. Spread the cheese-mushroom filling over the pizza crust. Roll the pizza crust from the long side pinching the ends to seal. Cut the roll into ½-inch slices and place on a baking sheet coated with cooking spray. Combine the egg with water in a small bowl and brush over each slice. Sprinkle with poppy seeds. Bake at 400 degrees 10-12 minutes or until golden brown. Remove to a baking sheet to cool. Serve warm or at room temperature.

Sour Cream Coffee Cake: Family Recipe

-Louann Eadie

<u>Ingredients</u>	<u>Instructions</u>
Tube pan: butter & flour (I use can spray with flour) Oven: 350° 2 cups flour 1 cup sugar 1 stick unsalted butter softened (sit out for awhile), cut into little pieces 2 eggs 8 oz sour cream 1 tsp salt 1 tsp baking soda 1 tsp baking powder 1 tsp vanilla	Mix all ingredients together in a big bowl.....I use a fork or spoon. Pour into baking tube pan, mix together 1/3 (or more) cup of sugar and 3-4 TB of cinnamonpour all over the batter in pan.....cut through the batter with a knife. I have a convection oven so it only takes about 45 min. to bake. Keep checking after that. When the top turns brown and is formed to the touch.....I remove to a baking rack. Enjoy!!!

Ski Trip Report:

THE CANYONS, March 17 – 24, 2013

Under cover of darkness on Sunday, 17 March, eleven PVS members assembled at Dulles for the trip to The Canyons. Practicing appropriate security measures to ensure continuity of PVS leadership, VP Bob Knopes took a flight through Chicago to Salt Lake City (SLC), where he rented a car for the drive to The Canyons. PVS President Cara Jablon accompanied the group on the flight through Denver to SLC and by bus to The Canyons, where the group soon was rounded out at twelve with the addition of Liz Warren-Boulton's son, Geoffrey.



The excitements of Sunday, which began for most trip participants around 4:00 am, concluded with a very well appointed après ski gathering hosted by the trip leaders, Liz Warren-Boulton and Reg Heitchue. A surprise participant was Rosemary Schwartzbard, not only making the trip, but free of her crutches from the accident earlier in the season at Steamboat. Rosemary spent most of her days in intense physical therapy at the spa, carefully avoiding all of the snowboarders in the pool.



On Monday, the group had a full morning mountain tour with Canyons guides Art and Brady. Bob Jablon not only had his lunch cut short but also got separated from the group on the first run after lunch. After another well-tabled après ski, the group split for dinner, some to the Red Tail for a variety of appetizers and others to Drafts for “garlic burgers” and beer. Tuesday was Cara's day to overcome her fear of heights sufficiently to ride the “Short Cut” lift – twice. Under glorious spring skies, most of the PVS group assembled for lunch at the Sun Lodge; then, Liz and Geoffrey made a run through the combined glade/mogul area under the Tombstone lift. The entire group journeyed to Park City for dinner at the Prime Steak, joined by Dave Lerner (with his left arm in a sling due to a broken clavicle).

Wednesday the skiers faced heavy snow all morning. Liz, Reg, Bob K., Cara, Marianne, and Kerry tried to ignore the weather and found a few runs of great powder in the morning but encountered heavy, tacky snow in the afternoon. During the halt for lunch, Cara and Liz found that some strategically placed paper towels help absorb the moisture from melting snow on the lift seats. This stimulated a lunchtime conversation on the possible marketing opportunities of “Ski Depends” for such days. The forecasted “flurries” continued on Thursday, when the group planned to ski at Park City. The strong winds and swirling snow thinned out the number of skiers and only the heartiest bused to Park City, where they met Herb Lichtenstein (a good friend of the late Dave Abraham) and his friend Jon, who is very knowledgeable on local history. Jon conducted a history tour of the ski area, pointing out and narrating the significance of various remnants of Park City's mining days. Liz insisted that the 6-8 inches of fresh powder was the best; Reg thought that the 30 mph winds were a mite strong.





Dick Schwartzbard and Bob K. braved the snowfall at the Canyons and were rewarded with a guided tour of the mountain for just the two of them. Liz and Reg hosted another après ski, after which the group went for dinner at The Farm, joined by Dave Lerner.

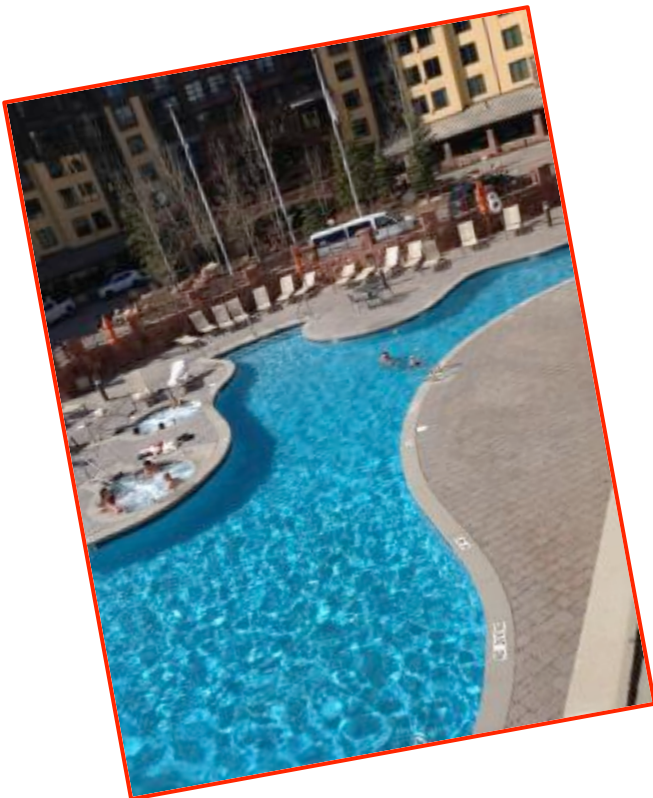
Friday, the group dispersed across the area, with Cara and Bob Jablon and Carolyn and David DeVilbiss going to Deer Valley; Rosemary, Dick, and Bob K. heading out to grocery shop for the planned dining-in that evening, and Liz and Geoffrey heading for the Canyons' higher elevations to enjoy the black runs with fresh snow. That evening, all of the group (except for the stomach-virus bed-ridden) had a wonderful steak dinner with all the trimmings, particularly enhanced by Dick's slicing of carrots with engineering precision.

Saturday morning brought memories of January skiing, with 28 degree temperatures and a sharp wind but crisp snow and another great day of skiing. One more well-supplied après ski at Liz's suite was enjoyed, and an early bedtime was recommended due to a 4:30 am bus drive to SLC for the flight home.

Remarkably, the group of PVS "seniors" completed the week without serious injury to body or ego. Liz and Reg did a super job organizing ad hoc activities that fostered group interaction and cohesion and an overall great trip. Thank you, Liz and Reg.



--Marianne Hines



The Canyons, Utah, 2013



Members' Corner



By J. David Warthen, Jr.
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Work Begins on BIG's Waste to Energy Ski Slope Project in Copenhagen – Karen Felker/Marvin Hass <http://inhabitat.com/work-begins-on-bigs-waste-to-energy-ski-slope-project-in-copenhagen/>

“At the end of 2011, we were almost certain that BIG's fantastical, double-duty **ski resort and waste to energy plant** was dead in the water. Now, we're surprised



to learn that the project has been given the go-ahead and has already broke ground. According to **WAN**, work has begun today on the 95,000 sq m

Amagerforbrændingen Energy Plant outside of Copenhagen. The plant will incinerate trash and turn it into energy for the city, while also serving as a destination recreation spot and an urban ski resort. We've got a lot of mixed feelings about this project as it burns trash and releases tons of CO₂, but we do like the multi-purpose functionality and green strategies wrapped into the design. Guess we'll have to hide and watch.

The project was initially denied because the waste company wanted to increase the capacity of the plant — meaning burning more waste and releasing more CO₂. At the same time, Europe has a growing waste problem, not enough landfill space and not a high enough recycling rate to not burn their trash. BIG's proposal,



while certainly not perfect, takes a necessary evil and turns it into something useful.

The project, which broke ground on March 4th, 2013, will

take the city's waste and burn it to create energy. A special smoke stack will track the amount of CO₂ is released; every time 1 tonne of CO₂ is released, the smokestack will emit a 30m-wide smoke ring to help raise awareness about waste and energy production. Rather than a boring power plant, the top of the facility

will be built as a ski resort with runs for all levels and even a terrain park. The surrounding area will also provide expanded recreation space and green areas. Vegetation will be planted in the specially designed exterior to make the plant like a large green mountain.

Ulla Rottger, Director of **Amagerforbrændingen**, commented on **WAN**: “BIG's proposal contributes to the city with something useful and beautiful. We see this creating a lot of opportunities and with this unique building we can brand the Danish knowledge and technology to show the world our abilities within the environment and energy issues.” BIG is collaborating with realities:united, AKT, Topotek 1 and Man Made Land on the design and construction on the new waste to energy Plant.”

Big Thanks:

Over the years, TOOT has been distributed in various ways. No doubt, it was at one time distributed as a one-page mimeographed handout. As PVS membership increased, covering a larger geographical area, TOOT was distributed via USPS. Then, technology advanced with home computers, e-mail, cross-platform applications, along with skyrocketing postage. TOOT distribution to members went the way of portable document format (pdf) to decrease distribution time and cost. We no longer offer USPS TOOT distribution to applicant members. Some ski clubs now charge their members, above the cost of dues, for USPS distribution of their newsletters because of excessive cost.

PVS continues to provide the TOOT gratis to 7 members who do not have an e-mail address on record in the PVS database. Many of these 7 have given dearly in service to PVS during their membership tenure. Over the 48 years in which TOOT has been published, many have helped distribute our newsletter via USPS. Special thanks go to them and the last two volunteers, Sharon **Mulholland** and then Barbara **Leonhardt**, who have each taken on this task each month for over a year each. We really appreciate all of you folks.

Beginning with this TOOT issue, Barbara is stepping aside from this much appreciated task. Now, we have one volunteer, for each of the 7 PVS members, who will see to it that a printed copy of the TOOT will be distributed via USPS to her assigned member. Three cheers for these volunteers.

TOOT Distribution to 148 Members:

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--D. **Warthen** - Layout Editor &
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IN MEMORIAM
MYRON MARQUARDT

1927 - 2013

We lost another great friend, ski buddy, and golf buddy when Myron Marquardt lost his long battle with cancer and died on March 12, 2013.



Myron was born and raised in Nebraska and graduated from the University of Nebraska with a degree in Electrical Engineering, after which he worked in Seattle where he was introduced to skiing. He then lived for a time in the South where there was no skiing. He then went on an assignment with General Electric in Japan, where he met and married his lovely wife, Fumiko.

In December 1969, the family settled in Montgomery County just down the street from the Grasleys, who convinced Myron and Fumiko to take up skiing and to join PVS. For 27 years, from 1984 – 2011, the Marquardts were active members of PVS, with Myron serving on ExCom, on the Trip Committee, assisting as Trip Leader and holding meetings in their home. They went on many PVS ski trips and we all enjoyed those fun times and hold dear memories.

Myron also was a poet in those days and Lu Beale, Editor of Toot, sometimes printed Myron's poems in the Toot. Some of us were lucky enough to receive one of his poems for a special occasion.

Then there was golf. Myron loved the game and played every week with some of us and a group of other friends during golf season and went on several golf trips organized by Barbara Leonhardt. He was always a fun guy and made all our events a pleasure.

Those of us who knew him well and loved him will miss him forever.



--Liz & Serge Triau

-----Nearly a dozen PVSers gathered with Fumiko, son David & spouse Jennifer, Fumiko's sister, and friends to celebrate Myron's life on March 22, followed by a buffet-luncheon reception at Leisure World.



THE KNEE

by Ray McKinley
RaysKnee@gmail.com

Where has March gone? It simply disappeared from the calendar and didn't leave a trace. The months and years fly by with an accelerating pace. I believe it was Gandhi who said "Time flies like an arrow; fruit flies like a banana." (Yes, I know I've used that line before, but as we age, I thought perhaps you might not remember. I barely remembered it.)

Without a doubt the most difficult thing about writing this column on a regular basis is April. Ski season is winding down. And gossipy events haven't really started. The Knee could tell you about the ski areas that are still open, but that's been done in previous years. (Just don't forget, April is not a good month for Liberty!) I could discuss Iraq, but this is a ski column. (So I could discuss Poland!) Typically, if I can get through the first few paragraphs, the column becomes easier... Eureka!

Who will be PVS's last skier of the year? Sadly, this year it won't be new Utah resident, Dave Lerner. He broke his collarbone and is done skiing for the season. Dave says that Park City will be open through April 10. Perhaps it will be Bob McNeill now living in **Knee** Hampshire. He plans to ski until the local areas, flush with new snow, close on April 8.

Unlikely news for a ski column: Marvin Hass saw a New York Times obituary that Harry Reems, the male star of the pornographic hit "Deep Throat" died at age 65. In the 1980s he left the porn industry and moved to Park City, Utah, where he skied regularly and eventually became a real-estate agent. Sharon Mulholland responded that one of the agents in her Real Estate office is a former exotic dancer. The **Knee** guesses that these people just know how to show their real estate.

Bet you didn't know that Shirley Rettig, living in Ohio at the time, was a member of the Civilian Observation Corps during the 50s. They looked for planes (bombers) that got through the DEW line. Shirley was successful. No bombs whatsoever hit Ohio.

If life is giving you melons, perhaps you have a problem with dyslexia.

Moving is a pain. Eloise and Mike Strand are experiencing that now as they work towards

their move from a house to a condominium. There's just so much "stuff" to be culled. Eloise had three drawers of hats. And at a recent event, Mike brought along a case of unopened and partially used bottles of liquor. These were all gobbled up and scarfed down with great gusto!

Marvin Hass says that the former Soviet republic of Kazakhstan wants to further develop its skiing industry as a way to diversify its oil-based economy but some fear this could threaten the country's areas of natural beauty. One of these is the national park near Almaty, the country's commercial capital, where the government wants to build a multi-million-dollar ski resort. While tourists enjoy the slopes, many residents worry about the environmental cost.

Below is one of Bob Knopes' great pictures of Chamonix. Please note the fearless paraglider floating softly down in red in the center. Bob's photos are often in Getty Pics.



On a particularly cold ski day, John Brunelli was wearing a turtleneck that had an ecumenical look. He was asked if he was running to be Pope? "No," replied John, "there is too much work on Sunday!"

Jim Slack and Mary Ward ran a PVS trip to Chamonix in 2001. They stayed in the same Alpina Hotel. Both Reg Heitchue and Shirley Rettig remember the trip well. Who says you can't go home again?

A ski trip blow out: Bob and Cara Jablon drove to Vermont for a long weekend at Killington. Enroute they had a flat tire which delayed things considerably.

Both Dorian Janney, sadly injured in Paris before Chamonix, and Sharon Mulholland were impressed with the size of the area compared with those in the East. Yup, there was no Liberty Glacier.

To try something new, Liz Warren-Boulton hired a guide. She skied the Vallee Blanche and did some other off-piste skiing. That's better than being pissed off!

2013 PVS Calendar:

- Apr 06 Sat Washington Area Folk Harp Society, Harp Concert, 7:00 PM, Eadies, Falls Church, VA
- Apr 16 Tue Annual Meeting, 7:30 PM, Heitchue, Reston Party Room, Reston, VA
- Apr 21 Sun Eclipse Chamber Orchestra Concert, 3:00 PM, McKinley, Masonic Hall, Alexandria, VA
- Apr 23 Tue ExCom Meeting, 7:30 PM, DeVilbiss, Alexandria, VA
- May 03 Fri Washington, D.C. Ski Travel Show, 6:30-9:30 PM, Marriott Hotel, Tysons Corner, VA
- May 21 Tue Monthly Meeting, 7:30 PM, Mahallati, Herndon, VA



Ski Trips:



January 15-22, 2014: PVS Snowmass, CO (Carolyn DeVilbiss & Louann Eadie)

Capital Golden Skiers:

- April 03, 2013 (Wednesday): Cherry Blossoms at the Tidal Basin (DC)
- April 06, 2013 (Saturday): Don Vierimaa's Birthday Party at P. J. Skidoo's (VA)
- April 09, 2013 (Tuesday): An Evening of Bridge (VA)
- April 16, 2013 (Tuesday): Planning Meeting (VA)
- April 18, 2013 (Thursday): Hike to Mary's Rock (VA)
- April 21, 2013 (Sunday): Marine Chamber Ensembles at John Philip Sousa Hall (DC)
- April 24, 2013 (Wednesday): A Stroll through the National Arboretum (DC/MD)
- April 27, 2013 (Saturday): Spring Membership Luncheon, Pier 7 Restaurant (DC)
- April 28, 2013 (Sunday): Dance at the Elks Lodge (VA)

Useful Ski "Links"	
Potomac Valley Skiers.....	potomacvalleyski.org
Capital Golden Skiers.....	capitalgoldenskiers.com
BRSC Sanctioned Trips.....	skicouncil.com/tripsbydate.htm
DC Ski Online News.....	dcski.com

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