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### President's Message:

Thanksgiving day is almost upon us as I write this column. We all have much for which to be thankful - the blessings of family and friends, the freedom that we experience in this country, the comfort of our lives, and our health and well-being. This year I am particularly thankful for the onset of cooler weather after our brutal summer, and I look forward to a long and successful ski season.



Those of us who live in the Washington, D.C. area also should be thankful that we have the advantage of living in, or close to, a beautiful, vibrant and diverse city. I hope that you have taken advantage this year of the many

cultural, intellectual and sports activities available to the residents of this area, and plan to spend even more time in 2013 exploring Washington, D.C.

Recently, Bob and I enjoyed an evening of champagne tasting, musical entertainment, and dancing at the French embassy. At this event, we had the opportunity to sample about ten different French champagnes - all of them quite good. I particularly liked the Taittinger and Champagne Lanson, one I had not previously tried. We were given one empty champagne glass each at the beginning of the evening, and informed that we had to use that one glass for the entire evening. The champagne "tastes" were quite generous and, of course, we could not waste any of the offerings. Various restaurants in D.C. had tables with samples of some of their dishes - we were impressed by an interesting version of

cassoulet prepared by the One Washington Circle restaurant. There was also a wide selection of desserts - the best was a chocolate cake made by the Patisserie Poupon in Georgetown. We hope to attend this event again next year, and hope that some other PVS members will join us.

Speaking of food, I hope that you all had the opportunity to enjoy a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner. Each family has its own traditions, and the Thanksgiving meal is not complete without the anticipated dishes. In our family, in addition to the turkey and stuffing, there must be a sweet potato casserole, topped with melted marshmallows, and both pumpkin chiffon and apple pie. A pumpkin chiffon pie is considerably lighter than the standard pumpkin pie. If you want to try it, here is my family recipe.

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## Holiday Party

**Tuesday, December 18, 7:30 PM**

**At the home of Jan Marx**

**8312 Oakford Drive**

**Springfield, VA 22152-1612**

**[jebbmarx@aol.com](mailto:jebbmarx@aol.com) or 703-451-9158**

**Bring an appetizer or dessert,  
or a holiday specialty.**

**Guidelines: surname A-P appetizer, Q-Z dessert.**

**Drinks will be provided.**

**The usual fee will be collected at the door.**

**Holiday spirit and good cheer will abound.**

*--Directions on page 2*

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**Pumpkin Chiffon Pie**

For the pie shell, mix in a pie pan, 1 ¼ cup of gingersnap crumbs and ¼ cup melted butter. Spread the mixture evenly and bake at 325 for 10 minutes.

For the pie, mix in a saucepan, ½ cup brown sugar, 1 envelope gelatin, 1/8 teaspoon salt, ½ teaspoon ginger, ½ teaspoon nutmeg, and 1 ¼ teaspoons cinnamon. Add 1 ½ cups canned pumpkin, 3 egg yolks, and ¾ cup orange juice and mix well by hand.



Cook the mixture over medium heat, with stirring, until the mixture boils. Chill the mixture in the refrigerator until it mounds slightly (about an hour or less). Beat 3 eggs whites and ¼ teaspoon cream of tartar until foamy and gradually beat in ¼ cup granulated sugar. Continue beating the egg whites until they are stiff and glossy. Fold the pumpkin mixture into the egg whites and gently place in the baked pie shell. Refrigerate the pie. I usually make the pie the night before serving it.

I also have a family recipe for apple pie:

**Apple Pie**

For the pie shell, mix 2 cups of flour, 1 teaspoon of baking powder, ¼ teaspoon of salt, and 3 tablespoons of sugar in a large bowl. Add ¾ cup of Crisco and cut it into the flour mixture with two knives until the mixture forms small “green peas.” Add 5 tablespoons of cold orange juice, a tablespoon at a time, and cut the orange juice into the mixture with the two knives after the addition of each tablespoon.



Flour your hands, and form the dough into a ball. Stop just at the point when the dough holds together. Cut the dough ball in half and make two round balls. Flour a pastry cloth and cover for the roller. Roll out the ball for the bottom

of the pie as roundly as possible. Carefully roll the dough around the roller and place it in the pie plate.

Peel, core and slice a generous 10 cups of sliced apples. Add to the sliced apples ¾ cup of sugar, 1/3 cup of flour, a dash of salt, 1 teaspoon of cinnamon, and ½ teaspoon of nutmeg. Mix to evenly distribute over the apples.

Place the apples in the dough filled pie pan. Roll out the top dough, roll around the roller and place over the apples. Pinch the edges of the dough together and fold it to make the rim. With your fingers, make a curvy pattern around the edges of the rim. With a fork, make fork holes in a circular pattern over the top of the pie.

Preheat the oven to 425. Cut strips of aluminum foil and fold them together to make a strip long enough to go around the edge of the pie. Put the strip around the pie with the foil standing up so that the edges are not covered. Put the pie in the preheated oven, and cook until the edges are brown (about 30 minutes). Wrap the aluminum foil over the browned edges and continue cooking the pie until the top of the pie is brown. At that point, cover the top with aluminum foil. Continue cooking the pie until the juice begins to bubble through the slits in the crust (the total cooking time should be about 1 ¼ hours).

Don't be intimidated by making pie crust – it is not difficult. I will be happy to give a demonstration to any PVS member who wishes to try my method.

I hope that you have all had a wonderful Thanksgiving and are looking forward to the upcoming ski season.

*--Cara Jablon*

**DIRECTIONS TO HOLIDAY PARTY:**

**FROM NORTH ON THE BELTWAY:**

**Take Exit 54A west** onto Braddock Rd (Highway 620). Go to the fifth stop light and angle **left** onto Burke Lake Rd. Turn **left** at next stop light onto Rolling Rd. Go to fourth 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, and past the Dead End sign to 8312 on your **left**.

**FROM SHIRLEY HIGHWAY AND I-95:**

**From 395 South**, watch for the lane marked **Springfield/Old Keene Mill/Franconia**, which now starts before you get to the beltway. **\*\*\*Take Exit 169A** onto 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 Oakford Drive.

**FROM I-95 SOUTH:**

From beltway, exit to I-95 South. Merge to right to **take Exit 169A** onto Old Keene Mill Rd West. Follow directions above\*\*\*.

**Coming Event:**

Join PVS for the  
Eclipse Chamber  
Orchestra's concert  
Sunday, December 9  
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, only 1 of 3 performances in the season. We've been going to Eclipse concerts for 20 years and always hear a spectacular concert! [www.eclipseco.org](http://www.eclipseco.org)

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2012 at 3 PM**

**Elisabeth Adkins, Leader**

Antonio Vivaldi: Concerto for 2 Flutes

*Carole Bean and Alice Weinreb on flutes*

Vivaldi: Concerto for Violin and Cello

*Heather LeDoux Green, violin and David Teie, cello*

Johann Sebastian Bach: Concerto for Oboe and Violin

*Nicholas Stovall, oboe and Elisabeth Adkins, violin*

Bach: Brandenburg Concerto #3

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](mailto:raymckin@gmail.com) by December 8 to let us know you're coming.

We'll see you there!





## SKI TALK December 2012



Remember the good old days when travel was such an exciting adventure? Well, things sure have changed! Now planes are packed, airports are huge and the distance from the curb to your gate involves a long, long walk. Sometimes it even means navigating a flight of steps. But there are things that you can do to make the process easier and the most helpful thing is to minimize your baggage!



To pack efficiently, you have to plan ahead. Think about what you really need and what you will wear each day. Try to minimize bulk. A whole industry has developed to sell travel clothes that wash easily, dry quickly and are wrinkle free. Also, many of the new technical pieces are very lightweight but warm. Invest in a few such pieces and you will be able to travel lighter.

Next, think of what you are carrying on the plane. Are you going to use it on the plane? Do you really need to carry all that through the airport and onto a plane with almost no free overhead space? Don't burden yourself unnecessarily. Try to have one carry-on that you can easily manage. I find a backpack to be light and efficient.

You might want to consider renting skis or sending them ahead by FedEx. You can pack your ski boots in your duffle bag with your clothes. Try using compression bags. You can wear your heaviest clothes. One coat can suffice for skiing and the evening.



Lastly, my guiding principle with luggage is to not bring anything that you cannot handle yourself. That policy will ease the burden of your fellow travel companions and Ski Trip Leader. Let's make travel as easy as we can.

On the ski-related front, the Ski Center of Washington is sponsoring a **Demo Day at Whitetail on January 4, 2013**. Think snow and see you there. Also, Ski Chalet is having a Customer Appreciation Day with **free vouchers of \$3.00 for Timberline, January 10, 2013**, and of **\$30.00 for Whitetail, February 6, 2013**.

**Rosemary Schwartzbard**  
**rosemaryschw@gmail.com**



## *Ski Trips:*



# *Steamboat Springs*

*Trip lead by John Lyon and John Holt*

**February 2 - 9, 2013**

The [Potomac Valley Skiers](#) in conjunction with BRSC invite you to attend a week of skiing in Steamboat Springs, Colorado. [Steamboat Springs, Ski Town USA](#) has a base elevation of 6,900 feet, ideal for anyone who has difficulty adapting to high altitude (sleeping below 7,500 feet keeps the headaches away). Besides offering 2,965 acres of trails and glades with a large variety for all levels of downhill skiers, Steamboat has a wealth of other activities. These activities include cross-country skiing, snowshoe tours, snowmobile tours, ice skating, soaking in the natural mineral hot springs, winter fly fishing, the winter driving school center, hot balloon rides, winter horseback riding, dinner sleigh rides, day spas and shopping in Steamboat Springs. In addition, this is the 100th anniversary of Steamboat Springs and there will be lots of additional festivities.

**ACCOMMODATIONS:** The **STEAMBOAT GRAND** is a premier hotel a short 100-yard walk from the high-speed gondola with complimentary ski storage slope side. It has an outdoor heated pool and two hot tubs, sauna, full service spa and fitness center, in-room coffee makers and flat screen TVs, and wireless internet. Restaurants/cafes in the hotel: The Cabin Restaurant and Bar specializes in organic, natural and local fare; Grand Café is a casual Western theme like country store for grabbing a snack or coffee; and Bistro Bar is open pool side.

**THE COST IS \$2,045 PER PERSON**, based on double occupancy. The price includes:

**Lodging at the Steamboat Grand for Seven Nights**  
**Daily Breakfasts**  
**BRSC Welcome Party**  
**One PVS Group Dinner**  
**BRSC Dinner Dance**  
**Après Ski Parties Including One on Top of Mountain**  
**Pre-trip Party**  
**Five-day Lift Ticket**  
**Round Trip Air from Reagan National to Hayden**  
**Round Trip Ground Transfers and Tips**

A single supplement is \$685. Non-skiers deduct \$236. If airfare is not included, deduct \$466. Add \$32 to buy a 6-day lift ticket (5-day lift ticket is included).

**To reserve a place:** Please send a deposit of \$200 per person to John Lyon. See details below.

**Cancellation Policy:** There is no penalty for airline cancellation up to 95 days before the trip. There is no penalty for lodging cancellation up to 90 days before the trip. The trip leaders are continuing to work out further details regarding cancellation penalties.

**Trip Insurance:** \$140/person (group rate).

**Payment Schedule:** **Payment for the trip is due immediately.**

**For more information:** contact trip leaders John Lyon at [jslhiker@verizon.net](mailto:jslhiker@verizon.net) (703-590-2913) or John Holt [john.holt@nreca.coop](mailto:john.holt@nreca.coop) (703-915-6258). Also, see July '12 TOOT.



## **PVS & BRSC Eurofest 2013** **Chamonix, France**

**February 22 – March 2, 2013**

**Chamonix is the birthplace of modern winter sports since it hosted the first Olympic Winter Games in 1924, and Mont Blanc is the tallest mountain in Europe west of the Urals.**

Chamonix is simply one of Europe's premier ski and snowboard areas. On this trip size matters; please note the size of the Mont Blanc ski area – over 700 km of ski trails that surround our hotel that is located right in the center of Chamonix.

Chamonix is a huge winter paradise surrounded by seven superb ski areas and the most complete and varied terrain we'll visit this ski season. We will ski at Mont Blanc with 24 cable cars and 175 lifts. These cover 300 km of blue runs, 300 km of red runs, and 100 km of black runs. There are more than 42 km of cross country ski trails. Skiers can enjoy the easier slopes of Le Tour and the varied slopes of La Flegere, Le Brevent and Argentiere. Particularly famous is the 20 km run down the Vallee Blanche glacier from the Aiguille du Midi (3840 m) to Italy. This day long ski run requires advance booking with a guide, but is an experience you'll never forget.

Chamonix is also a bustling town which is full of atmosphere, with cobbled streets and squares, beautiful old buildings, a fast running river, and pavement cafes crowded with shoppers and tourists sipping drinks and staring at the glaciers above. Wander through the town and outlying villages and you will discover baroque churches and protestant chapels dating from several hundred years, hotels and palaces from the golden age, Art Deco facades, traditional farmhouses, colossal villas and chalets contrasting with modern constructions. It is this architectural diversity that contributes to Chamonix's unique and indefinable charm. If you like your snow and scenery on the wild side, give Chamonix a try.

- **Price: \$2,355 double occupancy. (Single Supplement + \$400; Trip W/O Air - \$900)**
- **Transportation – Very Simple (Easier than a trip to Vail):**
  - **Airfare: Round trip airfare direct to Geneva from Dulles Airport on United.**
  - **Ground: Round trip charter bus from Geneva airport to hotel in Chamonix (1 Hr).**
- **Lodging: Seven nights lodging, double occupancy at the centrally located (3 star) Hotel Alpina.**
- **Food: Full buffet breakfast and dinner included daily.**
- **Insurance: Emergency Medical and repatriation insurance provided at no extra cost.**
- **Sightseeing Day Trip Options**
- **Pre and Post trip extension are available.**
- **3 Blue Ridge parties with 6 drink coupons. Friday night party includes DJ for dancing.**
- **2 Wine and cheese gatherings with the PVS trip leader, plus ski tips from Mount Liberty.**

### **Ski Day Trips outside of Chamonix:**

- **Courmayeur:** Through the Mont Blanc Tunnel to Italy.
- **Verbier, Switzerland:** One day out of the six-day Mont Blanc ticket may be used at Verbier. Although there is enough skiing in the region to ski two weeks without skiing the same run twice, this could be a once in a lifetime chance to ski the prestigious Verbier. Charter buses will be provided for the day for those who are interested.

**For more information: [Dick.Comerford@verizon.net](mailto:Dick.Comerford@verizon.net), (H) 703 777-9374, (C) 571 426-3098.** For further information, see July '12 TOOT.

## ***Potomac Valley Skiers Trip to the Canyons Resort in Utah***

**Sunday to Sunday, March 17-24, 2013**

**Trip leaders: Liz Warren-Boulton and Reg Heitchue**

We will stay at the elegant Canyons Grand Summit Hotel (<http://www.canyonsresort.com/grandhome.html>) with ski-in and ski-out access located in the center of the Canyons Resort in Utah. The hotel's condominium suites provide complete kitchen and living room amenities with two bedrooms that accommodate two people in each.

**Package price of \$1,980 (based on a group size of 20 to 24 people) includes:**

Roundtrip air from Dulles on United Airlines (subject to change)

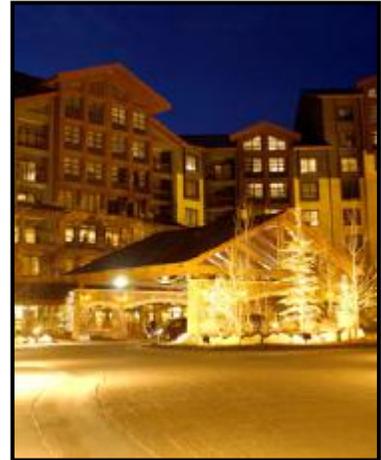
Roundtrip group charter bus Salt Lake City to the hotel

7 nights lodging in double occupancy bedroom suites

Welcome party provided by the hotel; private mountain tour

Pre- and post-trip party; après ski parties

(Land package only \$1,388; single supplement \$1,259)



Discounted group lift tickets are additional and will be available at great prices.

**The Canyons Ski Resort:**

The Canyons (40 minutes from the Salt Lake Airport) has recently been described as “the new big kid in Park City.” Since 1997 the Canyons has developed and expanded into Utah's largest ski and snowboard resort and the 5th largest resort in the United States. The resort encompasses eight separate peaks over a span of 3.5 miles and provides a 3,190 foot vertical drop; peak altitude 9,990 feet; and base altitude 6,800 feet. There is plenty of superb skiing for everyone at all levels. Start the day on the Orange Bubble Express, a high-speed quad with enclosed cabins and heated seats – what a treat. We also plan a ski day in fabulous Deer Valley (7 miles away) and another in Park City (4 miles).

A few paces from the hotel are fun après ski venues as well as a group of fine restaurants including award winning “The Farm” as well as several great on-mountain lunch cafeterias and restaurants. For those who don't ski (and those who do) the Canyons Spa and Health Club located in our hotel offers a wide range of rejuvenating therapies. The historic and charming mountain town of Park City is a short complimentary bus or van ride away where many beautiful art galleries, boutiques, and fine cafes and restaurants await your attention.

**Contact Liz at [elizawb@gmail.com](mailto:elizawb@gmail.com) or Reg at [heitchu@yahoo.com](mailto:heitchu@yahoo.com) .**

For further information, see July '12 TOOT.

# Members' Corner



By J. David Warthen, Jr.  
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The end of the year is approaching with breakneck speed. After having survived Thanksgiving and gaining a few pounds from too much food, we have the special holidays of December to anticipate, preceding the New Year celebration.

These are great times for family and friends to congregate while feasting, gift giving, and participating in many other traditions. It seems as though we have been waiting all year long for these celebrations.

December is also a month just before the upcoming ski season. It is a time to get the ski equipment and clothing out, to make final travel plans, and to check on the trip(s) in which we will participate. PVS has 3 trips planned for the 2013 season:

**Steamboat Springs, CO** (PVS/BRSC) in early February; **Chamonix, France** (PVS/BRSC) in late February; and **The Canyons, UT** (PVS) in late March.

No matter what trip(s) in which you participate (PVS, BRSC, or private with family or friends), always remember that safety comes first in skiing. One of the best reminders of ski safety was seen a few years ago on a napkin at a Vail lodge on the slopes. It was entitled, "Know the Code."



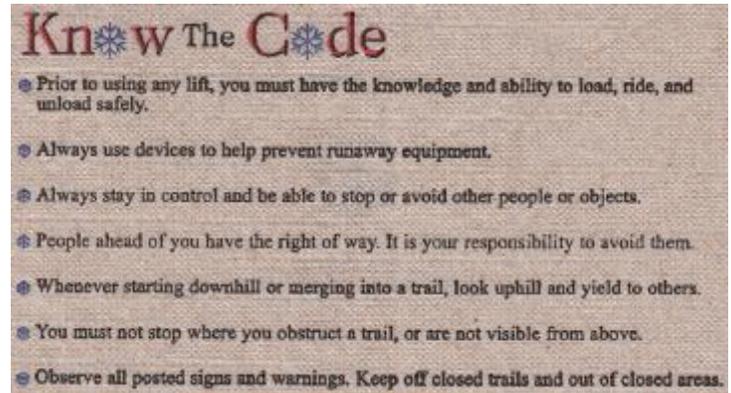
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## Happy Holidays



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Remember the 'Code,' as you ski, to protect yourself and others on the slopes in this ski season.

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***Past Event:***

## Monthly Meeting at the Ski Center



Twenty-four of us gathered at the Ski Center in Washington on November 27 to hear Brian Eardley tell us the latest about skis and boots. When Brian started talking about waists getting wider, it seemed like he was referring to our physiques. But, no, he was discussing the continuing trend toward wider skis.

The design of the skies makes them easier to turn and manage chopped up snow. There is quite a variety of back country skies and bindings. The boots may be getting lighter but the skis are heavier. Brian said that the industry is well aware of this and is working on lighter models. Ski graphics are still wild and crazy and there are more US small companies making skis and creative designs. For PVSers, most of whose skiing has evolved from the old techniques, he recommends a mid fat ski with the waist between 80-95 cm.

Boots are being made with lighter materials and there is a continual effort toward achieving the perfect fit. Some brands are easily converted for easy walking; one has a flip out tongue for easier entry; one has soft plastic areas in the shell to accommodate bunions; one has a "deflation" method for a truly custom fit; and all boots can be fit with heaters.

Brian showed us a backpack (nifty, but pricey) that contains an airbag that can be deployed in an avalanche. He also showed us a pair of goggles with interchangeable lenses that are held in place with magnets - easy!

The evening started with Eloise Strand setting out a board of delicious wraps, cheeses, pate, grapes, veggies, and dip. The evening ended with Rosemary Schwartzbard serving cookies. The star cookies with dark chocolate covering a hidden shortbread cookie were more than memorable.



The general meeting was an abbreviated one, which allowed more time for ever-important socializing.

***--Ellie Thayer & Jan Marx***



# THE KNEE

by Ray McKinley  
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Happknee Holidays and a very Merrknee Christmas! I bet you are thinking "Why does he keep up those corkknee jokes?" The answer is simple. You expect it of the Knee. This is why, in all the polls, the Knee remains the highest rated TOOT column which has appeared regularly for 30 or more years. Why, without all of my "corkknee jokes," the Knee would be...well... shorter.

Wow! It's December and ski season is finally upon us. Most places outside the beltway have been in the 20s, albeit not until after Thanksgiving. We've had lots of snow in Virginia and out west. Yippee! According to Brian Eardley at the November meeting, local area, Timberline, had a 39" base as of Thanksgiving. Some of that is likely gone, but it's a start on a really great season.

Local weather forecasters are inconsistent over the expected winter weather in the DC area. However, all agree that we will have more snow than last year. (Duh! I could predict that!) And all agree that it will be cooler than last winter's average temperature of a bit over 79 deg. F.

PVS's first skier of the season is new Park City resident Dave Lerner. Dave skied in the Salt Lake City area November 13-17, albeit in rain on November 17<sup>th</sup>.

With all of the furor over *la niña* and the upcoming either too snowy or warm winter weather, I called the Liberty Mountain (aka Charnita) folk. **If anyone knew the true poop, it would most certainly be Liberty.** I chatted at length with their prognosticators. Yes, they were aware of *la niña*. It's a Mexican restaurant near Harrisburg. And, no, it wasn't going to affect their planned Valentine's Day season opening. According to Dottie Villers, the epitome of an oxymoron is the words "fresh powder" and "Ski Liberty."

The real winner of the election was Eloise Strand. She was trained as an election officer. She worked from 6:00 AM to 9:00 PM and had a great time. Eloise was able to add some 135 votes to the totals of her candidates! Right on— or more likely left on!

**PVS makes the TV news:** Jan Marx saw on Fox news a piece about previous PVSer and judge Judy Macaluso. Some DC residents objected to a temporary bus lot near them. Surprisingly, there was Judy. It made the news because Judy left her courtroom to see what the physical situation was. "Judges don't often go outside the courtroom."

Long time PVSer and SCWDCer (That stands for Some Club in Wilmington Delaware C) Gorman Young passed away some six weeks before his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. According to Betty Lawrence, at the reception following his service, everyone attending was given 6-inch-long chocolate skis. Right on!

Most recently, PVS lost Sheldon Drews. His service was at Arlington Cemetery. He was retired from the Navy and civil service, and he loved to talk and argue politics. Sheldon was a past president of PVS and served several years on ExCom. He last skied, as was his wish, at age 80 at Snowmass in 2011, and got to come down on a snowmobile.

I get three different ski magazines (all right, they aren't really that different). I have a pet peeve. An article is continued on page 196. I get to p 194 then suddenly it's p 1E, 2E up to perhaps p 46E. Then it's the rest of the magazine and story. These "E" pages, mostly ads about Eastern Skiing (an oxymoron), tell of the wonders of "skiing" at Bromley and Great Gorge. Who cares? Don't editors understand the fundamental concept of numbering? Letters went out as numbers with the Romans. And even the Romans didn't use "E." Nor did the Romans ski in the East!

**Not exactly skiing:** Marianne Rozelle was at the November meeting just back from two weeks in St. Lucia. She went with a group of 20 from an organization called Global Volunteers. She worked at improving school conditions for 5 year olds. Right on!

According to Marvin Hass, if PVS was going to buy Hala Ranch, the Aspen estate of former Saudi Arabia ambassador to the U.S., Prince Bandar, for \$135 million, we're out of luck. Hala Ranch was the most expensive residence listed in the U.S. "The ranch is off the market and is no longer for sale," said the Aspen attorney who represents Bandar. "Prince Bandar and his family realized that they enjoyed the ranch, and Aspen, too much to want to part with it." With some 56,000 square feet and 16 baths, the home would have been perfect for PVS. Pity!

**2012 PVS Calendar:**

- Dec 04 Tue ExCom: 7:30 PM (Rosemary & Dick Schwartzbard, Arlington, VA)
- Dec 09 Sun Eclipse Concert: 3:00 PM (McKinleys, Alexandria, VA)
- Dec 18 Tue Monthly Meeting: Holiday Party 7:30 PM (Marx, Springfield, VA)
- Jan 04 Fri Ski Center Demo (Whitetail, PA)
- Jan 10 Thu Customer Appreciation Day, \$3.00 voucher Ski Chalet (Timberline, WV)
- Jan 13 Sun Monthly Meeting: 2:00 or 3:00 PM (TBA)
- Feb 06 Wed Customer Appreciation Day, \$30.00 voucher Ski Chalet (Whitetail, PA)
- Feb 17 Sun Monthly Meeting: 2:00 or 3:00 PM (TBA)



**Ski Trips:**



- Feb 02-09, 2013: PVS & BRSC *Steamboat Springs*, CO (John Lyon & John Holt)
- Feb 22-Mar 02, 2013: PVS & BRSC Eurofest, *Chamonix*, France (Dick Comerford)
- Mar 17-24, 2013: PVS *The Canyons*, UT (Liz Warren-Boulton & Reg Heitchue)

**Capital Golden Skiers:**

PVS and CGS have enjoyed participating in several of each others' events. They are a fun group. This is a list of CGS upcoming events. More information is available at [capitalgoldenskiers.com](http://capitalgoldenskiers.com).

- December 11, 2012 (Tuesday) – An Evening of Bridge (VA)
- December 13, 2012 (Thursday) - Hike to Burke Lake Park -(VA)
- December 16, 2012 (Sunday) – Dance at the Elks Lodge (VA)
- December 19, 2012 (Wednesday) - Planning Meeting (MD)
- December 19, 2012 (Wednesday) - Holiday Luncheon (MD)
- December 30, 2012 (Sunday) - Special Exhibits & New Year Concert Nat'l Gallery of Art (DC)

**Useful Ski "Links"**

- Potomac Valley Skiers..... [potomacvalleyskiers.org](http://potomacvalleyskiers.org)
- Capital Golden Skiers..... [capitalgoldenskiers.com](http://capitalgoldenskiers.com)
- BRSC Sanctioned Trips..... [skicouncil.com/tripsbydate.htm](http://skicouncil.com/tripsbydate.htm)
- DC Ski Online News..... [dcski.com](http://dcski.com)

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