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President's Message

Hi PVS Friends,

Sure, this is the time of year when we PVSers are busy skiing or settling in to watch the Winter Olympics. But, never fear, your PVS team is hard at work making sure our club continues on without interruption. At PVS, along with the good times, we like to spread the leadership roles around, too, so once a year we hold elections.

We have the usual three vacancies on ExCom this year as we replace outgoing members Carolyn DeVilbiss, Louann Eadie and Paul Levy (who is completing the term of Liz Warren-Boulton who recently moved to Australia). The President and Vice President positions are poised to go into the second year of the two-year term.

This year former PVS President, Reg Heitchue, chairs our Nominating Committee; he's gathered a terrific committee: Bob Jablon, Cara Jablon, Gerda Picco, Sue Lyon and Bob Knopes. These folks will pore through the Club roster, they'll discuss, they'll ponder and then they'll ask the chosen lucky folks to appear on the slate of candidates in advance of our April 15 Annual Meeting elections.

There are lots of ways to enjoy your PVS friends and they're not all on the slopes. Come to a meeting! Get involved!

--Nancy

PVS MEETING - Sunday, February 16, 2014 at 2:00 PM

At the home of Celia Chen

15100 Interlachen Drive, Unit 1026

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Directions to PVS Meeting:

Step 1

From the south

From the beltway, I-495, take exit 31A (Georgia Avenue going north towards Olney). Go about 7 miles and turn right (east) onto MD 28, Norbeck Road.

From the north

Take Georgia Avenue going south towards Wheaton. Turn left (east) onto MD 28, Norbeck Road.

From ICC-200

Note, if you have EZ Pass and access to ICC-200, take the Georgia Avenue exit S, heading toward Wheaton. Norbeck Road is the next cross street. Turn left to head east.

Step 2

Turn right at the next traffic light, Norbeck Blvd, which leads through the north gate of Leisure World. Tell the gatekeeper that you are going to Celia Chen's home. (Celia will have notified the gate attendant that morning.) The road stops at N. Leisure World Boulevard. Turn left onto it. Take the next street on the right, Interlachen Drive. Follow the street, and take each fork to the right until you come to the fan-shaped parking lot in front of the building 15100 Interlachen Drive. No restriction on parking other than handicapped spots.

When you enter the building, dial '136' on the phone, and Celia will buzz you in. Take any elevator to the 10th floor, turn left and go all the way to the end of the corridor to apartment 1026.



Happy Valentine's Day



Nominating Committee Report for PVS Officers (2014 – 2015)

<p align="center">Candidates for PVS Officers & Board Members, for 2014-2015</p> <p>President: Nancy McKinley† ExCom: Inge Lesjak*</p> <p>Vice President: John Holt‡ ExCom: Paul Levy (1-yr)**</p> <p> ExCom: Ellie Thayer***</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 15, 2014</p>	<p>Submitted by the Nominating Committee:</p> <p>Reg Heitchue (Chair)</p> <p>Cara Jablon</p> <p>Bob Jablon</p> <p>Bob Knopes</p> <p>Sue Lyon</p> <p>Gerda Picco</p>
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Addendum

Profile – Inge Lesjak, February 2014

I started to ski when I met my husband Sam in Germany in 1964 – it was either go skiing or stay home... Sam served in the US Army. We married in Clarksville, Tenn. in 1966. It was not until 4 years later, when he returned from Vietnam and we moved back to Germany, that I was able to really enjoy this sport. We were members of the Munich International Ski Club and the Patch Ski Club in Stuttgart for many years, and led many ski trips to European ski destinations. We truly became 'groupies' and enjoyed the camaraderie and opportunity to introduce Americans to our favorite destinations, i.e. Sigi Baumgartner's mountain in the vicinity of Salzburg, Austria, Kitzbuhel and Obergurgl in Tyrol, Bled and Kranjska Gora in Slovenia, Val Gardena in Italy and Chamonix and 3 Valleys Region of France. I was a Vice President of Munich International Ski Club from 1974 to 1984 and later of Patch Ski Club from 1987 to 1995. Skiing in Europe is good, while skiing in the United States is great!

After returning to the continental United States, we joined the Over the Hill Gang Ski Club. I had the opportunity to lead numerous trips west: Lake Tahoe; Big Sky; Park City, Utah; Alta; Breckenridge; and more. Currently I am the Secretary for the BRSC; I coordinated the European BRSC trip to Chamonix last year with six clubs participating. Sam had to give up skiing because of health reasons; however, both of us are still enjoying 'ski talk' and the comraderie that goes with it. I am leading the 2014 Vail trip for PVS, and I am looking forward to contributing more to PVS in the coming seasons.



SKI TALK, February 2014



Many of us just returned from a wonderful trip to Aspen/Snowmass ([see pics](#)). More than 30 people joined this popular trip. With perfect weather and ski conditions, it was a great way to begin the new year. Many more of you will be reading this while in Vail, where copious snow has been reported. As we enjoy this ski season, the Ski Trip Committee (STC) has begun to think about next season – 2015.

First, let me introduce the STC: Rosemary Schwartzbard, Chair; Eloise Strand; Polli Brunelli; Inge Lesjak; and Reg Heitchue. Unlike other ski clubs, the STC of PVS does not run the ski trips. The STC is responsible for recommending and coordinating the trip schedule, while the actual trips are run by members of the club. The trips have a primary leader, typically

someone who has experience running ski trips. There is usually a co-leader who may also be experienced or may just be learning how to run trips. The leaders put the trip together, most often by working with a ski trip vendor (the STC can recommend several). If we are participating in a Blue Ridge Ski Council (BRSC) trip, these details are worked out by BRSC. Our leaders solicit members to sign up, work out the necessary individual arrangements, handle the financials, and take care of the details of running the ski trip.

We are in the process now of asking for proposals for the 2015 season. Once the STC has the proposals, they discuss them and determine if the trip would work within the Guidelines for PVS. The proposals are then presented to ExCom and, if approved, the leaders are notified and they proceed with the trip.

Here is the timeline for proposals. **Preliminary proposals are due by late March.** This can be a half page description indicating the destination, dates and any other information that the leaders deem important. **Enhanced proposals with full detailed information are due by mid-May.** The proposals



are submitted for approval at the late May ExCom meeting. Trips taking place in December or January may be submitted earlier as reservations at the hotels often have to be made. Half page descriptions of approved trips are included in the June TOOT. Detailed fliers are in the July TOOT.

Often people like to lead BRSC trips, as most of the details are worked out by BRSC. Here are the BRSC trips for 2015:

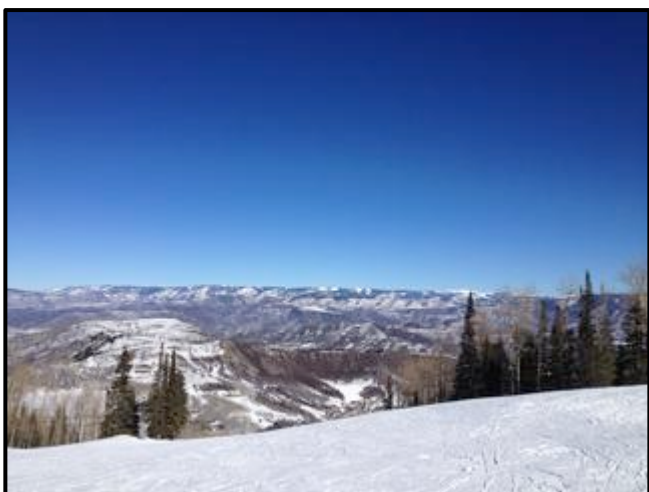
Western Carnival: Mt. Bachelor, Oregon, 1/31-2/7,

<http://www.mtbachelor.com/winter/index.html>

Eurofest: Mayrhofen, Austria, March 7-14,

<http://www.mayrhofen.at>

The STC is calling for proposals at this time. Please contact me with any questions you might have. Also, let me know as soon as possible if you are interested in leading a trip and send proposals to me.



LOCAL SKIING: According to John Smith, johnsmith@juno.com, local skiing is great this year. John reports: “Four of us had a magnificent day skiing last Friday. There was beautiful sunshine all day and no wind. Although the temperature was about 15 degrees, it was quite comfortable. The skiing conditions were wonderful - packed powder, snow over the whole mountain.” John says the local mountains are now reporting at least 4 feet of base. This is deeper than anyplace in New England and as deep as all but a few places in Colorado and Utah.

If you are not already on the local ski list, send an email to dwarthen@verizon.net.

Mary Ward is organizing Virginia skiing; if interested, contact Mary at mward@termineigh.com.

Rosemary Schwartzbard, rosemaryschw@gmail.com

Ski Trip:

Alyeska, Alaska with PVS February 25 to March 4, 2014

Needed: One female to fill a recent vacancy.

Alyeska, Alaska <<http://www.alyeskaresort.com/>> is Alaska's premier ski area, located just 40 miles from Anchorage International Airport. Mt. Alyeska's base elevation is 250 feet and the total vertical rise is 3,200 feet. The summit is accessed by the Aerial Tram and provides a panorama of the Chugach Mountains, with water views in one direction and glaciers in the other. Alyeska offers a mountain experience for all levels of skiers and riders, with 1,500 skiable acres, 113 acres of snowmaking, and average annual snowfall of 650 inches. Ski terrain composition is 11% Beginner, 52% Intermediate, and 37% Expert/Advanced.



Accommodations are double occupancy deluxe rooms in the Hotel Alyeska with ski-in/out access. The hotel offers complimentary guest use of the saltwater pool, whirlpool, traditional sauna, and fitness room. The Spa offers an extensive variety of specialty and custom treatments.

Center, Turnagain Arm; and arranging dogsledding, flightseeing, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing. Possible Northern Lights (Aurora Borealis) viewing with cooperative sun flares.

A day excursion to Anchorage for the opening ceremony of Alaska's premier sporting event, the Iditarod Musher (Dog Sled) Race, is included. Highlights of the day are: the ceremonial start of the Iditarod, Dutch-treat lunch at the Glacier Brew House, tour of the Alaska Native Heritage Center, and the crazy "Running of the Reindeer."

Cost is \$1,550 per person for deluxe accommodations, round-trip air from Washington, bus transfers to and from Alyeska, Anchorage excursion, and pre-trip party. Flights to and from Anchorage are with United from BWI. Single supplement is \$645.

Options are available for daily breakfast buffet, room upgrades, and trip insurance. Lift tickets are not included; costs for 70+ = \$10.00/day; 60-69 = \$45/day or \$180 for 5-of-6 day; adult = \$60/day or \$240 for 5-of-6 day.

We currently have 24 participants. Signup for the trip is closed, but we need a single female (see above) or possibly a couple because of a cancellation.



Trip Leaders: Kerry, klhines@erols.com, & Marianne Hines, mchines@erols.com, or 540-364-4810

Ski Trip:

CORTINA D'AMPEZZO - 2014

PVS & BRSC (Blue Ridge Ski Council), March 7- March 15 +++++

PRICE - Approximately \$2,590 (Single Supplement - Approximately \$3,172)



Cortina is located in the Dolomites, the range that is included on the UNESCO World Heritage List for its extraordinary beauty and unique landscape. This World Heritage Site is widely regarded as being among the most attractive mountain landscapes in the world, one that you should not miss.

Cortina d'Ampezzo is a paradise for snow enthusiasts ranging from its early Olympic participation to its annual World Cup ski events. A location unrivalled by any other in the Alps; it offers a wide variety of slopes of every level of difficulty, with something to please everyone. Cortina is part of the Dolomiti Superski area, the world's largest skiing carousel that links 12 top ski resorts: one pass gives you access to 450 lifts and 1,220 kilometers of trails.

In addition to the beauty of the area and the vastness of its snow sports paradise, Cortina offers a taste of the good life with good food, great wine and the luxury of slowness and enjoyment. Soak up the international atmosphere on Corso Italia, the famous pedestrian street with classy shops, refined restaurants, art, culture, and tradition of Italy.

Included:

- Air between Washington (IAD or BWI) and Venice via Delta Airlines via JFK, and round-trip transfers between Venice and Cortina
- 7 nights accommodations at a 4*+ Ancora hotel in downtown Cortina
- Full breakfast buffet and six 3-course dinners (Ancora is known for its great food)
- 3 BRSC Parties: Welcome at the Olympic Ice Stadium; Après Ski at Tofana Ski Area by Cable Car; and Farewell Dinner Dance at OUR Ancora hotel with 4-course dinner, drinks, and dancing
- Après Ski wine and cheese with the trip leaders on days between the BRSC parties
- Regular trip insurance - option for trip cancellation insurance
- Fee-Based Sightseeing and Shopping Tours: Conegliano (+wine tasting), Bolzano, Innsbruck, Salzburg - more details are being developed - I have the individual prices - email me.

Other Considerations:

Optional post-trip extension to Tuscany staying 4 nights in Florence at the 4* Hotel Athenaeum, daily breakfast, tour of Florence, Delta return flight from Florence - **\$550.00**

Optional 2 nights stay in a 4* hotel in **Venice** - TBD - email me

Want more information, send email with Cortina in the subject and I'll send you updated information, without obligation to signing-up: Dick Comerford, dick.comerford@verizon.net, 571-426-3098 c, 703-777-9374 h

Members' Corner



By J. David Warthen, Jr.
dwarthen@verizon.net

Back to Skiing by Dave W:

The first PVS Ski Trip for the 2014 season has come and gone. And, it was the first time for me to ski on my new left hip, which was replaced on October 16, 2012. My orthopedic surgeon is a skier, but he also has a titanium rod in his calf. He could hardly tell me not to ski – method to my madness! Instructions were “Do not fall.” Good luck with that! Well, I made it safely for 5 days. On the last day, a wayward ski pole carried by a j-#%#@ tripped me up between the top of the Big Burn lift and Sneaky’s and down I went. It rattled me, but I got up on my own and did Sneaky’s and 2 Naked Ladies. Wow! And, that was the end of a glorious week of skiing at my favorite ski site, Aspen/Snowmass.

Others who belong to the ‘joint club’ (no pun intended in Colorado) gave much encouragement, like Dave Leonard (double hip replacement) and Nancy Pigman (knee replacement in March 2013). However, that first run on Thursday was with fear and trepidation. Had I ever skied before? How do I turn? Help!

Just to get back on the slopes was very therapeutic! The beauty of the Rockies, the evergreens on the slopes, the effortless motion down the mountains, the perfect blue sky without clouds, the crisp temperatures, and sharing the slopes with friendly, fellow skiers were all exactly what I needed for encouragement.



Dave & Bing @ Sneaky’s

Many thanks go to my roomie, Bing Van Nuys, for sticking with me on the slopes as I tried to be careful not to fall, thereby slowing the pace.

I discovered while on this trip that Lee Mahallati is a ‘natural’ photographer. Here are some of her pictures:

Coming in on the plane from Houston – those Rockies are so beautiful! No wonder we come back to this beautiful area each year. This year was extra special because of the snow coverage.



There we are in that vapor trail just above the quaking Aspens. These trees with their white bark are so beautiful in winter or in any season of the year.

The beautiful picture below is right in front of the Mountain Chalet.

Who would ever think of capturing this beautiful, artful scene right in front of our noses, other than Lee?

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Roster Changes: (dwarthen@verizon.net)

-See updated, quarterly PVS Roster, 2-1-14.



Past Event:

FIRST PVS MEETING OF 2014

January 12, 2014

Melissa FitzGerald graciously opened her home for the first PVS meeting of 2014. Thirty-two PVS members enjoyed the abundant and delicious array of food Melissa had prepared. There were sausages, baked ham, turkey, freshly-baked crusty bread, rolls, various cheeses, hummus, crackers, fresh fruit, carrot and tomato veggies, and more. In addition to wine and sodas, there was also hot apple cider.



Nancy M., Melissa F., Louann E., & Ray M.

President, Nancy McKinley, presided over the meeting in Melissa's cozy family room with the warmth of a nice fire in the fireplace. She gave the ski trips report as Rosemary Schwartzbard had already left for Snowmass. Louann Eadie mentioned that all 31 people going on the Snowmass trip attended the pre-trip party. Seventeen will be flying out together and the rest made their own travel arrangements. Kerry Hines talked about the upcoming Alyeska, Alaska, trip February 25 to March 4 and said they may have room for a few more. Dick Comerford said that the Cortina PVS/BRSC trip March 7-15 could also accommodate a few more people.

Ray McKinley discussed future events and reminded the attendees that there would be two more Sunday afternoon meetings. He offered a tidbit of news that Tom Aguilar, who is a PVS member now residing in Morristown, NJ, is also a member of the Best of Times Ski Club with which we are now affiliated.

After the meeting we continued to socialize in the warm ambience of Melissa's home while enjoying delicious apple cake, brownies and coffee. Many thanks go to Melissa for hosting our PVS meeting and providing all the wonderful goodies.



A scrumptious table setting by Melissa at her home.

--Sue Lyon

Ski Trip Report:

*****Snowmass*****

January 15 – 22, 2014

PVS members enjoyed another wonderful Snowmass trip, with six days of sunny, blue skies and temperatures generally in the twenties and low thirties. Members of the group included George Birnbaum, Nestor Delevaux, Carolyn and David DeVilbiss, Louann and Bob Eadie, Helena Fabry, Jim Gunning, Reg Heitchue, Cara and Bob Jablon, Joe Jevcak, Elaine and Lance Killoran (Reston friends of the Eadies), Bob Knopes, John Lyon, Lee and Sal Mahallati, Barbara and Bob McClosky (Deep Creek Lake friends of the Eadies), Kal Nossuli, Susan and David Payne, Gerda Picco, Nancy Pigman, Peter Russell, Rosemary and Dick Schwartzbard, Marianne Saponis, Bing Van Nuys, and David Warthen. Sharon Mulholland and Dave Leonard, (who was spending 30 days at Snowmass) also joined the group. Bob Knopes' grandson, Archer, joined the group for a few days.

The snow was good, as a result of a snowfall right before our arrival, with many groomed trails and even a few nice bump runs. Kudos go to trip leaders Carolyn DeVilbiss and Louann Eadie for an excellent trip. Fortunately, there were no ski injuries on the entire trip.

The group flight to Aspen, although very early in the morning, was smooth and uneventful, with a beautiful view of the mountains coming into Aspen and an on-time arrival into the Aspen airport on Wednesday afternoon. A number of members of our group had arrived a few days earlier to enjoy even more time on the slopes. After settling into the comfortable, ski-in, ski-out Mountain Chalet, we enjoyed a welcome party with wine, beer, cheese, meatballs, and egg rolls.

Over the course of the week, PVS members sampled the fare of the many restaurants in Snowmass Village, and even a few in Aspen. Of particular note were Il Poggio, an attractive Italian restaurant with excellent food; Venga Venga, a casual Mexican restaurant just a few steps up from the Mountain Chalet; and Ricard's, a new French restaurant near the Village Lift. Some PVS members liked Ricard's so much that they went back multiple times; with Rosemary and Dick Schwartzbard setting the record with four trips to Ricard's.



On the slopes and ready to come on down



Dave L., Bob K., Reg H., Rosemary S., John W., Dick S., Cara J., & Kal N. on Elk Camp

The Saturday night special at Ricard's was a fabulous Cassoulet; other excellent dishes included the Coq au Vin, the steak, the seared tuna with foie gras, and the huge hamburgers.

Other restaurants frequented by our group included the Stew Pot, a casual restaurant that has long been a favorite of the PVS group, and a new Asian Fusion restaurant near the Village Lift. Those members going down to restaurants near the Village Lift enjoyed the convenience of the little gondola that runs from right above the Mountain Chalet down to the base of the Village. A number of members of our group enjoyed lunch in Aspen at Element 47 and the Hotel Jerome.

Our group also enjoyed the hearty breakfasts at the Mountain Chalet and the soup lunch. For

breakfast, there was always hot and cold cereal, homemade breakfast cake, and either pancakes, French toast, or scrambled eggs. At lunch, we had a choice of two soups, such as minestrone, chicken gumbo, chicken with rice, cream of potato, ham and bean, and chili, along with excellent rolls and fruit.



Our group at the Snowmass Club

pleased with his progress that he asked Lance Killoran to videotape his skiing so that he could show his grandson how well he was doing.

Many members also enjoyed the complimentary mountain tours, offered both in the morning and afternoon. The tours not only provided a good orientation for those not intimately familiar with the mountain, but also included some interesting lore about the history of the area. For example, we learned that the Big Burn is so named because of a large fire there many years before the development of the ski area. Reg Heitchue, who has a rekindled interest in mogul skiing, joined Cara Jablon one morning on a black bump run tour. Cara was a glutton for punishment and went back one afternoon for a tour that included Garrett's Gulch, a hard-to-find narrow bump run that she had once skied many years earlier. Rosemary Schwartzbard even enjoyed some bump skiing.

We are happy to report that our nonagenarian, Peter Russell, won two Gold medals and two Silver medals in his Nastar runs. Several of our bionic members, including Dave Warthen (new hip), and Nancy Pigman (new knee) had a very successful ski week. Nancy looked very spiffy in her one-piece purple ski outfit. We all enjoyed watching the elegant skiing of George Birnbaum, who skis with a beautifully balanced, European style form.

Non-skiing members of the group found ample amusements in Aspen, including the Aspen Art Museum, the Nature Walk, and the Historical Walk. Susan and David Payne spent a day snow shoeing, and learned how to walk up and down hills with this equipment.

Those returning on the early morning group flight arose at 4:30 in the morning in order to leave the hotel by 5:15. All went well on the flights home. We were greeted by snow on the ground in D.C. and much colder temperatures than we had experienced in Snowmass. All in all, it was a wonderful trip. I am sure that many PVS members look forward to returning to Snowmass next season.

--Cara Jablon

All enjoyed the après-ski parties and our pizza party, where we had a chance to socialize with other members of the group. Our group dinner the last night took place at the Snowmass Club, where we had a lovely dinner of Caesar salad, a choice of salmon, chicken or pasta, and a huge brownie with ice cream. Many thanks go to Sharon Mulholland for helping to arrange this dinner.

Quite a few members of our group took ski lessons, and were generally very pleased with the instruction. In particular, Helena Fabry, who had not skied for five years, regained her confidence after a day of lessons. Kal Nossuli took lessons for a number of days and progressed to trying a few bumps. He was so



Ready to go skiing early in the morning



THE KNEE

by Ray McKinley
RaysKnee@gmail.com

Here in the D.C. area, it has already been a winter to remember! We had the coldest night in 20 years—it got to 7 deg, and four others were below 16 deg. The Knee's knees are turning blue! And now 'tis February, the month of hearts and love. If you love snow and skiing, this has certainly been your year. Oodles of snow (a technical term) out and about, almost everywhere—except on Barbados.

As he ages, the Knee now believes that the proper place for snow is on the slopes—not on my driveway. I've written my Congressman, but received no response. He's been out skiing!

Live happy in 2014! Consider this: today is the oldest you've ever been, yet it's the youngest you'll ever be. The same will be true tomorrow—so enjoy.

Trivia: The Wall Street Journal reports that about 40% of skiers coming to Colorado develop some altitude sickness. And the Post says that 6% of the people in the D.C. area ski. That's 20% higher than the rest of the country.

Our nominating committee, chaired by Reg Heitchue, is in the process of selecting next year's officers and Executive Committee. Proving that we are a ski club, the Committee held their major meeting whilst (I love that word) on the PVS Snowmass trip. All of the Committee members except Sue Lyon were on the trip.

Here is the Knee's safety item—for skiboarders. L. L. Bean (which is Spanish for The The frijoles) now offers boarders foam-padded briefs! Good for a cush tush.

Liz Stutz works a flex schedule, spending her off day skiing at Whitetail. If Liz falls on her keester, she will have a White... I didn't say that!

There is an old Buddhist saying: Wherever you go, there you are. But your luggage and skis are another story.

It can happen to anyone. German Chancellor Angela Merkel cracked her pelvis during a skiing accident in the Swiss Alps in early January and had to cut back on her work. She also won't ski any more this season.

The Knee has been collecting PVS travel tidbits. (These are tiny portions of a tid.)

Déjà vu: Sue Lyon grew up in Aruba and then in Brazil. Now she is just back from Haiti and the Western Caribbean. Not much snow...

January PVS host, Melissa FitzGerald had snow. She returned from skiing with her family in Oregon just in time to hold the meeting!

Lots of skiing upcoming for 80-year-old Shirley Rettig - two back-to-back weeks in Utah, the first in Park City with Road Scholar, and the second from Salt Lake City. Shirley then heads for Alaska to ski at Alyeska with Marianne and Kerry Hines. She warmed up at Liberty.

Joe Jevcak is back from 2 weeks at Big Mountain in Montana where 70+ ski free. Whee!

PVS' oldest skier, 94-year-old Suzanne Boisclair, is planning to ski in Switzerland in March with the NASA Ski Club.

A tip of the ol' Knee cap to Polli Brunelli and Betty Lawrence. Both are back at home recovering after surgery.

And another tip of the cap to Marilyn Clark. Both sons came to visit her in Williamsburg. They helped celebrate a major birthday for Marilyn at Keswick Hall.



The Road into Liberty after a 1988 Snowstorm

As can be seen above, years ago occasionally Liberty did get big storms. Ahem.

Perhaps you would like to try my latest idea for those who are afraid to stand up on their skis. Kneeskis.

The Knee rarely reports on fashion. But, Louann Eadie was wearing a gorgeous light blue opaque glass necklace which she had squirreled away in her attic. Louann's mother-in-law purchased it in Murano, Italy some 80 years ago. Marilyn Siegel had on a striking amethyst and silver necklace which she had made herself.

CGS and now PVS share ski trips with "Best of Times" club in New Jersey. Tom Aguilar has moved north and also joined BoT. Kneet.

Finally, Dick Comerford was coiffed in a new full white beard. It makes him harder to see on the ski slopes.

PVS Calendar 2014:

- Feb 16 Sun PVS Monthly Meeting, 2:00 PM, Chen, Silver Spring, MD.
- Feb 25 Tue PVS ExCom Meeting, 7:30 PM, TBA.
- Mar 23 Sun PVS Monthly Meeting, 2:00 PM, Rozzell, Fairfax, VA.
- Apr 15 Tue PVS Annual Meeting, 7:30 PM, Heitchue, Reston, VA.

Ski Trips:



PVS

February 25-March 4, 2014: PVS Alyeska, AK (Kerry & Marianne Hines)
 March 7-15+****, 2014: PVS/BRSC to Cortina, Italy (Dick Comerford)



Best of Times Ski Club (BOT) - Eileen Fishkin, hptrvir@optimum.net

February 2-6, 2014: BOT Windham, NY
 March 1-8, 2014: BOT Aspen, CO

Useful Ski "Links"

- Potomac Valley Skiers..... potomacvalleyskiers.org
- BRSC Sanctioned Trips..... skicouncil.com/tripsbydate.htm
- DC Ski Online News..... dcski.com
- Best of Times Ski Club..... bestoftimeskiclub.org

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