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### President's Message July 2011



*Pres. Cara Jablon at the June 21 PVS monthly meeting. She is a walking ad for her costume jewelry business. Note the necklace she created with colors matching her dress (Photo taken and inserted by layout editor)*

Summer brings its share of interesting journeys, albeit usually not ski adventures.

Several weeks ago, Bob and I travelled to Portland, Oregon and to northern California to visit two of our children. Our son, Joel, who lives in Portland, Oregon, is finishing a master's degree in teaching at Lewis and Clark University. Although Joel and his fellow education degree students do not officially finish their degrees until this summer, the school held its graduation ceremony at the beginning of June. The commencement speaker was Stephen Krashen, an education expert from the University of Southern California. Dr. Krashen contended that this country is not doing as badly in education as the statistics indicate. He derived this view by excluding from the statistical pool all those students living at or below the poverty line, and then went on to offer his solutions to fix education

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### **SUMMER FEST**

**Sunday, July 17, 4:00 PM**

Betty Lawrence Home

10000 Woodrow Street

Vienna, VA 22181-3138

Please RSVP by Sunday, July 10, [lizl@verizon.net](mailto:lizl@verizon.net)

or 703-319-1860

Come for dinner and learn all about the trips PVS is offering for the 2012 season.

Barbecue will be served, but everyone is asked to bring an appetizer, salad, or dessert. A small fee will be charged to cover the cost of the drinks and barbecue. Please contact Betty to let her know that you are attending and what food you are bringing. It is important to have a head count a week in advance so that the proper amount of BBQ can be ordered.

**The barbeque will be from Red, Hot & Blue!**

**Y'ALL COME !!!! ... RAIN OR SHINE**

... SUNDAY, JULY 17, 4:00 PM

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in this country. In addition to combating poverty and hunger, Dr. Krashen argued that the most important element in education was having good libraries in the schools. He pointed to statistics showing correlations between high achieving schools and good school libraries, and high achieving students and books in the home.

We look forward to Joel actually finishing his degree and finding a job, not an easy task in Portland, where the competition for teaching jobs is fierce. Portland has become a mecca for the youth, much as San Francisco has been in recent years. Part of Portland's attraction is its easy access to recreation areas (the coast is about an hour and a half away and the Mount Hood ski area is not far), the relatively low cost of living, its growing reputation as a "food town," and lots of other young people. Joel lives in an area called Sellwood, where the homes are mostly small bungalow style with lovely gardens (courtesy of all the rain). The rhododendrons were spectacular, particularly the bright red ones which we don't typically see in the DC area.

One highlight of our trip was a dinner at the home of the mother of one of Joel's classmates. She lives in a new "passive energy" house, which uses very little electric or gas energy. Although the house does not have solar panels, it achieves passive energy by having thick walls, quadruple pane windows, an open design, and recycling systems that utilize all the heat generated by the household appliances. The house was quite small, with only five rooms, but very nicely designed to

utilize all the space well. There are apparently only a few houses like this in the country.

We stayed at a downtown hotel (the Embassy Suites, which I highly recommend if you are visiting Portland). Portland has a nice small art museum, and an interesting downtown, with some very successful redeveloped areas.

From Portland, we flew south into Medford, Oregon to visit our daughter Lara, who lives in the mountains of northern California about an hour south of Medford. Lara and her boyfriend live in a small, log cabin house on the top of a desert mountain with exquisite views of the snow-capped surrounding mountains, including Mount Shasta. Lara's passion is to live in the remote countryside, and to farm. The closest towns are Ashland, Oregon, and Yreka, California, both about 30 miles away. Ashland is a cute little tourist town, which is known for its summer Shakespeare Festival.

Since my last visit a year ago, shortly after Lara purchased her property, she has built a work shed, equipped with a very scary-looking large power saw; a greenhouse; a fence around her garden; and irrigation ponds. Her house is not connected to the electric grid, but runs just on solar and wind power. There is running water, from a well on the property, and Lara has installed two large tanks to collect rainwater for irrigation. We wish her well in her attempt to grow vegetables in the desert, but do not care to join her living that far from civilization. Perhaps, however, I will check out skiing at Mount Shasta.

Enjoy the summer. I look forward to seeing fellow PVS members at the July summer meeting.

*Cara Jablon*

## Directions for July 17 Summer Fest

**Parking:** Street parking available. (**SAFETY NOTE:** Please have each person get out of the car on the street-side due to deep culverts, no sidewalks, and no shoulders, OR drop off passengers in circular driveway in front of house.)

**Directions via Dulles Toll Road:** Take Dulles Toll Road (Rte. 267) 5.5 miles west from the Beltway to Hunter Mill Rd. exit 14; turn left (south) at the end of the ramp onto Hunter Mill Rd. (Rte. 674). After driving 1/3 of a mile, at the junction of Sunrise Valley Dr., turn left to continue on Hunter Mill Rd. Travel 3.4 miles and turn left onto Vale Rd. (Rte 672). Proceed 1/5 mile and turn left onto Trott Ave. Go one block and turn right onto Woodrow St. Betty's home is the 4<sup>th</sup> house on the left, 10000 Woodrow St. Corner of Woodrow and Gerken.

**Directions via I-66:** Take I-66 to Nutley St. North Exit and proceed 1.1 miles (crossing Rte. 123-Maple Ave.) until it ends at Malcolm Rd. Turn left onto Malcolm Rd. (Rte 672) and remain on Rte 672 even when Malcolm Rd. changes its name to Vale Rd. After proceeding about one mile on Rte 672, turn right onto Trott Ave., and then take the next right (one block) onto Woodrow St. Betty's home is the 4<sup>th</sup> house on the left, 10000 Woodrow St. Corner of Woodrow and Gerken.



## Report of BRSC Spring Meeting

The Blue Ridge Ski Council is an association of 29 ski clubs from Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia. The organization provides on-line advertising for the member ski clubs and it provides advertising of individual club ski trips and a way for members of individual clubs to join trips that are run by other clubs. BRSC also organizes a domestic and a European ski trip each year with participation of many of the member clubs. The upcoming PVS trip to the Andorra is part of the 2012 BRSC trip to Europe.

Council business and trip planning are conducted at Spring and Fall meetings that are attended by many of the member clubs. The Spring 2011 meeting was held on May 1 in Columbia, MD. It was hosted by the Columbia Ski Club. PVS was represented by Cara Jablon, Dave Lerner, and Rosemary Schwartzbard. The draft minutes of the meeting can be read on line at: [http://www.skicouncil.com/minutes\\_spring-11a.htm](http://www.skicouncil.com/minutes_spring-11a.htm).

The selection of destinations for upcoming trips is the most important part of the meeting for most PVS members. The 2012 trips will be to Andorra and Snowmass. PVS may have the largest group on the Andorra trip with 44 members. We are not participating in the BRSC Snowmass trip as we will have our own trip to Snowmass. The 2013 Western Carnival destination will be Big Sky. The Eurofest destination will be selected at the Fall meeting.

*Report by Dave Lerner*

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## PVS June 21, 2011 Meeting Review



Liz and Joe welcomed 22 PVSers to their charming home. Trooper, their Australian terrier, welcomed everyone and was happy that we were all eating. His cat surveyed the goings-on from his observation point on the stair's landing. Our big surprise of the evening was Bill Hager. He is in town for a couple of weeks on business. Hey, hikers, Bill and Kathy (who live in Reno) have been working on about 8 miles of the Tahoe Rim Trail to relocate it from a gravel road to a natural route. Maybe we should schedule a day hike out there – make it a long weekend!

Liz had interesting food for us to explore. Joe had nice choices of wine that went well with clam dip with chips and veggies and curried egg with pita bread and crackers, and the assorted sausages were excellent. The spicy lentils with spinach were very good on a cracker or chip or just plain with a fork. After the business was conducted, Liz had set out raisin loaf, date loaf, brownies, and lemon cupcakes; all yummy!

Cara ran a short meeting. Trips were updated and events were described. There are a few events brewing. Stay tuned.

Thanks Liz and Joe.

*(Submitted by Jan Marx)*

# Members Corner



By J. David Warthen, Jr.

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Biennial PVS Membership Dues Period Begins:  
The 2011-2013 dues period begins 1 July and expires on 30 June, 2 years hence. As Membership Records Chairman, I ask you to respond to your personalized Renewal Application, which 93.75% of you will receive today, as promptly as possible. If you would send in 1. your remittance to me, along with 2. a signature, 3. a completed survey, and 4. any changes on your Information Sheet, it would be very much appreciated.

A small percentage of you, without e-mail addresses, will also receive your personalized Renewal Application and Information Sheet via USPS. I also ask you to respond as promptly as possible.

This is the third biennial dues period I have handled, and each year you have responded more and more promptly with each dues period. I appreciate not only your financial support for PVS in remitting your dues, but also the promptness with which you respond. Your response not only brings closure to the collection of dues, but also lessens the job of tracking those who don't respond, the latter of which will be handled by Carolyn DeVilbiss (Membership PR Rep.). Special thanks also go to Carolyn for her job of recruiting Applicant Members in a quiet, winsome, one-on-one manner behind the scenes as the Membership PR Rep. and as Ski Trip Leader.



I also thank you, PVS Members, for recruiting Applicants throughout the year. It is with much pride that 9 Applicant Members became full Active Members at our Annual Meeting this past April. Do

keep up the good work; may we have even more Applicants for the 2012 Annual Meeting.

## Keeping Up With Computer Technology:

If you are having difficulty viewing pdf files, check for updates of Adobe Reader (while Adobe Reader is open), by pulling down HELP and selecting 'Check for Updates', while you are online. Usually an upgraded version will solve the problem.

If that doesn't work, check the operating system of your computer. An up-to-date operating system will accept a more recent version of Adobe Reader. However, if a more recent operating system cannot be installed due to slow processor speed or not enough memory, it may be time to get a new computer or increase your RAM.

Many PVS Members are gifted in different areas of computer technology on PC and Mac computers. If you are having difficulty, do not hesitate to ask questions and consult with those willing to answer questions. However, this is balanced by the fact that only you are responsible for your own computer and whether you keep up to date with an



appropriate operating system, software, processor speed, and memory.

Let's keep up to date, and continue to learn not only improved techniques in skiing, but also new computer technology. It's good for those brain cells!



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# THE KNEE

by Ray McKinley

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Last Sunday in church, one of the songs was the old Judy Collins hit “Who Knows Where the Time Goes?” Who does know where the time goes? My goodness - (this is a family column, otherwise I would have started Holy Sh\_t!) it's July! Whoopee! Warm became hot; and the dreaded “Bermuda High” has appeared. Time does fly. But no matter how hot and muggy it is, we are now past the summer solstice, they have danced at Stonehenge and the days are now getting shorter. So we are now, once again, on the slippery slope towards our favorite season—ski season. Whooooopee!

How hot is it? It depends on where you are. I just talked to some folks returning from Big Sky Resort in Montana. It has been record hot there--so hot (sic) that it has now been 31 days since they had their last overnight freeze! That completes the educational portion of the Knee.

It's time to move on to the Reno, Nevada portion of the column. (Knee factoid: Reno spelled backwards is oneR.) Recently married Dave Phillips and spouse are moving to Reno. They will drive out in Dave's 1982 gull-wing-door, all burnished aluminum DeLorean, one of only 9,000 ever made. Dave will stop in the Midwest to get a replacement windshield.

Whilst Dave Phillips was heading for Reno, Bill Hager was here on business from Reno and attended the June PVS meeting at Liz Warren-Boulton's DC abode.

With Bill Hager in DC, spouse Kathy Quinden was back in Reno horsing around. It's true. Kathy went on an old west trail ride to drive 300 head of cattle across the sagebrush flats for five days and into town for the opening of the Reno Rodeo. The dust hung in the air, but margaritas capped off the day, and catered meals were certainly an improvement over old time food on the range. Reminds me of the old western song “She Sat Tall in the Saddle Until Her Blister Broke.” Ride on!

Red sails in the sunset? Walt Flowers is now a resident of Annapolis. Why? So he can pursue his favorite summertime sport, sailing. Right on, Walt.

At our June meeting Pres. Cara Jablon was excited about the website she designed for her jewelry business. It's [carascreationsdc.com](http://carascreationsdc.com)

Been having problems getting onto the PVS webpage? According to webmaster Dave Lerner, the problems have now been resolved and the web page is now available at

<http://potomacvalleyski.org> or you can also use <http://www.potomacvalleyski.org>

Want to live to be 100? Sue Lyon attended a Successful Aging, Rejuvenation, & Longevity seminar. They have 16 items for you to make it to 100: 1) Have low blood sugar 2) Have low blood pressure 3) Have low blood total cholesterol 4) Keep weight low and steady 5) Eat fewer calories 6) Eat mostly a vegetarian “Mediterranean diet” and drink tea 7) Take your vitamins 8) Exercise regularly, and be active after retirement 9) Don't smoke or stop smoking if you do 10) Drink less alcohol 11) Get regular and restful sleep 7-8 hours per night 12) Maintain healthy gums 13) Challenge your mind (reading the Knee helps!) 14) Stay positive in attitude and avoid anxiety 15) Shed those stressors and be resilient 16) Stay socially connected and have a purpose to life. See? It's easy!! Sue has more details, and according to her, you can also take a test to predict your longevity at [www.livingto100.com](http://www.livingto100.com)

Some of you remember Barbara Wilson and son Jonathan. Time flies. Jonathan is now a physics major at Rice University, and studying Chinese. Rice does go well with Chinese food.

It's summer and, as usual, many of us are traveling. Bob and Louann Eadie are going to Disneyworld for a family reunion. Laurie Church is off to Chicago for her Dad's 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday. New Member John Lyon will be hiking in Maine and New Hampshire most of July.

Betty Lawrence and Suzanne Boisclair are back from Colorado for Betty's grandson's graduation. New members Bob Gleeson and Kathy Felmey are on a cruise from Venice to Athens to celebrate Bob's retirement. Right on!

A tip of the ol' Kneecap to all of our TOOT Editors Jan Marx, Dave Warthen, Marvin Hass, and Ellie Thayer. They do a masterful job. And if you get the e-mail, color version, it's a beauty. Last month, parts of the TOOT logo were in various tones of blue. It's a continuing pleasure to work with pros like Jan, Marvin, Dave and Ellie. They reed every word I rite: korreect my gramer ans spelin, and make the Kneecap look like what eye m, a perfeshnel.

**2011-2012 Calendar**

July 17 Sun 4:00 PM Summer Fest (Betty Lawrence)  
 Sept. 20 Tues eve Monthly meeting (Mary Beale)  
 Sept 27 Tues eve ExCom



**Ski Trips**

January 18-25, 2012 Snowmass (DeVilbiss & Mulholland)  
 March 3-12, 2012 Andorra (Ray & Nancy McKinley)

**Useful Ski "Links"**

Potomac Valley Skiers <http://www.potomacvalleyskiers.org>  
 Capital Golden Skiers <http://www.capitalgoldenskiers.com>  
 BRSC Sanctioned Trips <http://www.skicouncil.com/tripsbydate.htm>  
 DC Ski Online News <http://www.dcski.com>

**PVS Board - 2011-2012**

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## Snowmass news:

<http://www.aspentimes.com/article/20110627/NEWS/110629877/1077&ParentProfile=1058>

### Snowmass seeks new spot to put a big piece of art

Sheer Bliss sculpture likely to move off of ski slope



The sculpture "Sheer Bliss," which artist Bland Hoke created using cable from the old lift of the same name at Snowmass, needs to be moved off the ski area. Finding a new place for it in Snowmass Village is the challenge.

*We hope that those skiers going on the 2012 PVS Snowmass trip can report back to us about this and also comment on the artistic significance of this sculpture. (Submitted by Marvin Hass)*

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# Potomac Valley Skiers

## 2012 Snowmass Trip

Wednesday, January 18-  
Wednesday, January 25

### Trip Details

We will again be staying slope-side at the Snowmass Mountain Chalet (SMC) which is just below the Snowmass Mall. The SMC is a small lodge with 64 rooms, from which you can ski directly to lifts. Check the web-site at [www.mountainchalet.com](http://www.mountainchalet.com). The total package is: United Airlines from Dulles to Denver and Denver to Aspen and return plus the land transfer from Aspen airport to SMC and return; 5 day lift ticket (good for all four ski areas in the Aspen complex, free shuttle bus) with option for a sixth ski day; 7 nights lodging (double occupancy); daily breakfasts; daily soup lunch; 2 group dinners; luggage handling; apres ski parties including welcome wine & cheese party and an all guest hotel sponsored party; pre-trip and post-trip parties. Trip insurance is available as an option and is highly suggested (see over). Additional nights at Snowmass are an option and air can be altered to accommodate resulting date changes. All alternate air will be quoted on an individual basis. For trail information check [www.aspensnowmass.com](http://www.aspensnowmass.com).

| <u>Costs:</u>         |          | <u>Price*</u> |
|-----------------------|----------|---------------|
| Full Snowmass Package |          | \$2040        |
| Land only             | subtract | \$ 534        |
| Single Supplement     | add      | \$ 890        |
| Non-skiers            | subtract | \$ 260        |
| Add sixth ski day     | add      | \$ 45/day*    |

*\*There is no Senior pass being offered this year for short holidays. For members wishing longer stays, we will inquire about special rates.*

### **Airline Schedule (subject to changes in United schedules):**

**Jan. 18:** United flight #427 at 10:00 AM Dulles to Denver (arrive at 11:59 AM) then flight #5363 at 1:00 PM to Aspen (arrive at 1:44 PM).

**Jan. 25:** United flight #5595 at 8:20 AM Aspen to Denver (arrive at 9:15 AM) then flight #902 at 10:25 AM to Dulles (arrive at 3:33 PM).

*Check United Airlines website for baggage requirements and fees ([www.united.com](http://www.united.com)).*

### **Payment Schedule**

\$300 deposit is due with application (fully refundable until August 1st). Second payment of \$750 is due Aug. 15th. Final payment is due October 1st. Land only price includes a \$25 surcharge to cover costs.

**To sign up:** Please send (1) the Application form (reverse side of flyer), (2) a Deposit of \$300 and/or your payment due, and (3) the signed Waiver of Liability Agreement to **Carolyn DeVilbiss at 4508 Peacock Ave., Alexandria, VA 22304** (put PVS Snowmass 2012 on the memo line).

**For more info,** call Carolyn DeVilbiss at 703-370-4865: email at [Carolyn.maurer@verizon.net](mailto:Carolyn.maurer@verizon.net)  
or Sharon Mulholland at 301-330-2953: email at [shank@mris.com](mailto:shank@mris.com).



## The Mountain Chalet

The Snowmass Mountain Chalet is an independent lodge, managed on site. Each room has either 2 queen beds or 1 king bed. All rooms have: hair dryer, TV, small refrigerator, etc. The lodge has a nice lounge on the main floor with lots of chairs, game tables, fireplace, and large windows overlooking the slopes. There is an elevator, exercise room, outdoor pool, hot tub and laundry facilities. A full breakfast is served family style each morning. A complimentary soup lunch is served from 12:00-1:30 PM. The lodge has no restaurant for dinner. However, the Snowmass Mall, on the level above, has many restaurants of all price levels; one can walk up some stairs or use the elevator at the end of the mall. Bus service stops are nearby for trips into Aspen town, to other Aspen ski areas, and to Glenwood Springs.

### Trip Insurance

Trip insurance is available upon request for all group participants; price will be quoted for those wishing to purchase. The insurance provides coverage for accident, illness, injury, or death to attendee or immediate family member and will refund all expenses associated with PVS Snowmass 2012 in these circumstances alone. Information about other travel insurance vendors and offers may be available upon inquiry.

### Cancellation Policy and Fees

If it becomes necessary for you to cancel your trip, the trip leaders will try to minimize your losses although some fees are mandated by the airline, hotel and tour operator. All cancellations must be in writing. [We strongly urge you to purchase trip insurance](#) (see above). Name changes and itinerary changes may incur additional fees, especially after ticketing.

**Cancellation fees are as follows:** *Dates and costs are consistent with requirements and penalties imposed by vendors per contracted agreements.* None prior to August 1st; Aug. 1st to Nov. 8th, \$200; Nov. 9th to Dec. 10th, \$500 (+cost of air if already ticketed). Additional charges may apply, depending upon actual costs. After Dec. 10th no refund is likely.

**If you are a "single" participant** requesting space on a PVS-endorsed ski trip, and your roommate cancels, you will be offered the choice of one of the following three options: 1) [Helping the trip leader find a replacement trip participant who will fill the space vacated](#); [or 2\) Staying on the ski trip by paying the "single supplement"](#) [or 3\) Canceling from the ski trip and paying all currently due penalties.](#)

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**Name as on your Official ID:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Home phone no.:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Email:-** \_\_\_\_\_

### ***Please check all appropriate spaces (ages as of trip date):***

**Total package with standard air** \_\_\_\_\_ **or alternate air** (different city or dates) **or land only** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total price of trip** (without insurance or extra nights at SMC--see above rates) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Trip insurance** (optional): **yes** \_\_\_\_\_ **no** \_\_\_\_\_ (If yes, we will notify you with the price as soon as available)

**Age** \_\_\_\_\_ (at time of trip; for insurance)

**Sixth ski day?:** **yes** \_\_\_\_\_ **no** \_\_\_\_\_ **Ski rental ?:** **yes** \_\_\_\_\_ **no** \_\_\_\_\_

**Roommate** (if not listed on this form) \_\_\_\_\_

**Bedding choice** (if available): **1king** \_\_\_\_\_ **or 2 queens** \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional nights at SMC:** **yes** \_\_\_\_\_ **no** \_\_\_\_\_ : if yes, **before** \_\_\_\_\_ **or after trip** \_\_\_\_\_

**# of nights** \_\_\_\_\_ (arrange for additional nights directly with SMC)

***Send application*** (above) with ***deposit*** and ***signed waiver*** (next page) to:

*Carolyn DeVilbiss, 4508 Peacock Avenue, Alexandria VA 22304.*

**RELEASE, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY  
AGREEMENT PERTAINING TO THE JANUARY 18-25, 2012 SNOWMASS SKI  
TRIP (Potomac Valley Skiers)**

- (1) I acknowledge that there are inherent risks in the sport of skiing and other sports or activities in which I might participate during this trip, and in the process of traveling. There may be bodily injury, illness, accident, death, property loss or damage, and unanticipated additional costs or other economic losses. I fully and willingly accept the responsibility and liability for all such risks, dangers, costs, and losses.
- (2) I agree not to sue or hold responsible the trip leader, Potomac Valley Skiers, Inc. (hereafter PVS), its officers and members of the Executive Committee, or its members for: (1) any accident, personal injury, illness, or death occurring to me or to any other trip participant, arising directly or indirectly from this trip; (2) any loss of deposit of payment, any other property or economic loss, or unanticipated additional costs, delay, or change of itinerary arising out of any action or inaction of any hotel, airline, tour operator, land transportation operator, or other entity or person providing services on this trip; and (3) any trip cancellation, delay, early termination or extension due to acts of God, forces of nature, or other force majeure events or situations. I willingly and with full knowledge assume these risks.
- (3) I understand and agree that the trip leaders, and the tour operators or agents with whom the trip leaders have contracted, have the right to substitute accommodations of similar or better quality, to change transportation arrangements and providers, and to modify other services. In the event of such changes, no refund or credit will be provided if the accommodations, transportation, or services are of comparable or better quality and cover the same approximate time period.
- (4) I agree that I am not entitled to a credit or refund for any included trip service that is not used by me.

I have read and I fully understand this "Release, Assumption of Risk, and Waiver of Liability Agreement," the final trip flyer, and the trip application, and I agree to all of the specified terms and conditions.

Signature of Participant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name of Participant: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Participant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name of Participant: \_\_\_\_\_

**March 1-12 or 16, 2012, join Nancy and Ray McKinley to See and Ski in Andorra!**



*Andorra has enough skiing for everyone*

# See and Ski Andorra 2012



Potomac Valley Skiers is joining BRSC for a true gem of a ski trip—to one of the smallest and most mountainous countries in the world—Andorra, a skier's and tourist's paradise. And we'll visit spectacular Barcelona. There are optional trips: to Madrid and the Prado Museum, and the medieval, walled city of Carcassonne, France with its winding cobbled streets, and turrets—a World Heritage Site. From Madrid we'll have the opportunity to visit the fortress city of Toledo with its Christian, Jewish and Islamic heritage, and Segovia and Avila to see the 2,000-year-old Roman aqueduct, the fairyland castle of Alcazar and much more.

*Skiing in Andorra is World Class. It's huge; 6 separate ski areas with 7,600 acres, a vertical of 3,575 feet, 111 lifts with a capacity of 156,390 skiers/hr, and 187 mi of runs. Lift tickets are not included, but don't forget - for those 65-70 a lift pass is only 18 euro/day; those over 71 ski free!*



*Upper Lift Restaurant*

*Our 12-day 10-night (we spend 1 night on the plane)*

*Trip includes: 3 nights in historic, vibrant Barcelona at the 4-Star NH Duc de la Victoria in the old gothic quarter; 7 nights at the 5-star Crowne Plaza Hotel in Andorra's capital, with two people per junior suite.*

*This includes breakfast and a daily 5-course themed buffet dinner! And we include Emergency medical and*



*Crowne Plaza Lobby*

*repatriation insurance, a pre-trip party, a welcome party, a mid-week Apres-Ski party, a Grand Finale Dance in the ballroom and a post-trip party. We also offer a 4-night post-trip extension to magnificent Madrid, home of some of the world's best museums. Lodging will be at the 4-star Carlton; we'll have a city tour and 2 optional tours.*

## **Our Fabulous Barcelona-Andorra Ski Vacation Includes**

■ ▶ **Airfare** ■ **Lodging, double occupancy** ■ ▶ **happy hours** ■ ▶ **all breakfasts, 7 dinners** ■ ▶ **pre & post trip parties** ■ ▶ **4 night option to scintillating Madrid, Spain**

**GREAT PRICES - \$2,560\*; LAND ONLY \$1,755\*; SPAIN +\$800\***

\* Prices based on 1 euro = \$1.42 (If rate changes dramatically, there could be a price adjustment.)

*Our trip is currently full. Please call us to get on the waiting list. We have participants' \$100 deposits. Please fill out the Application. Include your full name from your passport. Also sign the Waiver and Release form (Required on all PVS trips). As soon as possible mail both to McKinleys, 1805 Crystal Drive, Unit 813, Arlington, VA 22202-4406. You can also include the August 10 payment. You can reach us at (703) 527-7126 or e-mail raymckin@gmail.com*

## A Wealth of Trip Data

Our trip will be exceptional!! We fly Dulles via Munich to Barcelona, one of the most exciting cities in Europe. Our hotel, NH Duc de la Victoria is just two blocks from the Ramblas in Barcelona's Gothic quarter, the city's oldest and most historical area. Here you are surrounded by a pedestrian area, major attractions, and world-class shopping along Portal del Angel. Our location is an excellent starting point to discover the city of Barcelona. All of the hotel's rooms are tastefully decorated with contemporary styling and benefit from natural daylight, full amenities, and soundproof windows so you can enjoy a restful sleep. We include a half-day tour of Barcelona, including the Sagrada Familia, Gaudi's masterpiece--still under construction. From Barcelona we travel to Andorra via Monserrat. The views from Montserrat are simply breathtaking. It's a mountain top monastery in Catalonia, Spain.

In Andorra, we stay at the 5-star Crowne Plaza Hotel. Relax in comfortably furnished junior suites in this elegant hotel located in the heart of the town of Andorra la Vella. Decorated with tapestries by Salvador Dali, the Crowne Plaza includes amenities such as an indoor pool, Jacuzzi, Turkish bath, solarium, sauna, gym and massage. Our hotel is adjacent to a supermarket and ATM, and a block from the major tax-free shopping area. There is easy access to Caldea, Europe's largest thermal spa. From Andorra, there is an optional day tour to Carcassonne. La Cite, Carcassonne's UNESCO-designated World Heritage Site, is a medieval walled city with winding cobbled streets, turrets and towers.

There are lots of exciting non-skiing opportunities here in Andorra: Have a great leisurely buffet breakfast; shop tax free; get on the Tourist Bus for any of 3 half-day tours of the cultural

and historical sights of Andorra including museums, ancient churches, scenic landscapes and more; enjoy the hotel pool, Jacuzzi, sauna, Turkish bath, or gym; visit St. Esteve, the 12<sup>th</sup> century Romanesque church just around the corner from the hotel or stop by Casa de la Vall from 1580. Hop on the skiers bus and take a ride on the Funicam gondola, the longest ski lift in the world, to the top of Grandvalira ski area to see the panoramic view and have lunch; get a massage at the hotel; go over to the mountain and go snowshoeing, dog-sledding, cross-country skiing, ice skating, sled riding, or snowmobiling among other activities.

In Madrid, we are at the 4-star Hotel Carlton located ideally to explore the great city, situated within easy reach of some of the city's most famous attractions including the Prado Museum, the Queen Sofia Art Gallery, the Thyssen Museum, the Botanical Gardens and the Plaza Mayor. The rooms are modern and our stay includes a daily breakfast. We will start with a half-day city tour. There are also two optional tours. We'll have the opportunity to visit the fortress city of Toledo with its multi-ethnic heritage, and the beautiful Segovia and Avila to see the 2,000 year old Roman aqueduct, the fairyland castle of Alcazar and much more.

### FLIGHT SCHEDULE (complete trip with Madrid add-on)

March 1, 2012, 5:33 pm United flight 902 Dulles to Munich; Munich to Barcelona arrive March 2, 2012 at 11:25 am  
March 16, 2012 9:45 am United flight 7662 non-stop from Madrid to Dulles arrive Dulles March 16, 2012 at 2:00 pm

### TRIP INSURANCE

Trip cancellation insurance is available for all group participants. Cancellation insurance is not included and it's not a function of age. It's only \$165 each. We recommend this insurance--which you will need to pay separately with your August 10 payment. You must make out a separate check for \$165 per person; the check is made out to "GTU, Inc." and it must have your name(s) on the check and "Cancellation Insurance for Andorra Trip" in the subject line. (This check will likely take quite a while to clear.) Emergency evacuation insurance is included in the trip price. This insurance covers skiers evacuating from the mountain and expenses related to an early or delayed departure home.



*Gorgeous downtown Barcelona*



*Cosmopolitan downtown Andorra la Vella*



*Caldea, the world-famous spa in Andorra*



## PAYMENT SCHEDULE

We have your \$100 deposit. A payment of \$1,660 is due by August 10, 2011 payable to Ray McKinley. The remaining fees (\$1,600 regular package; \$800 for those not going to Madrid; \$795 for land only) plus costs for any optional trips are due on December 15, 2011. Note: Payments are due when ours are. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR. Those payments not received by the date due must be charged a \$30.00 late fee.

## PACKAGE PRICE AND OPTIONS

The entire 16-day 14-night Barcelona, Andorra and Madrid package is \$3,360. The land only package is \$2,555. For those not going to Madrid the price is \$2,560. There are 3 optional tours which are described above. We do not yet have firm optional tour prices, but we expect them to be about \$100 each. The single supplement for the Madrid portion of the trip is \$325. **We may be able to help you with air from other locations. You can come early or stay longer--call us.**

## CANCELLATION FEES

In the event (hopefully unlikely) it becomes necessary for you to cancel your trip to Andorra and Madrid, your trip leaders will make every effort to try to minimize your losses. However, certain fees are mandated by the airline, the hotels and the tour operator. Each emphasizes that every case will be treated individually, and some fees could, under some circumstances, be waived. *All cancellations must be in writing.* All fees will be less if a replacement is found. Cancellation fee is \$125 through December 15; December 15-January 15 the fee is \$1,400; after January 15 no refund is likely. We strongly urge trip insurance. On a recent trip 5 people cancelled costing each of them up to \$1,190--insurance is a bargain.

## SINGLE PARTICIPANTS

If you are a "single" participant requesting space on a PVS-endorsed ski trip, and your roommate cancels, you will be offered the choice of one of the following three options: 1) Helping the trip leader find a replacement trip participant who will fill the space vacated; or 2) Staying on the ski trip by paying the "single supplement" or 3) Cancelling from the ski trip and paying all currently due penalties.

## Application

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**Name(s) on your Passport(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home phone no.** \_\_\_\_\_ **Other Phone no.** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Passport Expiration date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check all appropriate spaces:**

**Total package including Madrid add-on with air \_\_\_\_\_ or land only \_\_\_\_\_**

**Package without Madrid add-on with air \_\_\_\_\_ or land only \_\_\_\_\_**

**Total price of trip (without insurance) \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

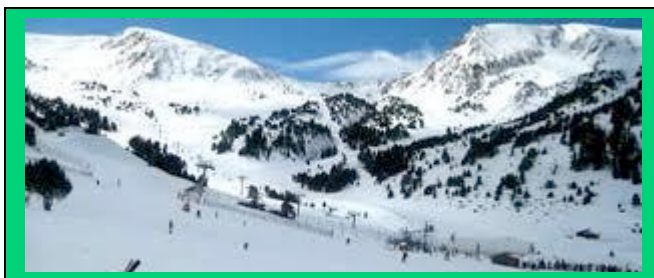
**Trip cancellation insurance (\$165): yes \_\_\_ no \_\_\_ (pay with separate check – see above)**

**Roommate (if not listed on this form) \_\_\_\_\_**

**Bedding choice (if available): 1 bed \_\_\_\_\_ or 2 beds \_\_\_\_\_**

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_



*In Andorra's six ski areas there is a wealth of skiing for all levels of skiing*

**WAIVER OF LIABILITY RELEASE, AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK  
AGREEMENT PERTAINING TO THE MARCH 1-16, 2012 ANDORRA SKI AND  
SKI TRIP (Potomac Valley Skiers)**

- (1) I acknowledge that there are inherent risks in the sport of skiing and other sports or activities in which I might participate during this trip, and in the process of traveling. There may be bodily injury, illness, accident, death, property loss or damage, and unanticipated additional costs or other economic losses. I fully and willingly accept the responsibility and liability for all such risks, dangers, costs, and losses.
- (2) I agree not to sue or hold responsible the trip leaders, Potomac Valley Skiers, Inc. (hereafter PVS) Blue Ridge Ski Council, their officers and members of their Executive Committees, or their members for: (1) any accident, personal injury, illness, or death occurring to me or to any other trip participant, arising directly or indirectly from this trip; (2) any loss of deposit of payment, any other property or economic loss, or unanticipated additional costs, delay, or change of itinerary arising out of any action or inaction of any hotel, airline, tour operator, land transportation operator, or other entity or person providing services on this trip; and (3) any trip cancellation, delay, early termination or extension due to acts of God, forces of nature, or other force majeure events or situations. I willingly and with full knowledge assume these risks.
- (3) I understand and agree that the trip leaders, and the tour operators or agents with whom the trip leaders have contracted, have the right to substitute accommodations of similar or better quality, to change transportation arrangements and providers, and to modify other services. In the event of such changes, no refund or credit will be provided if the accommodations, transportation, or services are of comparable or better quality and cover the same approximate time period.
- (4) I agree that I am not entitled to a credit or refund for any included trip service that is not used by me.

I have read and I fully understand this "Waiver of Liability Release and Assumption of Risk Agreement," the final trip flyer, and the trip application, and I agree to all of the specified terms and conditions.

Signature of Participant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name of Participant: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Participant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name of Participant: \_\_\_\_\_