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President's Message:

Hi Fellow PVSers

As PVS' 49th year comes to a close (don't forget – our 50th Anniversary is coming up in November 2015!), I've been reflecting on how our club has evolved over the years – from 30-somethings who started this fine institution to those of us whose chronological age is ...somewhat higher than theirs was. Sure we're older but a straight line can be drawn from those founders in 1965 to those of us here in the present. We were, we are, and we always will be a group of fun-loving, sociable folks.

Even if skiing itself is not on your agenda this year, being part of this group of friendly folks is always on the agenda. So come on out to the annual Summerfest on July 26 to enjoy the camaraderie and learn about all the skiing/sightseeing trips our trip leaders have put together for the next year. And join us at some of the other adventures we have in store this summer and fall including our 35th Steak and Swim at the Hines'. More to come.

See you at Summerfest!

Nancy

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Snowmass flier in accompanying attachment

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Waiver in accompanying attachment (required for multi-day ski trips)

Coming Events:

Invitation to play Golf – July 4, 2014



Where? Massanutten 4 Season Ski and Golf Resort <http://www.massresort.com>

When? Friday, July 4th

What time? 09:30 AM

Golf Tournament is followed by a picnic at the Lesjak's residence.

How do I get there? Follow Rt 66 to Rt 81 and continue to Harrisonburg, Va. Take exit ramp to Rt 33 toward Elkton. Massanutten 4 Seasons Resort is some ten miles down the road from Harrisonburg and before the town of Elkton.

What is the travel time to Massanutten? 2 Hrs. 10 min from Capitol Beltway.

Where do we meet? At the Pro Shop of Woodstone Meadows Golf Course.

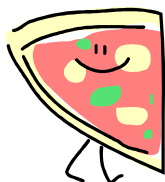
What is the last day to book: Midnight of June 30, 2014.

How much will it cost me? Managable \$30.00.

How to book: Contact Inge at 703 869 7248 c or ingelesjak@aol.com

Transportation: U-drive.

Dress code: Golfing attire and shined shoes.



SUMMERFEST

IT'S A PIZZA PARTY!!!!!!

2014 Summerfest is on Saturday, July 26, 3:00pm

Reston Town Center

Midtown Condo Party Room

11990 Market Street, Reston, VA 20190

Host: Reg Heitchue, 703-437-7611 heitchu@yahoo.com

Come for a feast and learn all about the trips PVS is offering for the 2015 season.



PVS will provide pizza and beverages. PVS asks all attendees to bring an appetizer or salad (A through L surnames) or a dessert (M through Z surnames). Summerfest is the occasion when we talk about next year's skiing opportunities. The 2015 trip leaders will be present and talking about Snowmass, Mt. Bachelor, and Mayrhofen. On their part, there will be charts, there will be flyers, and there will be enthusiasm. On the attendees' part, there should be questions, there should be excitement, and there should be checkbooks in hand.... A final thought - the ski trips are not for skiers only, the trips are as much fun for nonskiers as for skiers. See you there!

Directions from the Beltway:

Take Route 267 West (toll road).

Take exit 12 (Reston Parkway) and turn right at the end of the exit ramp.

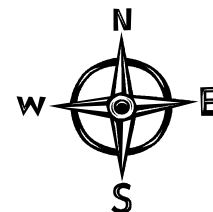
Turn left at 2nd light onto Bluemont Way.

Go two blocks and turn right on Liberty Street.

Go one block and turn left on Market Street.

Midtown Condominium is on the right at 11990 Market Street.

Parking: A valet will direct you to the garage entrance. If no valet is present, turn right immediately after passing in front of the condo building. The parking garage is a short distance on the right. Enter the garage, drive to the end, turn left, and park in an open space.





ANNAPOLIS TRIP FULL: Place name on WAIT LIST if interested

Annapolis Area Cruise Followed by Dinner

Saturday August 2, 2014

Join us in Annapolis, MD for a relaxing 90-minute narrated cruise in the historic Annapolis Harbor and on the beautiful Severn River. Following the cruise, Reg Heitchue has invited us to his beautiful home on the Chesapeake Bay for a barbeque dinner by Red, Hot and Blue.

This event is now full but, to be placed on a wait list, please email Barbara Leonhardt at: fbleonhardt@starpower.net. With this event being more than a month away, we may have cancellations. If you have questions, please call Barbara at 301-996-2338 or Reg at 703-861-9190. For those who are signed up, please mail your checks to Barbara Leonhardt, 606 Firehouse Ln, Gaithersburg, MD 20878 if you have not already done so. You may cancel with a full refund through July 23rd. Due to limited parking, participants are encouraged to carpool.

Join us at PVS' 24nd (*not* annual)

STEAK AND SWIM

At the HINES'

Saturday August 16, 2014 .-. 3pm Rain or Shine



This is PVS' oldest annual ((sort of) club event! Celebrate summer at the Hines' beautiful Delaplaine, VA home where the living' is good --- and the steaks -oh my! Limited to 35. Reserve now! Deadline to sign up or cancel by is August 2nd.

BRING: Your own bathing suit and towel and either an **appetizer, salad, or dessert.**



INCLUDED: steaks, baked potatoes and fixings, beverages and lots of fun!!

Cost: Approximately \$15 per person.

NOTE: Because of the cost outlay to our hosts, "no-shows" will be responsible for price of steak, potatoes, and beverages supplied by our hosts if reservations are not cancelled by August 2nd.

To sign up, phone Kerry or Marianne.

540-364-8104, or email mchines@erols.com

to tell them what you'll bring.

SKI TALK

July 2014



MOST POPULAR SKI RESORTS IN THE WORLD:

PlanetSki reports that the 2014 International Report on Snow and Mountain Tourism rates the world's most popular ski resorts based on their number of skier days. The report is in its 6th edition and covers the snow sports world of 56 countries representing 99.6% of the total market volume. Listed below are the top resorts:

1. La Plagne (France)
2. Saalbach Hinterglemm/Leogang (Austria)
3. SkiWelt Wilder Kaiser (Austria)
4. Les Arcs (France)
5. Ischgl/Samnaun/Silvretta (Austria)
6. Whistler Blackcomb (Canada)
7. Courchevel, Méribel, Mottaret (Les Trois Vallées, France) □
8. Val Thorens (France)
9. **Vail (Colorado, USA)**
10. Breckenridge (Colorado, USA)
11. Serfaus (Austria)
12. Alpes d'Huez (France)
13. Sestriere Via Lattea (Italy and France)
14. **Zillertal/Mayrhofen (Austria)**
15. Alta Badia (Switzerland)
16. Soelden (Austria)
17. Tignes (France)
18. Les Ménuires (Les Trois Vallées, France)
19. Flachau-Wagrein-Alpendorf (Austria)
20. **Grand Valira (Andorra)**

Other U.S. resorts in the Top 50 were Mammoth (32), Keystone (43), and Copper Mountain (44). □The study also stated that 48% of the world's resorts are in Europe, 35% in the Alps, 21% in the Americas, and 13% in the Pyrenees -- and there are 48 resorts in the world that have more than one million skier days each, three-quarters of which are in the Alps.

You will note that Zillertal/Mayrhofen is in 14th place. It could be said that Inge is running world-class ski trips. Last year she led a trip to Vail, which is in 9th place. Andorra made 20th place so the McKinleys also lead popular trips. I have skied at about 8 of the top 20 and plan to add more to my list. However, there is a lot to be said for the less popular areas such as Snowmass where you don't have to worry about fighting crowds and waiting in long lift lines!

Think about where you want to go and please join us at the Summerfest on July 26. Please bring a checkbook and sign up for a trip!

--Rosemary Schwartzbard, rosemaryschw@gmail.com

Ski Trip:

PVS Trip to Snowmass, Colorado ---- January 14-21, 2015

See Snowmass attachment for two page flier and application form!!!

We will again be staying slope-side at the Snowmass Mountain Chalet (SMC), just below the Snowmass Mall and have reserved 16 guest rooms. Do check the web site at <http://www.mountainchalet.com>.



To sign up: Please send your \$300 deposit, check made out to Marianne Soponis, 3513 Quebec St. NW, Washington, DC 20016 ("PVS Snowmass 2015" on the check memo line).

For more information: call Marianne Soponis at 202-363-5250 or 301-332-3039 cell; or, via email at Marianne.soponis@gmail.com or -leader Nancy Pigman at 202-363-5252; email at nspigman@mindspring.com.

Hope to see you on the trip!

**Blue Ridge Ski Council Eurofest - Zillertal, Austria
March 6 -14, 2015**

See BRSC-Austria attachment for two page flier!!!

Join us for a fun trip to Austria's most attractive and unique year-round winter sports region with 4 big ski areas: Hintertuxer Glacier at a 3,000 m elevation, Lanersbach-Eggalm, Finkenberg, and Mayrhofen-Penken at 2,000 m with plenty of runs for all skiing abilities. We will be staying at Bad Hotel Kirchler in Hintertux, offering all the services and amenities you'd expect from a four-star family-owned hotel in Austria: charming rooms, friendly service, local cuisine, thermal pool, sauna, spa, shuttle bus service to the glacier lift and more...

- Ski in pleasant Tyrolean surroundings with or without guide.
- Experience sightseeing tours to Innsbruck, Swarovski Crystal World, Munich and more.
- Extend your European trip to Vienna, Austria, and/or Bled, Slovenia, via motorcoach.

1. BASIC PACKAGE PRICE PER PERSON: \$2,460.00 double occupancy. Add \$475.00 for Single Room.

For information/reservation contact Inge Lesjak, your PVS trip leader ingelesjak@aol.com or call 703-869-7248 c Your Family and Friends are welcome!

Ski Trip:

PVS/BRSC SKIING AND SIGHTSEEING ADVENTURE MT. BACHELOR AND BEND, OREGON JANUARY 31-FEBRUARY 7, 2015

Mt. Bachelor is the largest ski area in central Oregon, with terrain for all levels. The mountain is an extinct volcano, and you can ski with full lift service 360 degrees off the top for 3,365 vertical feet to the base, often through light, dry powder! It has the highest skiable elevation of any resort in Oregon or Washington and is far enough inland for drier snow conditions. The resort gets an average of 462 inches of snow a year on 88 runs, served by 10 lifts. (Mt. Bachelor is adding over 400 acres of ski terrain that is scheduled for opening in 2015). In addition, the resort has more than a dozen cross-country trails, 35 miles of which are groomed. The mountain grooms 40 of the 88 runs. Volunteer Mountain Hosts will ski with you all or part of the day, at your request.



The mountain is a 30-minute bus ride from Bend where you will be staying in the newly upgraded Double Tree Hotel. There is an indoor pool and hot tub. You can walk to the historic downtown district of Bend with lots of shops and restaurants. Buses will pick you up at the hotel and take you directly to the mountain where you will store your skis. No long walks are involved. Non-skiers will have options to go to Crater Lake, the town of Three Sisters, wine tasting, dog sledding, snowshoeing and more. Included in this package are:

- 7 Nights Lodging at Double Tree Hotel
- Round Trip Air into Redmond (20 minutes from hotel)
- Transfers to and from Hotel
- 5 of 6 Day Lift Ticket (discounted rates for seniors)
- Personalized tours of the mountain by Mt. Bachelor Ski Ambassadors
- Daily Hot Breakfast
- BRSC Super Bowl Welcome Party with Dinner
- BRSC Night at the High Desert Museum with Dinner
- BRSC Hawaiian themed entertainment and Dinner
- Two PVS Apres Ski parties
- Bus Trips Directly to/from the Mountain



The cost will be approximately \$1825.00 per person. We have limited seats on the flight to Redmond. The first 16 people will get those flights. **To reserve a space send a deposit of \$300 to: Cara Jablon, 4573 Indian Rock Terrace, Washington, D. C. 20007.**

Cara can be contacted at 202-333-5332 or rcjablon@aol.com. Additional information will be provided shortly on the dates for the remaining payments, trip insurance, and the cancellation policy.

Members' Corner



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

Getting to Know You: Marianne Jacobs

My first experience on skis was on a golf course hill way back when we had to walk to elementary school. We used slip-on bindings and never needed to turn. I did learn a bit more when I was in college in New England since my roommate and I used to slip out on a few weekends and drive to a nearby mountain and ski using borrowed equipment. We even took a few lessons, at least enough to get us down Tuckerman's Ravine. After college I did not ski much until my husband, Nick, discovered the ideal group for families – "The Ski CO-OP." We would drive all the way up to Vermont with all five children and a few friends and stay at the CO-OP, a place where everyone had to help with the chores; the parents had a real room, and all the children slept in the bunkroom. Everyone took turns helping with the meals and cleanup. The snow was great, the weather was cold, and the skiing was amazing. When Nick's job sent us all to Austria for a few years, we had fantastic ski trips to the Alps, especially since we could put the children in ski school all day and join an adult class ourselves.

Back home in the DC area, Nick and I joined the Washington Ski Club and decided that skiing out west provided the best powder. Eventually, we graduated to the Over the Hill Gang to be more with our age group and then moved on to the Capital Golden Skiers. Nick is no longer able to ski, but I am enjoying being with PVS. I was looking forward to my first trip to Snowmass with PVS last year, but I broke my arm on a river trip on the Danube and had to cancel. I hope to get there in 2015.

Charlie Gordon, Charter Member, Update:

On 14 June, I received a nice note from Charles Gordon's nephew, John Gordon. Charles apparently has fallen a few times and is now making his home in the San Gabriel Rehabilitation & Care Center. John is looking after Charles and reports that he is able to walk with the use of a walker and

is enjoying the activities of the center. This is a quote from the note that I received from John: "He still has plenty of memories of his life, although he occasionally adds into his 'lifetime' the events of the latest 'history channel' program that he has watched - such as, now he is convinced that he was on the Enola Gay when it bombed Hiroshima."

I send a copy of TOOT each month to Charlie. He turned 93 in February 2014.

For those of you who would like to drop him a card, the address is as follows:

Charles Gordon
Room 205B
San Gabriel Rehabilitation & Care Center
4100 College Park Dr.
Round Rock, TX 78665

--B. Leonhardt

FYI:

PVS has at least eight active members who are 90+ years old, some of whom still ski. Two are Charter Members. Hip Hip Hooray, whether original or replaced!!!

--D. Warthen



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--D. Warthen – Electronic TOOT



June 17 Meeting at Ufholz residence

The meeting was held at the lovely Bethesda home of Eugenia and Philip Ufholz. The gracious



Figure 1 Phil with his unique wine decanter

hosts had an array of great beers, wines, and nonalcoholic refreshments so the members could reconnect and enjoy the social time prior to the meeting.

Eugenia and

Phil have been PVS members for 33 years.

Nancy McKinley called the meeting to order about 8:15 and made the general introductions. There will be an executive committee meeting on the 24th to be conducted as a telephone conference.

Figure 2 Eugenia

Celia Chen will have her dumpling affair on June 21 and Inge and Sam Lesjak are hosting a golf and fireworks event at Massanutten on July 4th.



The TOOT will have details about events, but Summerfest and Steak & Swim are scheduled and will be great times and classy events not to be missed. Ray McKinley gave the rundown on future events.

Ski trips were reviewed and advertised and signups are just around the corner - pay attention to deadlines. Some Maryland folks are looking to "park and ride" and carpool to Virginia events. There were two other announcements - Ruth Healey is leading a hike around Seneca Lake in October and there is a garden tour opportunity.

Submitted by John Hotaling

CELIA CHEN'S CHINESE DUMPLINGS 101



On June 21, eight aspiring wonton makers became experts after taking Celia Chen's

Introduction to Wonton Cooking class at her lovely home. We were introduced to smelt fish, dried shrimp, shredded spring radish and, oh yes, Chinese vinegar. We assembled three different stuffings (pork, chicken, and shrimp) for the wontons, inexpertly folded the mixtures into wrappers, and then boiled them. We devoured every one with gusto.

After we finished our wonton soup, Celia emerged with her homemade Limoncello! Celia learned to love the Italian lemon liquor on her trip to Cortina last year. We were the beneficiaries of Celia's latest culinary conquest. Thanks for a lovely class and lunch, Celia.

Submitted by Marilyn Siegel



THE KNEE

By Ray Mckinley
RaysKnee@gmail.com

Last Sunday in church, one of the songs was the old Judy Collins hit “Who Knows Where the Time Goes?” Who does know where it goes? My goodness, (this is a family column; otherwise I would have started Holy Sh_t) it’s July! Time does fly. No matter how hot and muggy it is, the days are now getting shorter. And we are now on the slippery slope towards our favorite season—ski season. Whooppee!

How hot is it? It depends on where you are. I just talked to the folks at the Ski Liberty Mountain. It has been record hot there--so hot (sic) that it has now been 31 days since they had their last overnight freeze!

We are quixotic. Six months ago we were ruing winter. We had snow storms and a near record snow season for the Washington DC area. We longed for non-icy pavements and warm temperatures. Now, it’s summer. Whoopee! Soon the dreaded “Bermuda High” will appear. We’ve had lots of hot, humid, hazy days followed by hot, humid nights. The good news is that we are now on the downhill path toward winter. They have danced at Stonehenge on the longest day of the year, June 21, summer solstice. It can change by a day due to the 400-year leap year cycle and a bit of polar wobbling—called nutation. (Years ago it was called oldtation.) That completes the educational portion of the Knee.

According to The Vermont Ski Areas Association the state had another stellar season with 4.5 million skier and rider visits.

The number is about the same as last year's. Preliminary figures of the National Ski Areas Association show that the 2013-14 count puts Vermont first in the East and number three in the country for skier and rider visits. The states with more skier days than Vermont are Utah and, of course, Louisiana.

Bill and Bonnie Sweeney stopped by the DC area whilst continuing their multi-year odyssey to motorboat completely around the Eastern US. (They leave their boat at a marina over winter.) You can read all about their trip, including their tussle with twin white tigers in Kentucky (would the Knee ever lie to you?), in

their blog, elissa2.blogspot.com. It’s quite interesting reading.

Go West Young Man, Go West: If you have lots of time you can follow in the tracks of Gisela and John Storm. They are just back from a seven week, 7,000 mile auto trip of Texas and the Southwest. They were disappointed; In June the skiing wasn’t very good.

Or alternatively you could Go East. That’s what Mary Ellena Ward and Jim Slack are doing. They are headed to Russia. They start in St. Petersburg then go to Archangel on Russia’s Karelian peninsula. There they will board a ship and cruise around northernmost Finland, through a period of 24-hour-a-day sunlight, and end up in Norway in early August. They also will not ski. Kneet.

Our treasurer, Dick Laeser, missed the most recent ExCom meeting. He was on Cape Cod celebrating his 25th an~~knee~~everser~~knee~~ with spouse, Sandy. Another Kneet idea.



Time to plan for next winter

Cataracts are again news for PVSers. Celia Chen just had both eyes done. And Betty Comerford is in the midst of the process. The Knee’s were replaced several years ago. So now my vision is about 20/25 rather than the 20/500 it was. Eye see.

Citing the New York Times, Marvin Hass noted that the beer will flow at the Snowbird Oktoberfest after the state liquor board backed off its warning that the long-running German celebration could go dry this year.

Utah’s state liquor board just voted unanimously to grant a license for Snowbird Ski Resort’s 12-week event, now in its fourth decade. Resort managers say next to a fresh batch of snow, Oktoberfest, which begins Aug 16, is a big draw bringing in 60,000 people.

The state relaxed its heavy-handed liquor laws in 2009, when it stopped requiring bars to operate as members-only social clubs.



PVS Calendar 2014:

- July 04 Fri Invitation to Play Golf, Lesjaks, Massanutten 4 Season Ski and Gold Resort, VA
- July 26 Sat Summerfest, Heitchue party room, 3:00 PM, Reston, VA
- Aug 02 Sat Annapolis Cruise, Leonhardts; and BBQ, Heitchue, Chesapeake Bay, MD
- Aug 16 Sat Steak and Swim, Hines, Delaplane, VA
- Aug 26 Tues ExCom meeting (telephone)
- Oct 09 Thu Hike/Walk (3.7 Miles) around Clopper Lake in Great Seneca Park, 10:30 AM, Ruth Healey

Ski Trips 2015:



PVS

- January 14-21, 2015: PVS Snowmass, CO (Marianne Soponis)
- January 31-February 7, 2015: PVS/BRSC Mt. Bachelor/Bend, OR (Cara & Bob Jablon)
- March 6-14, 2015: PVS/BRSC Eurofest to Zillertal, Austria (Inge Lesjak)

Useful Ski "Links"

- Potomac Valley Skiers.....potomacvalleyski.org
- PVS Website login: Username = Member, member, or MEMBER; Password = TOOT
- BRSC Sanctioned Tripsskicouncil.com/tripsbydate.htm
- DC Ski Online Newsdcski.com
- Best of Times Ski Club.....bestoftimeskiclub.org

ExCom Officers, Board Members, & Chairpersons

President – <i>Nancy McKinley</i>	EXCOM: <u>First Term</u> : <i>Inge Lesjak</i> <i>Paul Levy (1-year only)</i> <i>Ellie Thayer</i>
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PVS' 50th Anniversary is Coming Up in 2015!

Want to be involved in planning for the big event?
 Also welcome are suggestions for a venue that will accommodate up to 200 party-goers.
 Contact Nancy McKinley at 703 595 8375
 or at nancymckin@gmail.com



Potomac Valley Skiers

2015 Snowmass, Colorado Ski Trip

Wednesday, January 14-Wednesday, January 21

Trip Details

We will again be staying [slope-side](#) at the Snowmass Mountain Chalet (SMC), just below the Snowmass Mall and from where you can ski directly to the lifts. Check the web-site at 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; luggage handling; a welcome wine & cheese party, an "all guest" hotel sponsored party, a pizza party and a farewell group dinner to celebrate our trip. Trip insurance is available through Encompasse Tours and is [highly suggested](#). 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.

<u>Costs:</u>		<u>Price*</u>
Full Snowmass Package		\$2075
Land only	subtract	\$ 515
Single Supplement	add	\$ 935
Non-skiers	subtract	\$ 272
Add sixth ski day	add	\$ 79

**Senior ticket options are available for members skiing 6 days or more. For members wishing longer stays, we can inquire about room rates.*

Airline Schedule (subject to changes in United schedules):

Jan. 14: United flight #403 at 8:25 AM Dulles to Denver (arrive at 10:32 AM); then flight #6320 at 11:10 AM to Aspen (arrive at 11:56 AM).

Jan. 21: United flight #6320 at 12:31 PM Aspen to Denver (arrive at 1:16 PM) then flight #452 at 1:47 PM to Dulles (arrive at 7:07 PM).

Check United Airlines website for baggage requirements and fees (www.united.com).

Payment Schedule

\$300 deposit is due with application.

Second payment of \$750 is due **August 15th.**

Final payment is due **September 15.**

"Land only" price includes a surcharge to cover costs.

To sign up: Please send

(1) the [Application form](#) -- one per person or one per couple residing at the same address

(2) a [Deposit of \\$300 per person](#) and/or your [payment due](#), and

(3) the [signed Waiver of Liability Agreement](#) by each party taking the trip

to Marianne Sponis at 3513 Quebec St NW, Washington, DC 20016 (make payment to Marianne Sponis, with [PVS Snowmass 2015](#) on the check memo line).

For more information, call Marianne Sponis at 202-363-5250 or 301-332-3039 cell; or, via email at Marianne.sponis@gmail.com.

The co-leader is Nancy Pigman at 202-363-5252. Email is nspigman@mindspring.com.

[The Mountain Chalet](#)

The Snowmass Mountain Chalet is an independent lodge, managed on site, with easy access to the slopes. Each of the 64 rooms has either 2 queen beds or 1 king bed, depending on availability. All rooms have: hair dryer, TV, small refrigerator, etc. The lodge has a nice lounge on the main floor with 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 Noon to 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 to a nearby grocery store, into the town of Aspen, to other Aspen ski areas, and to Glenwood Springs.

Trip Insurance

Trip insurance is recommended. Travel Guard is available through our travel agent, Encompasse Tours at Encompasse.com. (The insurance link will connect you to Travel Guard.) 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 2015 in these circumstances alone. There are several options available, depending on your situation. Please read carefully before choosing.

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).

NOTE: Name changes and itinerary changes will incur additional fees after ticketing of airline seats. Therefore, please take the time to ensure the information you provide is correct, and take note of deadline dates!

Cancellation fees are as follows: *Dates and costs are consistent with requirements and penalties imposed by vendors per contracted agreements.* LAND: \$300 after September 22 until December 1; after that, cost is entirely non-refundable. AIR: Tickets will be issued by November 30. Any cancellations after November 5 will incur a \$50 penalty. Name or itinerary changes after tickets are issued will cost: \$100 up to 8 days prior to departure; \$300 if 7 days before departure. Tickets are non-refundable and non-transferrable once issued.

If you are a “single” participant requesting space on a PVS-endorsed ski trip and need a roommate, we recommend each of you purchase the next level up of insurance to cover you if one of the roommates cancels. Otherwise, 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.

APPLICATION FORM

Potomac Valley Skiers Trip to Snowmass, Colorado, January 14-21, 2015

Name (List both names if a couple) as on your Official ID:

_____ Date of Birth _____

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Address: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

Email: _____

Emergency Contact and Phone: _____

Roommate (if a separate person) - Official name as on ID:

_____ Date of Birth _____

Bedding choice (if available): _____ 1 king or _____ 2 queens

		<u>Price per person</u>	
Full Snowmass Package			\$2075
Land only	subtract		\$ 515
Single Supplement	add		\$ 935
Non-skiers	subtract		\$ 272
Add sixth ski day	add		\$ 79

Please check all appropriate spaces:

Cost (to be filled in by trip leader):

____ Total package with standard air _____

____ or alternate air by Encompassse (different city or dates) _____

____ or land only _____

____ single supplement _____

____ non-skier _____

____ sixth day of skiing? _____

Total price of trip (without extra nights at SMC) \$ _____

Additional nights at SMC: yes _____ no _____ if yes, what dates? _____

Additional comments? _____

Blue Ridge Ski Council Eurofest - Zillertal, Austria

March 6 -14, 2015

Skiing and touring - or just skiing or just touring - it's your choice!

Join us for a fun trip to Austria's most attractive and unique year-round winter sports region with 4 big ski areas: Hintertuxer Glacier at a 3,000 m elevation, Lanersbach-Eggalm, Finkenberg, and Mayrhofen-Penken at 2,000 m with plenty of runs for all skiing abilities. We will be staying at Bad Hotel Kirchler in Hintertux, offering all the services and amenities you'd expect from a four-star family-owned hotel in Austria: charming rooms, friendly service, local cuisine, thermal pool, sauna, spa, shuttle bus service to the glacier lift and more...

- Ski in pleasant Tyrolean surroundings with or without guide. Enjoy local cuisine and entertainment. Example <http://www.universal-music.de/die-jungen-zillertaler/videos/detail/video:157216/so-a-schoener-tag-fliegerlied>.
- Experience sightseeing tours to Innsbruck, Swarovski Crystal World, Munich and more.
- Extend your European trip to Vienna, Austria, and/or Bled, Slovenia, via motorcoach.

1. BASIC PACKAGE PRICE PER PERSON: \$2,460.00 double occupancy. Add \$475.00 for Single Room.

INCLUDES:

- a) Current round trip airfare from Dulles to Munich and all current taxes and fuel surcharges (taxes and fuel surcharges are subject to change). Round trip luxury charter coach from the airport to the hotel. The ride is just 2 hours 30 minutes from the airport to the hotel.
- b) 7 nights lodging, double occupancy, at the 4-star Hotel Kirchler.
- c) 7 full breakfast buffets, après ski savory and sweet snacks, and 7 full dinners daily.
- d) BRSC Welcome Party on arrival in Germany with traditional Bavarian refreshments at an historic lakeside brauhaus: **Bräustüberl Tegernsee**, Germany.
- e) Two BRSC après ski parties, Austrian style.
- f) **Trip insurance** with **Travel Safe** on a group basis **is included in everyone's package**.

2. OPTIONAL DAY TRIPS are planned to **Salzburg**: just 2 hours away - visit the Castle, Mozart's Birthplace the Mirabell Palace or just cruise the famous pedestrian shopping street. **Swarovski World and Old Town Innsbruck**. Germany: **The Romantic Road to Bavaria**, **Munich**: WWII History Tour of Munich and more.

3. Sample Air Itineraries:

From Dulles Non-Stop on Lufthansa or United:

Lufthansa 415	Depart Dulles 9:55pm	Arrive Munich 12:20pm
Lufthansa 414	Depart Munich 3:55pm	Arrive Dulles 7:35pm

OR

United 974	Depart Dulles 5:41pm	Arrive Munich 7:30am
United 975	Depart Munich 11:am	Arrive Dulles 2:56pm

Flights confirmed for Passengers taking Slovenia pre-trip and/or Vienna add-on

Lufthansa 415	Depart Dulles 9:55pm	Arrive Munich 12:20pm
Austrian Air 93	Depart Vienna 10:25am	Arrive Dulles 3:35pm

4. The Ski Lift Pass is known as the “SuperSkiPass” and it covers the entirety of the Zillertal Valley.

For example, the cost for 4 out of 6 days is 183.00 Euros, approx. \$256.00

5 out of 7 days is 215.00 Euros, approx. \$301.00

When you consider there are six ski areas a short ride away on the free bus service all covered by one lift pass it clearly offers more than enough skiing variety for everyone. Even if you don’t get around to all of the areas, we recommend the Hintertux glacier as one in particular that is well worth exploring. The Hintertux glacier and the Spannagel caves, easily accessible by cable car and gondola, are very popular with skiers and non-skiers alike. The views from the top of the mountain are breathtaking.

5. Deposit/Cancellation Policies: Initial Deposit: **\$200.00 per person due July 10, 2014;**

\$500.00 per person due September 10, 2014; \$800.00 per person due October 10, 2014; \$500.00 per person due November 10, 2014; final payment due December 10, 2014. If the due date for a payment has passed, then please pay the past and present deposits.

Please make checks out to Inge Lesjak and mail to: Inge Lesjak, 8123 Kingsview Ct, Springfield, VA 22152

All individual trip cancellations must be submitted in writing:

July 15, 2014 – October 14, 2014	No penalty
October 15, 2014 – November 14, 2014	\$200.00 per person
November 15, 2014 – December 9, 2014	\$650.00 per person
December 10, 2014 – Departure	Full forfeiture

Trip Options: including airfare from Dulles on Lufthansa nonstop to Munich, GE and Trip Insurance with Travel Safe.

- 1. 7 days Zillertal only/ 6 – 14 March:** Hotel Kirchler with breakfast buffet and dinner daily, après ski parties, bus service to the ski slopes - **\$2,460.00** (deduct \$950/no air).
- 2. 4 days Bled, Slovenia, plus 7 days Zillertal/ 2 – 14 March - \$2,935.00.**
Lakeview accommodations at Parkhotel**** in Bled with breakfast and dinner daily, motor coach transportation, sightseeing trips to Monastery Brezje, to Ljubljana, the capital city of Slovenia and to Kobarid, the famous World War I museum featuring Ernest Hemingway, the ambulance driver. Or, weather permitting, go skiing! Option: Stop at ELAN ski factory outlet store. On Saturday, 7 March, we join the group in Hintertux.
- 3. 7 days Zillertal plus 3 days Vienna/ 6 – 17 March - \$2,900.00.**
Depart Hintertux by motor coach via Salzburg and Melk Abbey on the Danube, to Vienna. A full breakfast is included daily at our 4-star hotel, the Parkhotel Schoenbrunn. The U-Bahn stop in front of the hotel will be the starting point to take you anywhere in Vienna. On Saturday, 17 March, we fly home from Vienna via Austrian Air to Washington, DC.
- 4. 4 days Bled plus 7 days Zillertal plus 3 days Vienna/ 2 – 17 March - \$3,375.00.**

For information/reservation contact Inge Lesjak, your PVS trip leader ingelesjak@aol.com or call 703-869-7248 c Your Family and Friends are welcome!

**RELEASE, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY
AGREEMENT PERTAINING TO ALL SKI TRIPS**

(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), 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 or 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 1: _____ Date _____

Printed Name of Participant 1: _____

Signature of Participant 2 (if any): _____ Date _____

Printed Name of Participant 2: _____

Trip Location: _____ **Dates of Trip** _____

Address:

Home Phone: _____ Other Phone: _____

Email Address:

Roommate (if not listed above) _____