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### President's Message:

#### **Hello Again, PVS Friends!**

Can you believe that it is June already? Suddenly the weather is warm, the trees have bloomed, gardens are being planted, and summer activities and travels are in the works. This month David and I will be heading to Vermont for my fifty-fifth college reunion, and then to Southern France for a river trip, with a layover in Istanbul. Before heading out, we are sending in our reservation for the club's Jubilee celebration on Nov. 1, and urge you to do so also.



This is also the time to "think snow" and send in deposits for the club's ski trips. We have three great trips planned for next year: Snowmass Colorado, Snowbird Utah, and Madonna di Campiglio Italy. Find the short descriptions on pages 7-9 in this TOOT. Trip fliers with complete details and applications will accompany the July TOOT, but don't wait to contact the trip leaders and reserve your space. You will also find links for our networking clubs, Best of Times and, of course, BRSC on page 13 of the TOOT.

We enjoyed a great social time hosted by the Storms for our May meeting, and look forward to our June event at Julie Perlman's home in Potomac. Bob Kramer, our VP, will lead the meeting in my stead (did I mention I would be traveling?). In July and August, club events will include a July 4 Golf outing at Massanutten sponsored by Inge Lesjak, our annual Summerfest "all-trips party" in July (to be announced), and the Steak and Swim party at the home of Marianne and Kerry Hines in Delaplane, VA on August 15. Other summer and fall events are in the planning. Stay tuned and let us know if you have a suggestion.

We are pleased to announce that the transfer of Treasurer duties from Dick Laeser to Dick Schwartzbard has been accomplished. Members should now send requests for reimbursement to Dick Schwartzbard (find his address in the membership roster). Once again, we want to thank Dick Laeser for his seven plus years of managing our treasury with such elegance and accuracy. Welcome aboard, Dick S.!!

I'll see you in July!

*Carolyn DeVilbiss*

***PVS Monthly Meeting, June 16, 2015, 7:30 PM***

***At the home of Julie Perlman***

***10517 Stable Lane***

***Potomac, MD 20854***

***[mstpjgp@gmail.com](mailto:mstpjgp@gmail.com), 301-299-5618***

***directions, page 2***

**10517 Stable Lane  
Potomac, MD 20854**

***From Virginia on 495:*** take the first exit after American Legion Bridge (Carderock, Great Falls) and take left fork toward Great Falls, Carderock. You will be on the Clara Barton Parkway. Stay on it until it ends at MacArthur Blvd. Turn left. At the first stop sign, turn right onto Brickyard Road. Take the first left onto Stable Lane. Home is in second block on the right.

***From Maryland on 495:*** take the same exit and follow directions as above.

***From the District:*** take Canal Road to Clara Barton and follow above or take route from your home to 495 and follow above.

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***Coming Event***

**INVITATION TO PLAY GOLF – JULY 4, 2015**

Where? Massanutten Four Seasons Ski and Golf Resort  
<http://massresort.com>

When? Saturday, July 4, 2015

Dear Golfer, Friend of Nature:

As in previous years, under the leadership of Commander John Storm, long time President of Over The Hill Ski Club, we are inviting you to join us at Massanutten, Virginia for our traditional Golf Tournament governed by the Rules of Golf and the Rules of Amateur Status of the US Golf Association.



Pre-registration for prospective players is via email to [lesjak.inge@gmail.com](mailto:lesjak.inge@gmail.com) or by phone - 703 869 7248, with a closing date of June 30.

The tournament will be played on Saturday, July 4.

We meet at the Woodstone Meadows Golf Course. Tee Time is 10:00 am



The cost of \$35, which covers the green fee, golf cart, and tournament party.

The after-the-tournament “all you can eat and drink” party will be at the Lesjak’s residence at 4986 Nicklaus Lane in Massanutten.

For non-golfers or for those of us who would like to be golfers but did not have a chance to pick up the game, there are walking and driving trails for you to explore Massanutten Resort or the nearby Skyline Drive.

*Coming Event*

## *Special Event !!!*

Join us at the 25<sup>th</sup> (\*not\* annual) PVS



# STEAK AND SWIM

At the residence and pool of Marianne and Kerry Hines  
Saturday, August 15, 2015, at 3pm, Rain or Shine  
11019 John Marshall Highway, Delaplane, VA

This is PVS' oldest annual (or almost annual) club event! Celebrate summer at the Hines' beautiful Delaplane, VA home where the livin' is good --- and the steaks - oh my! Limited to 30. Reserve now! Deadline to sign up or cancel: August 7.

**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 7.

To sign up, phone Kerry or Marianne 540 364-4810, or email [mchines@erols.com](mailto:mchines@erols.com) to tell them what you'll bring.



*Join Us!*

## **The PVS Jubilee**

**50 Years of Skiing and Enjoying Life Together**

**Sunday, November 1, 2015**

**6 to 10 p.m.**

## **At the Top of the Town**

**1400 14th Street North, Arlington, Virginia 22209**

**(Free parking is available)**

## **The Program**

**Cocktail Hour followed by a Buffet Dinner,**

**Music and Dancing, and...**

**Some stories, a few speeches and fun!**

## **The Details**

- **Black Tie Optional**
- **Cost:** \$85 per person for this fabulous event!  
(\$75 if paid by September 1, 2015)
- **Send payment to:** Nancy McKinley (Registration sheet attached)



**PVS Jubilee Registration**

Sunday, November 1, 2015

**at Top of the Town**

**1400 14th Street North, Arlington, Virginia 22209**

6 to 10 p.m.

Name (s):

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Address:

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ e-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Reservations: \_\_\_\_\_

Check, *made out to Potomac Valley Skiers*, enclosed for: \_\_\_\_\_

(\$85 per person or \$75 if paid by September 1, 2015)

Do you need a ride? \_\_\_\_\_(yes) \_\_\_\_\_ (no)

Are you willing to "give" a ride? \_\_\_\_\_(yes) \_\_\_\_\_ (no)

**NOTE:** Arrangements for lodging have been made at the Holiday Inn, 1900 N. Fort Myer Drive, Arlington, VA, under the name of Potomac Valley Skiers. Guests may call 703-807-2000 to make their own arrangements. The hotel is well situated for a quick drive or taxi to the Top of the Town.

**Please send registration and check to:** Nancy McKinley, 1805 Crystal Drive,  
Unit 813, Arlington, VA 22202-4406

## SKI TALK

June 2015

Planning and executing ski trips are tasks that go on throughout the year. As soon as a ski season is over, we are into planning for the next year. In fact, the Blue Ridge Ski Council (BRSC), of which we are a part, plans a couple years in advance. The first weekend in May was a busy ski planning time. The **Ski Travel Show** took



place May 1 at the Tysons Marriott. Ten PVSers attended. During this show, we get to talk to representatives from ski resorts and also the vendors who plan our ski trips. The following day, the semi-annual BRSC meeting was held. Carolyn DeVilbiss, Inge Lesjak and I attended. Representatives from various Council clubs discussed past and future trips and vote on trips for the future. For the first time, **BRSC is adding an eastern ski trip (Winter Fest)**. This trip will be to **Lake Placid** and will take place **February 21-26, 2016**. This is an opportunity for an aspiring trip leader. Let me know if anyone would like to lead a PVS contingent to Lake Placid next February.

We are excited about our 2016 ski trips. See fliers in this TOOT. By popular demand, we are going back to **Snowmass**. The big news in Snowmass is that they are replacing the High Alpine Lift (that takes 11 minutes to ascend to the top) with a high-speed quad, which will take 5.6 minutes! This improvement will make getting to two of my favorite slopes (The Edge and Upper Green Cabin) much faster and easier. In fact, I am told that this will eliminate the long walk to Upper Green Cabin.

Then, the first week of February, we will go to Snowbird, Utah, with the Blue Ridge Ski Council and stay at the Cliff Lodge. The big news there is that this summer, they are upgrading all of the rooms at the Cliff Lodge. Then at the end of February, Inge Lesjak will lead us to Italy for skiing in the Dolomite resort of Madonna di Campiglio.

Another trip that might be of interest to those who like to get an early start on skiing is the Best of Times ski trip in December to Vail\*. See the information below.

Please support our ski trips by signing up early and sending in your deposit. The leaders need to make deposits to the vendors to secure space on the trips. Contact the ski trip leaders if you have any questions.

Rosemary Schwartzbard  
[rosemaryschw@gmail.com](mailto:rosemaryschw@gmail.com)



### VAIL (DECEMBER 2015)

**\*THE BEST OF TIMES SKI CLUB** is going back to the VAIL MARRIOTT MOUNTAIN RESORT – December 8-16, 2015. Lodge room per person, double: \$805.00. Does not include air or lift ticket but does include three happy hours and farewell dinner at the Left Bank plus ski valet!

Questions and reservations: Eileen Fishkin, [732-617-2438](tel:732-617-2438)

See link for more detailed information: [bestoftimeskiclub.org](mailto:bestoftimeskiclub.org)>skitrips

# **Snowmass, Colorado 2016**

**Wednesday to Wednesday**

**January 13-20, 2016**

Greeting, Skiers!

Yes, it's hard for me to believe too. It's time to talk about skiing plans for 2016.

To get the season off to a good start, we will be going back to the Snowmass Mountain Chalet, our favorite, slope-side "home away from home." Prices are in discussion and I anticipate the cost being similar to last year's package, about \$2000.

We are working with our tour operator and will need to make deposits soon to reserve spaces. Those interested can now register by sending a check in the amount of \$300, payable to Marianne Soponis, with PVS Snowmass 2016 written on the memo line. Send to Marianne Soponis, 3513 Quebec Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20016. Reserve a space now!

- *Snowmass offers direct access to 3,100 acres of skiing, just outside the door.*
- *The skiing terrain totals more than 5,000 acres, with interchangeable lift tickets and free bus service to Aspen Highlands, Ajax Mountain and Buttermilk ski areas.*
- *Lodging at the Chalet includes a daily buffet breakfast and soup lunch, greatly appreciated and served by a friendly, welcoming staff.*
- *The trip will include air fare (or land only), van to and from the airport, ski prices at a great rate, a pre-trip meeting, and events during the trip.*

For information, please contact me at [Marianne.soponis@gmail.com](mailto:Marianne.soponis@gmail.com) or 202-363-5250.



**Hope to see you there!**



**SNOWBIRD, UTAH**  
**PVS/BRSC WESTERN CARNIVAL**  
**January 30 - February 6,**  
**2016**



Join us for the BRSC Western Carnival and stay at the beautiful CLIFF LODGE in Snowbird, Utah. This is a hotel with all amenities: swimming pools, multiple hot tubs, the renowned Cliff Spa and, most important, ski-in, ski-out. It has 2,500 skiable acres, 3,240' vertical drop, and usually 500" of annual snowfall. Tucked away in Utah's Little Cottonwood Canyon, Snowbird has won awards for Best Overall Resort. Famous for its abundance of dry Utah powder, Snowbird offers a wide variety of terrain (27% beginner, 38% intermediate, 35% advanced) that caters to all ability levels. Its 125-person Aerial Tram whisks visitors an impressive 2,900 vertical feet from base to summit in only seven minutes. Off the slopes, there are plenty of dining and nightlife opportunities.



The trip will include:

- Round trip airfare (or just land package); transportation to and from hotel;
- 7 nights lodging double occupancy at Cliff Lodge;
- 4 dinners events (Hotel; BRSC; and PVS);
- Après ski events;
- Option to go to Salt Lake City to see Mormon Tabernacle Choir;
- Snowbird lift tickets, with possible Alta ticket upgrades (no snow boarders at Alta).
- Non-skiers: Cliff Spa \$270 credit; Transportation available to Salt Lake City

Costs:

Full Snowbird Package: \$1,970 Double Occupancy

Land Only: \$1,420

Single Supplement: \$700

More information will be in the July TOOT. Eloise and Mike Strand will be our trip leaders. To sign up for this trip, send a deposit of \$250.00 (note "Snowbird 2016") made out to:

Michael Strand and send to:

5225 Pooks Hill Road, #1412N

Bethesda, MD 20814

For more information contact Mike and Eloise at -- [hrdyna@aol.com](mailto:hrdyna@aol.com)



## **PVS/BRSC present: Eurofest 2016 in Italy, Madonna Di Campiglio, February 26 – March 6, 2016**

- If you like Italian skiing, but want a change from the busy pistes of Sella Ronda, you will love **Campiglio in the Brenta Dolomites –150 km of groomed piste**. Altitude is a respectable 1500-2500m, so good snow is likely ☺
- **Ski-in and out at the Carlo Magno Spa Hotel** with daily breakfast and dinner included; **3 on-site BRSC parties:** Welcome/Après Ski/ Grand Dance. Ski Rental/Lessons/Guides available in-house.
- Round trip airfare from Washington Dulles to Venice, round trip coach to Madonna, plus last night in Venice with breakfast and airport transfer – fly home Sunday, March 6. **BASE PRICE: \$2,550 pp**

### **Contact your Trip Leader**

Inge Lesjak 703-869-7248

[Lesjak.inge@gmail.com](mailto:Lesjak.inge@gmail.com)

*FOR*

- **DETAILED TRIP INFORMATION**
- **“OUT-OF-TOWN”** airline connections
- Pre-and Post  
**TRIP EXTENSIONS**

*Remember:* **EARLY BIRD SIGN UP**  
**Gets a room with a view!**



# Members' Corner



By J. David Warthen, Jr.  
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## **Thank You!**

To those of you who inquired about my 2<sup>nd</sup> hip replacement on April 30, 2015, after the first one on October 16, 2012, I express my deepest thanks for your concerns, prayers, and thoughts. Although more complex than the first replacement, requiring an extra hour in the OR, I was released from the hospital one day earlier than in 2012 and with less swelling. It was nice to be called a 'rock star' by my PT, the day after the operation, when I walked down the hall and climbed a set of stairs. The advances available to us as technology marches forward are truly remarkable, and I feel very fortunate.

--J. D. Warthen

## **Congratulations to Other Fully Active Members!**

### **Barry & Kathy Lake:**

Barry and Kathy have enjoyed skiing together for almost 30 years. We started out skiing mostly on the east coast. After our first trip out west to Colorado, we pretty much gave up on east coast skiing. Over the years, we have been lucky enough to be able to take at least 1 ski trip a year, mostly to Colorado and Utah. We have also taken 2 European trips, to Switzerland & Austria, as well as, 2 Canadian trips. This past January, we thoroughly enjoyed our first PVS trip to Snowmass. Everybody was so welcoming. It was also our first time to the Aspen/Snowmass area. Looking forward to many more PVS trips.

We currently live in Oakton, Virginia with our collie girl. Barry is a computer project manager. Kathy sells real estate. When not skiing or working, we also enjoy time at the beach

### **Tom & Mary Tycz:**

I began skiing in the late 60s during college in Massachusetts. On 'bad' snow days when classes were cancelled, my three roommates and I headed to New Hampshire for a ski day. When I moved to the Washington area, I skied the local mountains with friends and in New Hampshire over the holidays. Later, as I traveled to Geneva, Switzerland, for business, and schedule permitting, I skied in France, Switzerland or Austria.

After meeting my wife, Mary, we skied each Christmas holiday in Vermont, often with her siblings or parents. As soon as our two sons felt comfortable being on skis, we skied as a family during the holidays. Mary and I continue to ski with our two sons when their work permits. Since 2003, I have been skiing with a group of mostly retired guys, including PVS member Dick Parlow, using Salt Lake City as a base. There are 9 to 16 of us depending on the year. We normally ski 8 different mountains for 8 days. This year, Mary and I also skied Okemo twice. I skied 19 days this year and intend to increase that yearly number in the coming years.

I am an electronics engineer and retired Senior Executive from the Federal Communications Commission where I was chief of the Satellite Division responsible for authorizing all commercial satellites and earth stations that serve the USA. I am currently employed as a senior policy advisor at a law firm, consulting on satellite and wireless communications regulatory matters. I have travelled extensively in my interesting career, primarily to Europe and the Americas. I represented the United States at many international radio conferences and meetings. Through my work, 35 years ago I met PVS member and my sponsor Dick Parlow. (Dick played matchmaker between Mary and me.)

Mary and I live in Falls Church, VA. We are joining PVS to meet new friends to ski with during some of the great PVS ski trips and are looking forward to the 2015-2016 PVS ski season. Life is good!

## **Profiles of the Other 3 Fully Active Members are Welcomed!**



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### **Roster Changes: <[dwarthen@verizon.net](mailto:dwarthen@verizon.net)>**

-A. Kaldun Nossuli <[Knossuli1@gmail.com](mailto:Knossuli1@gmail.com)> (new)

## Past Event

### PVS May 19, 2015 Meeting At the Home of John and Gisela Storm

The May 19, 2015 meeting was held at the home of Gisela and John Storm. Once again, Gisela and John opened their beautiful Kingstowne home to our club for an evening of food and friendship. There was a beautifully set table with meatballs, canapés of minced chicken, and also ham. Inge Lesjak brought deviled eggs. After the business meeting there were plates of brownies, cookies, and mini doughnuts, as well as coffee and tea.



*Gisela & John Storm*

Our new President, Carolyn DeVilbiss, started the business meeting around 8:15 pm. She announced that Dick Laeser had retired as Treasurer and Dick Schwartzbard has assumed those duties.

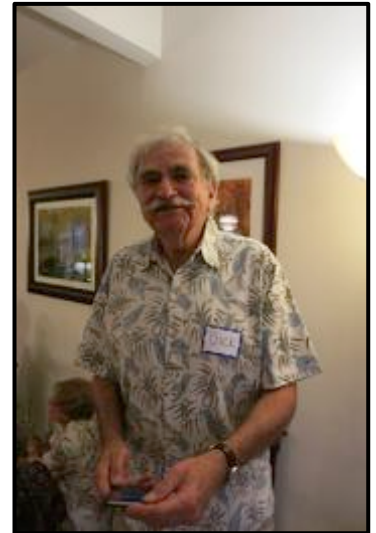
Rosemary Schwartzbard talked about the 50<sup>th</sup> Golden Jubilee Anniversary party to be held at the Top of the Town in Arlington, Virginia, on Sunday, November 1, 2015. The cost of the all-inclusive evening is \$75.00 before September 1 and \$85.00 after that. Rosemary encouraged early sign up to help with expenses for the party. Registration sheets were set out.

Rosemary reported that ExCom has approved three PVS ski trips for next year. Trip leaders described their plans:

- Marianne Soponis gave a brief description of the January 13 - 20, 2016 ski trip to Snowmass.
- Michael and Eloise Strand will be leading a PVS contingent to Snowbird, Utah January 30 - February 6, 2016, as part of the BRSC Winter Carnival.
- Inge Lesjak reported on the BRSC Eurofest Trip to Madonna di Campiglio, Italy February 26 - March 6, 2016.

In Program Chair Ray McKinley's absence (he and Nancy are traveling this month), Carolyn announced the next planned PVS activities:

- May ExCom meeting will be by phone on Tuesday, May 26, at 7:30 PM.
- June 16 PVS monthly meeting will be at Julie Perlman's house in Potomac. Vice President Bob Kramer will lead the meeting while Carolyn is traveling.
- June ExCom meeting not set, probably June 30 by conference call.
- July 4 golf event will be held at Massanutten, VA, sponsored by Inge Lesjak.
- July Summerfest, "all-trips party," TBA.
- August 15 Steak and Swim will again be held at the home of Marianne and Kerry Hines in Delaplane, VA.
- And, of course, the November 1 Golden Jubilee.



*New Treasurer  
Dick Schwartzbard*

There were 33 members and two guests at the May 19 meeting. Many thanks again to Gisela and John for hosting our meeting.



*Submitted by Marna Blanchette*



*THE*

*KNEE*

by Ray McKinley

[RaysKnee@gmail.com](mailto:RaysKnee@gmail.com)

The June Knee is vacationing in the Balkans.

**PVS Calendar 2015:**



- Jun 16 Tue Monthly Meeting, 7:30 PM, Julie Perlman, Potomac, MD
- Jun 30 Tue ExCom Meeting, 7:30 PM, Telephonic
- Jul 04 Sat Woodstone Meadows Golf Course, Massanutten, VA, Tee Time-10:00 am
- Jul Summerfest "all-trips-party) (TBA)
- Aug 15 Sat Steak & Swim at Kerry & Marianne Hines, Delaplane, VA, 3:00 PM
- Aug 25 Tue ExCom Meeting, 7:30 PM, Telephonic
- Nov 01 Sun PVS Golden Jubilee at Top of the Town, Arlington, VA, 6-10:00 PM, [topofthetown.net](http://topofthetown.net)

**PVS Ski Trips 2016:**



- January 13-20, 2016: PVS Snowmass, CO (Marianne Soponis)
- January 30-February 6, 2016: PVS/BRSC Western Carnival - Snowbird, UT (Strands)
- February 26-March 6, 2016: PVS/BRSC Eurofest 2016 Italy, Madonna Di Campiglio (Inge Lesjak)

**Useful Ski "Links"**

- Potomac Valley Skiers..... [potomacvalleyski.org](http://potomacvalleyski.org)
- PVS Website login: Username = Member, member, or MEMBER; Password = TOOT
- BRSC Sanctioned Trips..... [skicouncil.com/tripsbydate.htm](http://skicouncil.com/tripsbydate.htm)
- DC Ski Online News..... [dcski.com](http://dcski.com)
- Best of Times Ski Club ..... [bestoftimeskiclub.org](http://bestoftimeskiclub.org) >Ski Trips

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