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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

PVS just launched its First Annual Pre-Trip Party for leaders of the four sanctioned trips to talk extensively about their individual trips. It was a successful meeting/party. Read more about it inside.

I want to heartily thank our four trip leaders and their assistants for getting us off the ground. A special thanks to Charlie Huggins and Norm Engelman for their hard but fruitless efforts on the Winterpark trip. Better luck next time!

The Ski Club of Washington, D. C. has invited Blue Ridge Council members, including PVSers, to join them for their annual fall picnic on September 24. This will be at the U.S. Coast Guard Station near Alexandria and features food and games. Cost is \$11 if signed up in advance. Call Barb Lebenberg (703-591-8166) for info or reservations. This is a good chance to mingle with other area skiers.

Hope everyone has a good summer -- and keep your eye on coming activities.

Mary Jane McCarthy, President

COMING EVENTS -

LU BEALE'S 80th BIRTHDAY EXTRAVAGANZA

Don't miss out on this once-in-a-lifetime event to be held on Saturday, August 6, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the historic COSMOS CLUB. The Club is located at 2121 Massachusetts Avenue between 21st Street and Florida Avenue, N.W. Valet parking is available for \$5.00. Call Marilyn Clark for a reservation.

BLACK TIES ARE OPTIONAL FOR BOTH MEN AND WOMEN!

Your friendship is a cherished gift. We respectfully request no others. Lu only consented to the party on the basis that there would be no gifts.

DINING OUT GROUP - Wednesday, August 10, 1994

Special Dining Out Group and Concert. We will meet at the Strathmore Hall Arts Center, 10701 Rockville Pike in Rockville, Md. Join us for picnic dinner at 6:30 p.m. and outdoor concert by the <u>PEABODY</u> RAGTIME ENSEMBLE at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 10.

The choices for picnic dinner are:

- (1) Full dinners are available for sale starting at 6:30. The dinners are made available by O'Brien's Pit Barbecue of Rockville.
- (2) Bring your own special gourmet picnic dinner.

The Concert is FREE. Parking is \$2. Bring a lawn chair or blanket for sitting on the grass.

Directions: Strathmore Hall Arts Center is just next to Grosvenor Metro Center (on North Side of Metro) at Tuckerman Lane and Rockville Pike. From the Beltway go north on the Pike (Rte. 355) about 1/2 mile. Strathmore Hall is on the right (east) side. Coming south on Rockville Pike, Strathmore Hall is on the left just before the Beltway exit.

For additional details of the dinner arrangements, please call John Smith or Pat Tengel at 301-299-8376. Otherwise just come--we don't need to know the number of people ahead of time this month.

TUBING ON THE SHENANDOAH - August 13, 1994

Last call for a day of peacefully floating down the Shenandoah River on inner tubes. It's a great way to spend a hot summer afternoon! Things to bring: hat, wettable rafting shoes, sunscreen, lunch and beverages and a cooler if you have one (we can rent extra tubes for coolers), towel and dry clothes for the trip home. We meet at Cooper School at 8AM to carpool to Luray. To reach Cooper School: from outer loop of Beltway, exit at VA 193, turn left at light, cross Beltway and turn right at second light, Ball's Hill Rd. From inner loop, exit at VA 193, turn right at light and right at next light into Ball's Hill Rd.

Call Shirley Rettig at (703) 836-0117 by August 5. Ten spaces are reserved, but we have to give the outfitters a headcount by Aug. 6.

CANCELLATION NOTICE Charlie Huggins announces the Winterpark Ski trip has been cancelled because of a lack of interest. (Sob)

MISSING ANYTHING? Marilyn Clark has a yellow tray which someone left behind after the pre-ski-trip party. Call her if it is yours. 703-978-9435.

A DAY AT THE FLAKES - Saturday, August 20

This event is limited and now full. Call Margaret Wyckoff (301-589-5532) to check on wait list. If you have a

*PICNIC! (301-589-5532) to check on wait list. If you have a reservation and find you can't come, please let her know

*SWIM! right away.

*SAIL! THIS IS A FAIR WEATHER EVENT--cancelled in case of rain.

If conditions are questionable, call Joan Flake, 410-267-0729.

Bring your own burger, steak, whatever your pleasure, to grill. Plus a dessert or salad to share. For a small fee, beverages and utensils, etc., will be provided. Come anytime after 1 p.m.--supper will be around 5 p.m.

Directions: Take Rte. 50 to Exit 22 at Annapolis. Sign reads #665, Aris T. Allen Blvd. Follow this road to end of bypass which becomes Forest Drive and then Bay Ridge Road and then Farragut Avenue. Enter gates for BAY RIDGE. Turn left inside gates and then follow East Lake Drive to the right to #40.

ANNUAL CRAB FEST - September 3, 1994

At Betty Lawrence's house, rain or shine. Call
Betty (703-759-0471) as to whether you want
crabs or will bring your own hot dog or whatever. If you order crabs, you must cancel by
August 30 or you will be responsible for the cost of the crabs, which
will be approximately \$15. Also tell her whether you will bring
hors d'oeuvre, salad or dessert. And don't forget your bathing suit!

Directions to 525 Haven Lane, Great Falls: Take Beltway Exit 13 onto Route 193 (Georgetown Pike) toward Great Falls. Drive 6.3 miles to Great Falls where you turn right on Walker Road. Go 1.1 mile to left on Squires Trail. At the end of the road, turn left onto Haven Lane and proceed to \$525 on the left. Come after 2:30; dinner at 5 p.m.

FALL WEEKEND AT BEAUTIFUL REHOBOTH - October 15-17

Don't forget to reserve soon for the weekend at the Barry's. This event is <u>limited</u>. \$75 per person includes lodging, welcome cocktail party on Friday, breakfast and lobster dinner on Saturday, and brunch on Sunday. Call the Barrys 1-302-227-0547 or 302-227-7000.

SIXTEENTH ANNUAL OKTOBERFEST - October 8

The annual ingesting of beer, sausages, sauerkraut, etc. plus Oompah music will again be at the Ward & Slack farm. Reserve your place now (limited to 60) with Margaret Wyckoff at 301-589-5532 and tell her what you want to bring. More details in next TOOT.

PAST EVENTS

Pre-Trip Party: On July 16, about 35 PVSers and guests showed up at Dick and Marilyn Clark's for the first annual pre-trip party. After an introductory happy hour, we got down to the main business of the evening on the Clarks' deck. After the trip presentations, Ray McKinley followed with an interesting video on Whistler. After the meeting, it seemed as though dozens of desserts were put out. This reporter felt that theoretically it was his pleasant duty to sample each dessert, but in reality this proved impossible, and he can only say that those he tasted were delicious, and the others looked just as good. Many thanks to Marilyn and Dick for hosting this enjoyable party. ... Bob Harmon

SKI TRIPS

ASPEN, CO - Jan. 13-24. Ten ski, two travel days. Leaders: Dina Taylor plus Serge Triau, who has graciously agreed to be assistant leader.

ATTENTION!! IMPORTANT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Air travel has been booked with United Airlines from Dulles to Denver, with continuation to Aspen by deluxe motor coach. On the return trip, Dina was fortunate to get a flight leaving from Eagle, CO to Denver; then on to Dulles. Group rate for air travel plus motor coach, including departure and airport taxes is only \$482 per person.

Adding this cost to the previously published land package gives a total price per category:

A - \$1377 B - 1317 C - \$1272 D - \$1112

Flight Schedules:

--United Flight #315, Friday, Jan. 13, 1995, leaving Dulles 6:30 a.m., arriving Denver 8:00 a.m.

--Tuesday, Jan. 24 - Flt. 1442, leaving Eagle at 1:15 p.m., arriving Denver 2:05 p.m. Flt. 250, leaving Denver 3:30 p.m., arriving Dulles 8:34 p.m.

Prices are subject to change. Need more info? Call Dina, 301-663-6089.

February 18 - 26, 1995, an unforgettable PVS trip to SKI WHISTLER AND BLACKCOMB, CANADA

- -- Snow Country Magazine's # 1 rated ski resort 4 straight years
- -- One mile vertical (5280 feet) & 6,998 skiable acres-both the greatest in North America

-- 29 lifts including 9 high-speed quads and 2 high-speed gondolas

-- Huge open bowls, European skiing this side of the Atlantic & 465" of snow last season

-- 7 nights ON-SLOPE accommodations at Le Chamois, a small, luxury hotel

-- A day in Vancouver with gracious lodging at the CP Hotel Vancouver

-- 3 superb Dinners, pre - & post -trip Parties, apres ski Happy Hours

-- Round trip air from Washington to Vancouver, all transfers, & a 5 of 6 day ski pass

This luxurious 9 day, 8 night, 4 Star trip is only \$1248 (\$1198 for 65+). Some 50 have already signed up. The trip is now virtually full. For more information call Nancy or Ray McKinley at (703) 527-7126.

POTOMAC VALLEY SKIERS, INC. INVITES YOU TO SKI WATERVILLE VALLEY, NEW HAMPSHIRE Sunday March 19-26, 1995 SUNDAY TO SUNDAY PVS MOST COMPLETE FINANCIAL TRIP Bu Jack Peoples & Myron Marquardt

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artial or full payment for a reservation on the Potomac Valley Skiers, Inc. PVS) sponsored trip shall constitute consent to all provisions stated herein.

VS, its officers, its representatives, its agents or its members shall not be responsible for personal injuries, property damage or loss, delay or the hange of iternary to any person or trip participant which arises out of the act of any air carrier, hotel or other persons rendering any services, accommotations and transportation arrangements being offered, or by reason of any circumstances beyond the control of PVS or due to to force majeure.

OVS designated Trip Leaders, should the circumstances demand, have the right to substitute hotels of similar or better category and to change transportation schedules. In the event of such changes, no refund or credit will be provided if accommodations, services and transportation arrangements are of comparable or better quality or standards to those which were to be provided during the same time period. Any such change shall not modify the cancellation provisions. No credit will be allowed or refund given for any service included as part of the trip and not used by individual participants unless agreed to by the Trip Leaders in advance.

If the trip is cancelled for any reason whatsoever, PVS shall only be responsible to make an effort to obtain the maximum refund of the payments previously made for the trip from the person to whom the payment had been made, and there shall not be any further obligation on the part of PVS, its representatives, its agents or its members.

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THE KNEE

by ... Ray McKinley

Hot, humid, hazy, sultry summer. (Has

the Knee written these words before? Perhaps last August?) Ankneeway, let me try to ease the heat and offer you some cool ski words.

"Cool ski words."

Actually, I do have some. Nancy and the Knee skied on July 3--at Whistler in Canada. They had 5 cm (about 2 inches) of new snow on July 2 and another cm on July 3. They have a problem--whether to count it for last winter or for next winter. We should have such problems!

More ubiquitous PVS, the Next Generation. While chatting with Chuck and Alexa McGrath's son, Joan Flake discovered he works with the Flakes' son and daughter. All are avid skiers.

In going through some old papers, <u>Jamie Miller</u> found the flyer for the first ski trip he ran "several" years ago for SCWDC (which stands for Some Club in Wilmington, Delaware C). The cost to Stowe for a week, including lifts and bus, was \$82 single and \$71 double. (No, there's no missing "0".)

Marijane Harper was on Jamie's first trip. She and hubby, <u>Don</u>, haven't been to many PVS meetings lately, in part because they have been to seven weddings in 1994! And <u>Don</u> is also learning to play golf--currently he's just puttering around.

Just back from an elderhostel in Costa Rica is Shirley Rettig. She loved it, except for being with a group of avid bird watchers and having to stop frequently to look for birds. Shirley, you should have suspected something when you signed up for a cheep trip.

"Cool ski words."

After a year of housesitting on Cape Cod, <u>Carol Parmenter</u> returned home to Baltimore. Immediately thereafter she left for her annual summer getaway-to Cape Cod.

<u>Bob Harmon</u> is just back from Maine. He went up to get a fresh infusion of accent. Later this summer, he and <u>Irene Farrell</u> are off to California to do some wine tasting. Vine not?

Fumiko Marquardt's 19-year-old nephew is visiting from Japan. They hope he'll join some PVS events. Kneet.

On the other side of the world, Aina Thomas is just back from a month in Latvia, and Edith Rabinovitz has just returned from Russia.

"Cool ski words."

After hosting 2 PVS events in 3 days, <u>Dick and Marilyn Clark</u> are off to their Finger Lakes, NY cabin. They held a planning meeting and then hosted our highly successful, first-ever, summer pre-ski-season party.

Our first July pre-ski party brought out some PVSers we haven't seen in a while--Sally Philbrook and exPVSer,

Pat Cricenti.

Also, up from "Hat-tras" was John Newdorp, spiffy in his Lighthouse Volunteer shirt. John now mans the Lighthouse Visitor Center at the top of the lighthouse 2 days a week. He'll be back in town August 6 for Lu Beale's bash. John will bring his new fiancee and fellow lighthouse volunteer, Audrey Conner. Right on.

Pres. Mary Jane McCarthy brought her newest toy--no, not Nat Seeman, a real toy. She clutched a Cabbage Patch doll clone called a "Skier Stress Doll," complete with ski pole in its teeth. It came with Velcro arms, legs and a head that can be ripped off and reattached in all manner of grotesque ways. I find it all quite stressful.

Trip leader <u>Dina Taylor</u> is now recuperating at home after off-season, elective surgery. She expects to be in tip-top shape for the upcoming ski season. <u>Lu Beale</u> is also recuperating after her surgery and is rarin' to go to her 80th birthday bash.

What's Ron Fett doing these days, you might ask. He commutes daily by bicycle to the Smithsonian where he is part of a team computerizing their old photographs. Just picture that!

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Oct. 18 ... PV meeting and Talent Show. Leisure World Clubhouse No. 1. STILL TIME TO SIGN UP with June Kelsay.

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Nov. 15 ... Meeting at Ned and Jaclyn Flaherty's.

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