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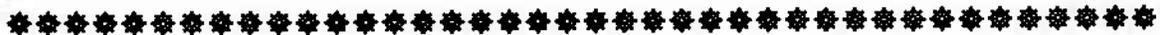
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I was reviewing the scheduled events in the July TOOT and realized once again the great variety of non skiing activities that our club provides throughout the year. I think it is great that for July and August there were over 12 events scheduled including: Biking, Rafting, Golfing, Boating, and other great social activities. If you are talking about the advance planning for these events, Genee and Charles Boykin would win hands down as they already have a museum tour and lunch event scheduled for April 26, 1997 (it isn't full yet but I know people have already signed up for it) . So I would like to thank our Program Chairman for coordinating/scheduling all events and also thank all the many members who plan, schedule, and run all the great activities members can participate in. I am convinced that we have the most fun ski club in the BRSC and maybe in the USA. It is a credit to all the members who make it happen and I say keep it up; it is well appreciated by myself and all members.

Just a side note, everyone signed up for the Val D'Isere ski trip next year should be happy to hear they already got some snow a couple weeks ago. If you were watching the Tour De France on TV, you could see they were peddling through a couple inches of fresh snow in that area!



Serge Triau, President



BOATING WITH THE FLAKES AUGUST 10, 1996

This event is full but call Genee Boykin (703-790-8277) to be on the waitlist.

Call Genee to tell her what food you will bring and to sign up for one of the two boat trips (at one p.m. or 3 p.m.) There is no rain date for this event, so if the weather is questionable, call Genee to check on whether it is on or not.



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

COMING EVENTS

MYSTERY BICYCLE RIDE- Tuesday, August 13, 1996



This bike ride will be about 10 or 20 miles. Starting point: Sailing Marina just south of National Airport.

Directions from Montgomery County & NW DC: Take usual route toward National Airport going south on Mt. Vernon Highway (but do not take airport exit). Take first left exit just south of airport labeled "Daingerfield Island--Sailing Marina, Potomack Landing." Cafe and rest rooms at starting point. Bring bathing suit (outdoor and indoor pools at destination private enclave.) Lunch: bring or purchase at destination snack bar. This event will take place under any weather conditions but bike ride may be modified in the event of morning rain, afternoon thunder showers, or excessive heat. Leaders will even endeavor to provide auto transportation back to starting point to those who wish it. Check with leaders: Marvin Haas (703) 751-4737 or Betty Byrne (202) 483-4048



TUBING ON THE SHENANDOAH ** THURSDAY AUGUST 22, 1996

It's time once again for our annual day of floating down the river on an inner tube. This year we will do a new trip on the Shenandoah just south of Front Royal. Cost: About \$11. Length of trip: 3-4 hours. Things to bring: Drinks, waterproof lunch, hat, sunscreen and sunglasses, wettable shoes, change of clothing for the trip home, towel. We will meet at the Cooper School parking lot at the Beltway and VA 193 at 8:30AM for car-pooling. For more info or just to let us know how many people to expect, call Shirley Rettig at (703) 836-0147.



SECOND ANNUAL PVS GOLF TOURNAMENT Monday, August 26, 1996

Golf at the Gauntlet (Curtis Park)

Green Fee and Cart: \$34.00 Seniors (55 and up) \$24.00

We'll try to have Tee Times start at 9:00 a.m. so we can return before rush hour.

Directions: South on 95 to Exit 133B. North on Rte. 17 for 5.5 miles to Right on 612. Follow signs to Left on Fairway Dr.

Call Burr Schuler (703-660-9159) Or Myron Marquardt (301-460-3269) to sign up.



ANNUAL CRAB FEAST - AUGUST 31, 1996

At Betty Lawrence's house - 525 Haven Lane, Great Falls, VA



Call Betty (703) 759-0471 to sign up, tell her what food you will bring and whether you will be having crabs or bringing your own entree. Come after 2 p.m. for swimming and dinner will be about 5 p.m.

Directions: Take Beltway Exit 13 onto Route 193 (Georgetown Pike) toward Great Falls. Drive 6.3 miles to Great Falls and turn right on Walker Road. Go 1.1 miles to left on Squires Trail. At the end of the road, turn left onto Haven Lane and proceed to #525 on the left.

* * **SPECIAL NOTE** * *

If you have signed up for an event and find that you are unable to attend, please be sure to call and cancel so that someone on the waitlist may be able to go. If you do not cancel, you will be charged , so please be considerate.



Oktoberfest

- When:** SATURDAY, September 21st, 1996 at 3:00 p.m. Rain or Shine
- What:** 18th annual PVS Oktoberfest featuring beer, sausages, sauerkraut, pretzels, potato salad, & pflaumen kuchen. Oompah music, too, for dancing of feet, clapping of hands, and cavorting of spirit.
- Call:** Coordinator Jan Marx at 703-451-9158 by Monday the 16th of September to reserve your place (limited to 60) and to sign up for bringing a potato salad, kuchen, or other Bavarian delectable. No-shows will be responsible for their share of the cost.
- Cost:** Approximately \$10.00 per person.
- Bring:** Your own eating utensils and plate. Your favorite beer mug is, of course, always welcome.
- Optional:** Lederhosen and Dirndl. Even Pferdekleidung.
- Where:** Mary Ward & Jim Slack's Termineigh Horse Farm & Nosh Bar, Catharpin, Va.
- Directions:** In the September TOOT.

FALL STROLL AND DINNER

3 P.M. Saturday, October 19, 1996
(rain date - October 20)

Join us for an approximately one hour walk on level paths through the Kentlands and surrounding woods to lakes and along Muddy Branch Stream (shorter walk is optional). Return to home of Fred and Barbara Leonhardt for buffet dinner. Limited to 25 people. Call Barbara at (301) 963-8111 to reserve a place and to specify donation of appetizer, salad or dessert. Approximate cost : \$5 each.



PAST EVENTS

Whitewater Rafting Trip on the Youghiogheny River

by Sue Walsh

July 9 and 10 proved to be a sun filled and fun filled trip for twelve PVSers. We arrived at our hotel around noon. Since our rooms were not ready, we proceeded to drive to Swallow Falls State Park where we did what PVSers do best next to skiing, and that's eating! After a delightful picnic lunch, we hiked (by various routes) to the falls which were quite spectacular. Having worked up another appetite, we returned to the hotel and our leader Dina hosted a party in her room. The high tea with Jager~~tee~~ home baked rum cake, cookies, chocolates, nuts and dried apricots donated by Joe Blum, wine and whiskey sours were just what hungry hikers needed prior to going to dinner at the famous Penn Alps Restaurant.

The next day 10 of us boarded 2 rubber rafts while Jessma and Dina waved good-bye from the shore before leaving to tour Falling Waters.. As we were preparing to leave the safety of solid land, Carol Bridgers asked our guide Patrick if this was his first rafting trip. June Read almost didn't make it to the raft as she tripped on the walk but was gallantly saved from falling by the quick action of Myron Marquardt. Sue Walsh had the penultimate experience of white water rafting, as she was the only one in the group to fall overboard. Jack Peoples decided to be our guide's first mate and tried in vain to direct our uncoordinated paddling. Eventually we all got it together and both groups became quite adept in running the rapids.

The weather was perfect, the rafting was exciting, and as usual, the group was wonderful. Thanks Dina for arranging another great trip.

COCKTAILS AND DINNER IN ANNAPOLIS WITH THE BROCKMEYERS, JULY 13, 1996

With hurricane "Bertha" behind us, 27 PVSers made their way out to the Brockmeyers' Yacht Club condo in Annapolis. Lorraine and Roland are new applicant members who graciously invited PVS members to their vacation home.

Bill Anderson drove in with Lu Beale, Betty Walker and Dina Taylor without getting lost.....T'was a pleasantly balmy late afternoon and evening, a perfect setting to enjoy the sunset and the picturesque view of the docked yachts on Spa Creek. Visible across the water were the State Capitol with the illuminated dome, St. Mary's church and the Naval Academy, truly a splendid sight. During a stroll on the docks Joan Flake expertly pointed out the aspects of the various vessels. Meanwhile, hosts Lorraine and Roland were finishing up some very superb dishes: beef burgundy, seafood/rice and chicken/broccoli casseroles. These and the tasty dishes from the guests made a truly sumptuous buffet in PVS style of plenty. At dessert time Jack Peoples formally presented one of the many goodies: a fine chocolate cake, decorated with "THANK YOU - BROCKIE AND LORRAINE".

We were glad to see some seldom seen's: George Hicho; Maryjane and Don Harper, weekending in Annapolis. Pat Tengel and John Smith are staying on their sailboat while Barbara and Fred Leonhardt visit with friends. Genee and Charles Boykin spent time with the Flakes. The conversation was lively as usual. Much discussed were the ski trips which are filling up fast. Soon it was time to leave. Thank you, Lorraine and Roland for a splendid afternoon and evening which we will long remember. -----By Dina Taylor.



BIG BAND MUSIC AND COOL BREEZES -- by John Smith

On the first dry evening in July (July 17), nine PVS members met at Strathmore Hall in Rockville for a lovely evening of good old big band music by the 17 piece Robert Bray orchestra. For what seemed like the first time this summer, the evening weather cooperated with by being dry with light cool breezes. A perfect evening for a picnic and lovely outdoor concert.

The Richard Bray orchestra brought back many fond memories of the big band era of the 1940's by playing several songs made famous by Glenn Miller, Benny Goodman, Woody Herman, Duke Ellington, and others. After starting out with Moonlight Serenade, the orchestra played for about two hours such memorable tunes as Take the A Train, Pennsylvania-65000, Stomping at the Savoy, Wood Choppers Ball and many others.

When the grass turned out to be a little rough for the dancing, Irene Farrel and others took to dancing in the street. At appropriate times, those of us who are able took to singing along with the band while the rest of us had to be content with foot tapping and hand clapping. All in all, a perfect way to spend a midweek summer evening.

BIKING IN POTOMAC -- by John Matthews

Seven PVS members and guests assembled with bikes at 10:30 am on July 18th at the Clara Barton House in Glen Echo, Maryland. Curious to see if anyone was foolish enough to cycle in the face of threatening weather, Charley Huggins showed up without his bike. When waving us off, Charley arranged to meet us later for lunch; meanwhile he got to tour the Clara Barton House.



Marvin Hass took the lead at the head of the pack while co-leader, Betty Byrne, handled the tail end as the "sweep". Nine miles later, and after conquering the steep part of MacArthur Boulevard, we arrived at Potomac Village. We repaired to the Village Deli for lunch and were joined shortly by Charley. Half-way through lunch, the rains came. Fortunately, Charley was there with his large sedan to shuttle bikers back to their cars and save them from a wet return ride.

In a spirit of derring-do and not willing to settle for an incomplete bike trip, your correspondent elected to make the return ride in the rain. However, he regretted that foolish decision when a tire went flat with more than a mile to go.

With spirits dampened by the rain, no one was inclined to take the Clara Barton House tour and ride the Glen Echo Carousel as planned for the end of the trip. Betty and Marvin plan to schedule one or more future bike rides from this location and thus provide another chance to do those things.



PRE-SKI TRIP PARTY HOSTED BY THE HEITCHUES by Charles Boykin

On 21 July, over 40 PVSers gathered at the Heitchues' to hear about the upcoming 1996-97 ski trips. It was an unusually cool July day; but, then, the hosts have a knack for "planning" perfect weather for their PVS comrades. Jim Wingrove, designated "captain," navigated (while host Reg narrated) PVSers on a boat ride around Lake Audubon. In the meantime, Jean--along with other PVSers--laid out a delectable buffet from gourmet appetizers to the all-time summer favorite "Red, Hot, and Blue" barbecue.



Glade Flake, Trip Committee Chairperson, convened a short meeting to remind all the purpose of the gathering. He introduced trip leaders, as follows, who described the programs for next season: Ned Flaherty (December 5-12 Steamboat); Dina Taylor (January 11-18 Snowmass); Ray McKinley (6-13 February Park City and Deer Valley); Serge Triau--representing Shirley Rettig--(Blue Ridge Ski Council 22 February-1 March trip to Heavenly Valley); Karen Felker (7-16 March Val d'Isere, France); and Nancy McKinley (August 97 Valle Nevado, Chile). After the trip presentations, attendees adjourned to the family room to watch ski videos.

Warm thanks to Jean and Reg for hosting this year's pre-trip ski party and hats-off to Glade, the trip committee, and trip leaders for another outstanding lineup of trips for the upcoming season.



SKI TRIPS SKI TRIPS



It is that time of the year to choose your ski trips for next winter and you need to do that soon because as of August 1, the trips will be open to people outside of PVS. So do not procrastinate or your trip of choice may be filled.

Many of you have already signed up for ski trips for the coming season and now you need to be sure to send your payments in on time as per the schedule for each trip so that the trip leaders will have the funds to make their payments on time. Be sure also to sign and send in the Trip Agreement forms and Medical forms.

HEY Look!!! These thirty

Potomac Valley Skiers

are all steamed up for great fun at Sheraton-Steamboat December 5-12, 1996.
Bill Anderson-Lu Beale-Jessma Blockwick-Joe Blum-Betty Byrne-Marianne Cook-Tony Drago-Sheldon Dreys-Jaclyn & Ned Flaherty-Irene Farrell-George Hicho-Barbara & Fred Leonhardt-Fumiko & Myron Marquardt-John Pulos-Edith Rabinowitz-Jack Ragen-Shirley Rettig-Frank Shelburne-Rosemary Soler-Dina Taylor-Aina Thomas-Serge & Liz Triau-Sue Walsh-Adole Waggaman-Dick Will-Gladys Youngblood. Unconfirmed rumors say Aguilar, Gordon, and Wadey may also be with this bunch. You can too! See the July TOOT for details, or call (301)929-9664



REMINDER FOR TRIPPERS: In addition to the initial deposit, 50% of your trip cost is due on or before August 15, 1996. Please be prompt.

SKI SNOWMASS, COLORADO

January 11 - 18, 1997

Be part of the action and ski the Rocky Mountains - Aspen, Snowmass, Aspen Highlands and Buttermilk. For complete information see the flyer in the July Toot and call trip leader, Dina Taylor (301) 663-6089.



February 6-13, 1997, You're Invited to Join Nancy & Ray McKinley To

Ski Utah's Best

We'll Have a Ball at Park City and Deer Valley, the Two Best Ski Resorts in Utah and Perhaps the West. Share 8 Days and 7 Nights (10 Night Option to Feb 16) with us, a Superb, Slopeside Resort with Splendid Meals, Great PVS Friends and an Unbelievable Price. Perfect Powder and Grooming Make a Memorable PVS Ski, Ski, Ski Vacation.



- > Stay at the Slope in Park City, Host of the 2002 Winter Olympics--No Bus to go Skiing! Utah's Largest Ski Area, 3,100 Foot Vertical, 2,300 Acres--Comparable to Steamboat, 15 Lifts--3 Quads, Longest Gondola in US, 23,000 Skiers/hour Uphill. Great for All Skiers, Outrageous Powder Skiing in Jupiter Bowl & a 3.5 Mile Beginner Run.
- > Ski at Deer Valley the St. Moritz of America, Only 1.5 Miles Away, Impeccably Groomed Slopes, 15 Lifts Including 3 Quads, on 3 Mountains. "Ski Country" Rated Best Food in US and Best Grooming. A New Black-Diamond-Only Trail Map Includes 3 Bowls.

- > 7 Nights 4-Star Lodging at Shadow Ridge Resort at the Ski Area Base (10 Night Option) with Sauna, Hot Tub, Pool, Room Service, Concierge. Your Choice of King, 2 Queen or 2 Single Bedded Rooms or Studio with cozy Fireplace and Kitchen.
- > 5 of 6 Day All Area Lift Pass (plus 2 of 3 Day Option). Fly Close-in National To Salt Lake.
- > Air only \$289! Breakfast & Apres Ski Daily, 3 Memorable Dinners, Pre & Post Trip Parties.



All Inclusive Price, Including Transfers, Gratuities, Baggage Handling.

Only \$1,297 (10 Days \$1,658) Seniors \$1,087* Land Only \$1,008 (pp double)

Our Flyer was in the July TOOT. Call us for a copy. Limited Space Remaining--To Assure a Spot, Send \$200 now (pay to Ray McKinley), to the McKinleys, 2326 N. Upton Street, Arlington, VA 22207. Please note room choice and 7 or 10 night option.

*Final Price Depends on Age and Areas Skied. Call us at (703) 527-7126

SKI LAKE TAHOE

Blue Ridge Ski Council Western Winter Carnival Feb. 22 - March 1, 1997

See the complete flyer in the July Toot and call trip leader, Shirley Rettig (703) 836-0147 to sign on for this wonderful trip to one of the world's great ski areas.



PVS FRANCE 1997
VAL D' ISERE - MARCH 7 --16, 1997

ONLY 5 SPACES LEFT !

See the July Toot for complete details about this fantastic trip which includes a stopover in Lyon and an optional stop in Paris. Call trip leaders, Karen and Knox Felker (703) 931-6843 to sign up .



NEW INFORMATION NEW INFORMATION

August 14-25, 1997 join Nancy and Ray McKinley in South America when we

SKI VALLE NEVADO, CHILE

This pristine resort, built solely for skiing, offers more than 26,000 acres (40 square miles) of skiing in the midst of the majestic Andes Mountains. If that isn't enough, Valle Nevado has now been lift linked to two other valleys, La Parva and El Colorado, providing the largest ski circuit in the entire Southern Hemisphere. On this 11 day trip (shorter and longer stays are possible), we plan to ski for a week and spend three or four additional days in lovely, peaceful Santiago, the European styled capital of Chile. From there we plan to do some touring. Tentatively we will visit Valparaiso, Chile's largest seaport, Vina del Mar the year-round beach resort and playground of South America's rich and famous, and Chile's picturesque wine country. We are also looking into optional visits to romantic, southern lake country and to Easter Island, home of the enigmatic, carved monoliths. Further, Santiago is the home to the Opera Nacional, considered one of the finest opera companys in the Southern Hemisphere. All told, our trip should provide a spectacular introduction to a dramatic new Hemisphere.

Despite this being a 1997 trip, early planning is essential. There are only three hotels at Valle Nevado (and consequently no lifelines). If there is sufficient interest, we will visit Chile this September to set up the trip. We expect the 1997 trip will cost \$2,300 to \$2,400--with an \$80 to \$100 discount for seniors. This includes meals at Valle Nevado and lift tickets. If you want to assure a spot, send your check for \$100 (completely refundable through February 1997) to the McKinleys, 2326 North Upton Street, Arlington, Virginia, 22207-4045. Please make your check payable to Nancy McKinley.

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THE KNEE - 11 -

by

Ray McKinley

Here's some late breaking news. The Knee has tossed the ol' knee cap into the 1996 Presidential campaign. I intend to be a one issue candidate. I'm against heat and humidity.

The solution to this problem is simple. And it has been ignored by the major political parties. Eliminate July and August. Scientists scoff--it would shorten the calendar. That's the beauty of the Knee's plan. I'll add two new winter months, between February and March! Two additional ski months. Tentative names for the new months are Thor and Thorer. It's a truly brilliant idea, isn't it?

The name of my new party is equally brilliant. It's called the Party for the Veneration of Snow. Great acronym.

President Serge and Liz Tria are just back from Luxembourg. Obviously from a small vacation. They flew via Iceland and saw absolutely no ice. So they'll vote for me.

A tip of the ol' Knee cap to Bette Walker. When address labels did not arrive for last month's TOOT, Bette hand addressed all 150 copies. Write on.

Also, last month TOOT reported former Black Panther Huey Newton was at our June meeting. I'm certain it was Huey Roberts--or perhaps Fig Newton.

When you get to the Flake's for our August event, be certain to check out Joan's framed diploma for completing the Bay Bridge Walk--and ask her about its story.

After some 60 years in the DC area, this year Lu Beale saw the July Fourth fireworks on the mall for the first time. "It was awesome. Sorry I waited so long" she noted. Bet Lu plans to go back in only 50 years.

Recently Toot editor Jessma Blockwick asked Excomers why it takes 2 million sperm to fertilize one egg. They won't ask directions. (I throw these in occasionally to assure you that this is a high class column!) Jessma, absolutely loves to ski Loveland Basin

where "you can touch the mountains." The Knee does that all the time--by falling

Glade Flake and George Hicho have each lost 20 pounds of late (the Knee has found it!). Glade did it by giving up cheese and his second Scotch, George by cutting portions and doing a bit of exercise. Right off.

From "the Vineyard" Adele Waggaman writes that she has skied longer than Aina Thomas. How about 70 years? Adele grew up in New Hampshire and started skiing on a golf course. She says some will ask after 70 years why she doesn't ski better. Because!

Don and Marijane Harper just sold their sailboat. It started as some other class, but ended as an albatross. Along those, ahem, lines John Smith and Pat Tengel just bought a new sail--at about the cost of a ski trip!

When I cannot think of the correct word I worry that I've got amkneesia.

Bob Harmon's volleyball team finished second in their league. Bob was the oldest in the league and everyone called him "sir." Yea, but before slamming the ball, did they salute?

Did you know that PVS membership is now at our mandated limit of 200. Thus Membership Chairman Marilyn Clark is no longer accepting applicants. Man, we're elite.

Nancy and Ray Garrett are back from Alabama where they helped Nancy's mother move. And Fred and Barbara Leonhardt are back from Maine and an attempt to eat the state's entire lobster population. Right in!

Moving quite lithely at the Heitchue's was Sally Finan--and only 4 weeks after back surgery. But, Sally won't be able to ski until mid September, missing early Liberty skiing!

The Knee loves words. Scant wonder, without them this column would be reduced to merely punctuation. A recent column by Russell Baker turned a great phrase. Let me put it into our lexicon. According to Baker, if the goal of ski trip leaders is to keep their skiers happy they should engage in disgruntlement impedance--or even better in gruntlement maintenance. I love it!

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