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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

On August 14, 28 skiers, led by Nancy and Ray McKinley, will set out to explore the thrills of South American skiing. It will be a club first and we trust that, to mark the occasion, they will leave a club memento (a flute?) atop the Andean Mesa.

This seems an appropriate time to salute Ski Trip Chairman Glade Flake who, with committee members Bill Anderson and Nat Seeman, has worked tirelessly to evaluate last year's trips, to respond to member preferences for upcoming trips, and to select leaders for those trips.

Ski trip leaders, we all know, must be cool-headed, warm-hearted and hot-footed. They must be bookkeepers, psychologists and panic-proof. Above all, they must be dedicated, for no amount of "freebies" could repay them for what, in the end, is a labor of love.

So, thanks to Glade and his committee. Thanks to next season's designated leaders--the Flahertys, the McKinleys, the Tenglesmiths, and Tony Drago. Thanks to all the dedicated leaders of the past. And special thanks to the Wyckoffs and to Bob Grasley whose outstanding leadership on European trips in the 60's and 70's lured so many of us into the PVS fold.

Thanks and ski-heil to all!

Lu Beale, President

ANNUAL CRAB FEAST - AUGUST 31, 1997

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

Come after 2 if you would like to swim--dinner will be about 5 p.m.

Sue Walsh is taking reservations for this. Call her (at 301-589-7159) to say what food you will bring and whether you will be having crabs or bringing your own entree to cook. Betty says crabs are juicier and bigger than they have been for some years. See directions on next page.



COMING EVENTS

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

Cocktails and Dinner in Annapolis

Saturday, August 9 - 6:30 p.m.
Home of Lorraine and Roland Brockmeyer

This limited event is full but, if interested, call Joan Flake to check on cancellations. 301-762-6890.

Directions to the Brockmeyers': Yacht Club Condo, Unit C-1, 301 Burnside Street, East Port (Annapolis) Md.

(From Baltimore area): Take 97 to Route 50 (Be careful when getting on 97 as it bears to right). Continue to Aris T. Allen Blvd (#665) This turns into Forest Drive. Take Forest Drive East. You will pass a very large Safeway and Annapolis Middle School.

Go left at Bay Ridge Drive (Crown Station on left side, go past SPCA). Bear right at Chesapeake Avenue. Continue until you see Rainbow Cleaners--this is Burnside Avenue. Turn left and go to end of street (dead end) and make a left onto Bayridge. Almost immediately make a right onto Burnside and go to water., Yacht Club Condo is a yellow building. We are on the first floor. Facing the building, we are on the extreme left. Park wherever you can on the street.

OR take Rowe Blvd. into Annapolis proper. Go to Church Circle and swing around to Duke of Gloucester Street. Stay in right lane until street deadends. Cross over bridge. After leaving bridge, make a right at first traffic light (Mercedes dealer on corner). Go to Burnside Street, make right, go to water.

BIKE 'N SWIM Tuesday, August 12 10:30 am 10 miles one way



Starting Place: Sailing Marina (on Mt. Vernon Hwy first exit just south of National Airport: "Daingerfield Island"). Park in unpaved Overflow Area, where there is no time limit. [Paved area has 3-hr time limit.] Meet at Afterdeck Cafe (coffee and rest rooms available). Flat ride via Mt. Vernon and Cameron Run Bikepaths to leader's condo for swim & lunch (bring or purchase at onsite snackbar). Bring swim suits. Leader can offer auto ride back to starting point for participants (and their bikes).

This event will take place regardless of weather with some modifications in event of rain or excessive heat. For further information and to let us know you are coming, call Marvin Hass (703) 751-4737.

TOUR THE OASIS WINERY - THURSDAY AUGUST 21th

The Oasis is an internationally acclaimed winery near Skyline Drive in a spectacular setting facing the Blue Ridge Mountains. The winery features Sparkling Wines, Chardonnays, Riesling, Gewurztraminer, Cabernet Sauvignon, and Merlot. Learn how sediment is removed from Champagne, and why the bottles don't explode during fermentation. Wine tasting with a souvenir glass cost \$3.50

Interested PVSers should contact Charles Huggins (301) 424-5725, and plan on taking their lunch for eating on the picnic tables at the winery. Should anybody desire some afternoon exercise, western trail rides are available at the Marriott Ranch next to the winery for \$25 at 2 p.m.

Maryland residents will meet at 9:30 a.m. in the parking lot at the home of Aina Thomas for car-pooling to the winery. Virginia and D.C. residents should meet at the Coopers School parking lot at beltway and VA 193 at 10:00 a.m. for car-pooling.

Directions: From D.C., I-66, exit 27 at Marshall; left after exit then right onto route 647 for 4 miles, right on Rt. 635 for 10 miles, winery on left.



Oktoberfest

- When:** SATURDAY, September 20th, 1997 at 3:00 p.m. Rain or Shine
- What:** 19th 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 Aina Thomas at 301-309-8933 by Monday the 15th 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.

NOTE: Aina will be on vacation from July 29 - August 7. To sign up, call her after August 7.

PVS E MAIL

We are about to update the PVS E Mail List so if you have a new E Mail address or a change, please send to Liz Triau at: MNNJ27B@prodigy.com.

FALL FOLIAGE WEEKEND AT BLUE KNOB

OCTOBER 10-12, 1997

PVSers are invited to come for the weekend at the lovely on-the-slopes house of Betty Lawrence. Not to ski but to hike or tourist or just relax in the mountains.

Cost is \$10 a night per person, plus sharing buying and preparing the food. There is a two-night minimum.

Call Betty at 703-759-0471. If interested, call soon since space is limited.

FALL STROLL/BIKE and DINNER

Saturday **October 18, 1997**, 3:00 PM at the Leonhardt's home in Gaithersburg. (Rain date is Sunday Oct. 19.) Barbara will lead a walk (45-60 min.) through the Kentlands & nature/lakeside trails. Fred will lead a bike tour for bikers. Then dinner. Nothing to bring. Cost: \$5-7. **Tours leave at 3:30 PM.** Limited to 26. Call Barb or Fred at 301-963-8111 to make a reservation.

R E N T! There is one ticket left for Broadway's
R E N T! newest, biggest musical hit on Saturday,
R E N T! October 24. Call the McKinleys' at 703-527-7126.

MONT TREMBLANT

Response to this trip scheduled for March 1998 has not been encouraging. All members, whether driving, land only, or taking the full trip event must submit the deposit and application from the July TOOT no later than 15 August. This is the last deadline or the trip will be cancelled.

Send to Tony Drago
9016 Home Guard Drive
Burke, VA 22015
Tel: 703-978-5514

PVS SWITZERLAND 1998

ZERMATT - GLACIER EXPRESS - ST. MORITZ

JANUARY 30, 1998 TO FEBRUARY 15, 1998



THE TRIP PACKAGE INCLUDES:

Round-trip Airfare: Dulles to/from Zurich on Swiss/Air/Austrian Air

First class train from Zurich airport to Zermatt

ZERMATT - 7 nights at the SIMI-ZERMATT HOTEL (4 star rated) (Breakfast and dinner included)

GLACIER EXPRESS Excursion train (First class) from Zermatt to St. Moritz
(Special lunch on the train included)

ST. MORITZ - 7 nights at the POST HOTEL (4 star rated) (Breakfast and dinner included)

First class train from St. Moritz to Zurich

ZURICH - 1 night at the ST. GOTTHARD HOTEL (4 star rated) (Breakfast included)

Bus transfer from hotel in Zurich to Zurich airport.

Social Events: Pre trip party, Apres Ski parties in Switzerland, Post trip party.

All taxes, gratuities, local transfers, and baggage handling.

NOT INCLUDED:

Lift tickets and lunches.

NOTE: For 1997 the cost of a 6 day lift ticket was approximately \$210 at both areas (Tickets for fewer days and for seniors are available at reduced prices).

TRIP COST: \$ 2540 (Per person double occupancy)

Payment Schedule:	With Application:	\$ 100
	By August 1, 1997	\$ 500
	By October 1, 1997	\$ 970
	By November 15, 1997	\$ 970

TO APPLY: Send application form and check for \$ 100 to:

John H. Smith, 8174 Inverness Ridge Road, Potomac, MD., 20854,
Questions: Call (301) - 299 - 8376

NOTE: TRIP IS LIMITED TO 24 PEOPLE

APPLICATION FOR PVS TRIP TO SWITZERLAND, JAN. 30 TO FEB. 15, 1998

Names (s): _____ Date _____

Address _____

Phone: _____ Roommate Preference: _____

Signature (s) _____

February 22 to March 1 [or March 4], 1998 join Nancy and Ray McKinley

SKI BIG SKY MONTANA

The Sky Really is Bigger

Big Sky boasts the shortest lift lines in the US, and the most genuinely friendly staff. You will truly enjoy skiing there. And it is massive--two complete mountains, 3,500 acres (one and a half times

panoramic view of Montana, ski all the way down to the base of Andesite, gorgeous powder--over 400 inches of snowfall per year. We'll stay in/ski-out Huntley Lodge (Chet Huntley's place). It's four stars, the top rated hotel at the mountain, and includes full breakfast daily. We'll have optional Yellowstone Tours. Our special PVS package also offers:

Hurry! Only 5 Spaces Left

- > 7 or 10 day packages, 5 of 6 day lifts (+ 2 of 3 on 10 day)
- > 3 Dinners (4 on 10-day package), Apres-ski nightly, Pre & Post Trip Parties
- > Airfare, Transfers, Bag Handling, Tips and \$300 of cancellation insurance.

OUR GREAT PRICES: SEVEN DAYS - \$1398* \$1334* IF OVER 70
TEN DAYS - \$1697* \$1594* IF OVER 70

* Price on 7 Day Package could decrease by \$99, 10 Day Package by \$25. Please see our flyer.

Limited space. For more information or a copy of our flyer call Nancy or Ray at (703) 527-7126.

Past Events

A VISIT TO DAVID TAYLOR MODEL BASIN

A drizzly day saw 16 PVSers gathered at Anglers' Inn to convoy over for a tour of the David Taylor Model Basin on July 2.

There we had a thorough tour of the facility. Not much actual testing was going on (except to see how long a group of tourists could stand still for an introductory lecture) but we had detailed and interesting explanations of the basins, wave machines, hull testing, etc. Our guide clearly had his heart in the place and its world-famous work.

We all enjoyed one military conveyance--the PMEV--Passenger Mobility Enhancement Vehicle (an old school bus which took us between widely scattered buildings).

Many kudos to Charlie Huggins for arranging another of his interesting midweek activities. He is constantly creative in coming up with these undertakings.

...Jessma Blockwick

PRE-SKI-SEASON PARTY. On Sunday, July 13, Jean and Reg Heitchue hosted an elegant pre-ski-trip party. Over 40 members of PVS attended. The food was delicious and so plentiful that the members--known for hearty appetites--could not finish it all.

The weather cooperated and the deck stayed comfortable for conversation and enjoyment of the beautiful view of the lake and its surroundings. A few adventurous members took a spin or two on the lake. The first group found themselves making only small circles in the middle of the lake, as the rudder decided to fix itself in only one direction. It looked as though a friendly boatman would have to tow PVSers back. But Captain Dick Clark made a few firm tugs and kicks and the boat finally agreed to return to the Heitchues'.

A ski buddy of the Abrahams came to visit and some of us had a chance to practice our German.

Glade Flake called on the trip leaders to give us enthusiastic previews of the forthcoming ski trips. It certainly looks like a great season this winter.

Many thanks to the generous hosts for a lovely and memorable party.
....Joe Blum

"The Importance of Being Earnest." What do you do when the love of your life vows never to marry anyone not named Earnest? And she thinks your name is Earnest, but it isn't?

The hilarious Victorian comedy by Oscar Wilde was enjoyed tremendously by 16 PVSers on June 28--thanks to Jeannette Albersheim who arranged the delightful afternoon. The comedy was sparkling, the acting outstanding, the production interesting, if unusual. Afterwards, dinner at Sylvia's, where we enjoyed extra special Italian cooking. Great afternoon! Many thanks, Jeannette!!
...Dot Mills

GOLF AT LEISURE WORLD. Jeannette Albersheim really knows how to pick a nice day for a golf outing. The forecast for July 21 was for another hot day but such was not the case. Clouds moved in and provided us with a comfortable temperature.

Eleven of us met at the Stein Room at Leisure World for refreshments or nourishment prior to venturing on the course. At the appointed hour of one o'clock, we began. They really have a pretty course at Leisure World. Occasionally a comment could be heard about why a particular tree had to be exactly where the ball was headed. Such comments were always ignored by the tree involved. Scores were improved a bit by altering the rules--such as ignoring lost balls or by adjusting the lie of the ball.

At the conclusion of the round, we met again in the Stein Room for refreshments. Few scores were discussed--we had played for fun, not prizes. Later, some of us adjourned for a very good dinner in the dining room--no one went away hungry. Jeannette really deserves a round of thanks for arranging a great golf outing. We hope we will be able to meet again.

...Myron Marquardt



THE KNEE - 9 -

by
Ray McKinley

It's the August doldrums. But it isn't time to think of the enervating heat, or the upcoming joys of skiing. The Knee kneads your help. It really is important that all of your beady little eyes read this column. And you can only read it if you send in your membership.

This year Kirk and Peggy Burns and Don and Pat Cope were the first to rejoin, followed immediately by Tony Drago, Aina Thomas, and Jim Wingrove. Membership Chair Marilyn Clark says that only about 35% of us have followed.

In 1989, the Knee composed some poetknee to spur on membership--and soon we reached our 200 person limit. So you know what you will be missing if you don't rejoin, herewith (I love to use legal words like "herewith" and "sue") a newly updated version of that classic piece of literature. And it's in italics, too.

*The Knee
isn't free.
You must pay for me
by rejoining PVS
S.*

*The Knee tells all,
in Summer, Winter, Spring and Fall.
He's got up-to-the-minute gossip,
including some he makes up.*

*Now you can join a big ski club
or you can join a slight one.
Or you can join a black ski club
or you can join a white one.
But it's best for you to be
In our PVS, "the Club with a Knee."*

*The Club with a Knee,
the Club with a Knee.
PVS -
the club to be
in.*

Now be honest, doesn't that leave you just a bit teary. It has an epic flavor--a light opening, a strong central theme and a lyrical, airy coda. And I'm certain you noted the splendid change of cadence in verse 3. It also shows my consummate understanding of those major poetic terms like illiteration and automated poea. Simply wow.

Speaking of knees, Bob Grasley has a new one. It's a wonder of titanium and plastic. Bob's in rehab now and has plans to be back skiing next winter. Right on! Actually it was left on.

If you think you haven't seen much of Janet and Chris Waln this summer, you are right. They have spent every spare moment on their 40 foot sailboat. Starboard on!

It's August, so I must relate one heat story. After work one scorching day, Marilyn Clark went out to her car. The interior thermometer read 140 degrees! To avoid just this, Penny Hanshaw spent the last month in Alaska.

Also in the heat, Fred and Barbara Leonhardt drove to Tennessee where their transportation died. No, not their legs, their auto's transmission. Ankneeway they limped home in second gear and ended up with a new car. Ouch.

Congrats to Bob and Janet Marx. Their son Brian just got married in an outdoor wedding a bit outside of Front Royal. In Back Royal?

I was wrong. Reg Heitchue didn't have Arthur use a scope on his shoulder until the day after hosting the PVS Pre Trip Party. Reg was in the hospital only six hours and is doing splendidly.

At the Party, Mary Jane McCarthy had a great anti-skiing column. Some of its points--skiing is easy to learn, you aim the skis downhill and ski. Turning and stopping are hard. And, if God had intended us to ski, he would never give us a lodge with a fireplace.

Last month I discoursed on Lalique glass. Suzanne Boisclair knows about Lalique. It's caused by a problem with *la plumbing*.

A special deal for all skiers headed for Chile: Ski Liberty patrollers Jim Wingrove and Bob McNeill will take any of us out of bounds at Liberty to ski the famous Ski Liberty Glacier. But their offer is only good 'til August 14th.

CALENDAR

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- Aug. 26 ... ExCom with John Smith and Pat Tengel
in Annapolis
- Aug. 31 ... Annual Crab Feast at Betty Lawrence's,
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- Sept. 16 ... Monthly meeting at Don and Kathy Dillon's
- Sept. 20 ... Oktoberfest at Mary Ward's and Jim Slack's
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- Sept. 23 ... ExCom at Suzanne Boisclair's
- Oct. 5 ... Post-Chile-Trip Party at the McKinleys', 4 p.m.
Note this is a new date.
- Oct. 10 ... thru 12. Fall foliage weekend at Blue
Knob. p. 4.
- Oct. 18 ... Fall stroll/bike plus dinner with the
Leonhardts', p.4.
- Oct. 21 ... Monthly meeting at Sally Finan's and George Welti's
- Oct. 25 ... "Rent" party, p. 4.
- Nov. 15 ... Arts Club Dinner
- Nov. 18 ... Monthly meeting at Ruth Power's
- Dec. 16 ... Christmas Party at the Heitchues'



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