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PRESIDENT'S SITZMARK On December 9th, 44 PVSers depart for Steamboat Springs, Colorado. And finally, at last and hooray!! The ski season is here and the games can begin.

For those who miss this season opener, there are other fabulous PVS trips ahead-- Telluride...Sun Valley...Cortina...Mt. Tremblant...Vail--so sign up now, if you haven't already, and join the fun.

Let this be our motto: Amicitus et Exercitus et Convivium which, roughly translated, means Friendship, Sport and Feasting. Is that PVS or what?

Merry Christmas to all!

Lu Beale, President



CHRISTMAS PARTY

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17
7:30 p.m. at the Heitchues'
2146 Owl's Cove Lane, Reston, VA



Please bring your favorite hors d'oeuvre or dessert. (And, please, no high heels to protect the floors.)

DIRECTIONS: From Beltway, 495, take Exit 267, Dulles Toll Road. Take Exit 14, Hunter Mill Road, turn left. Turn right onto Sunrise Valley Drive. Turn left at first traffic light, South Lakes Drive. Pass shopping center and turn at first left, Ridge Heights Road. Take first right onto Owl's Cove Lane. Go to end, park in cul-de-sac. 2146 is at the bottom of a steep driveway. Bike path at left of 2146 has stairs with a railing. Make a right turn onto lighted path along the garage side toward the street.

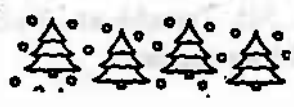
NOTE THIS IS A NEW DATE

COMING EVENTS

SKI LIBERTY, MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1998

If the weather conditions remain cold enough to snow cover most of the trails, Charles Huggins will lead the first midweek skiing of the season. Lift passes are \$31--seniors 65+ ski for \$15.50.

Interested skiers should contact Charles (301 424-5725) as we will car pool from the parking lot of the AMF (Formerly Fairlanes) bowling alley on Shady Grove Road, departing promptly at 7:30 a.m. for Ski Liberty.



◆ PVS Goes to the Theatre ◆

January 2nd, 1999 at 2:30 pm

"Christmas at the Old Bull and Bush"

Merriment, Mirth and Mayhem in a Festive English Pub!

Join PVS at Arena Stage's Old Vat Theater for an afternoon of hilarity and song at Interact Theater's Christmas Music Hall production set in the Old Bull and Bush Pub. You'll remember many of the British Music Hall performers we've seen on stage in recent events including Albert Cota who earned a Helen Hayes nomination for last year's Bull and Bush performance. Enjoy the show while sipping mulled wine, swigging beer and devouring delectable delicacies. This will be a great time!

We'll attend the Saturday, January 2nd, 1999 matinee performance at 2:30 pm. Tickets are limited and cost \$24.25. Call Nat Seeman at 703-461-0859 and send a check made out to Nathan Seeman at 5300 Holmes Run Parkway, Apt. 1401, Alexandria, VA 22304 to hold your place for this special holiday event.

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CELEBRATE 20 YEARS of The Knee!

Join us as we celebrate 20 years of outstanding (if unusual) journalism! The Knee has been turning out PVS's gossip column of true yet little-known "facts" about fellow PVSers for a full 20 years beginning with the January 1979 edition of TOOT and we want to surprise him with a celebration in honor of the years of toil and fabrications - yes, and bad puns! As you read this, the Knee will be hearing of this party for the first time, too! Entertainment includes more bad jokes than you've ever heard! And cuisine features maKnee delicacies such as Knee-apolitan ice cream and...and...

Remember your favorite Knee pun and call Lu Beale at 202-363-3521 to sign up. Space is limited!

When: Saturday, January 23, 1999 6:30 pm

Where: 2326 North Upton Street

Arlington, VA 22207 (home of the Knee and Mrs. Knee)

Cost: \$5.00 OR appetizer plus one of your favorite Kneepuns!

Late Winter at the Beach

March 19 - 21 join Kathy and Don Dillon at their waterfront beach house in South Bethany for a winter weekend getaway. Very limited space available. Share PVS fun, friends and perhaps cooking at this great new event! Call the Dillons at (301) 330-5371 to sign up now!

**IT'S COMING!
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The millenium is on its way. We will march, tiptoe, sashay, crawl, ski--whatever--into that amazing new world in just 397 days! And PVS--as is its wont--will be ready!

In fact, a committee has already been meeting to plan the most elegant and fabulous of New Millenium events. So no matter whatever other special events you may hear about to celebrate (cruises, trips to space, whatever) the PVS party will top them all. So put a firm hold on Jan. 1, 2000--and we'll see you at Charlotte and Jim Klines'.

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WISP-----MID-WEEK-----99

January 13 - 15

**CALL WISP NOW- to reserve your room.
Ask for the Ski Chalet Demo Day rates.**

Cost

Room per night (single or double)	\$40 (approximately)
Voucher for Thursday's lift ticket	\$ 2.00 per person, under age 70
Après ski supplies	\$ 2.00 per person (approximately)

ARRANGEMENTS

- ** Let us know if you are going, so we can plan for Apres Ski on Thursday and buy your vouchers from Ski Chalet. Also we will try to match you with a roommate if you need one.
- ** Room paid individually. For each room, call **Wisp Hotel** to reserve the room and pay a deposit for one night with a credit card or mail them a check. **1-800-462-9477.**
- ** Lift tickets are obtained individually at area: picture ID needed for voucher.
- ** Meals paid individually. Bring lunch or breakfast stuff if desired; refrigerator in the rooms.

Call Bob or Jan Marx

Phone: 703-451-9158

SCHEDULED TRIPS FOR THE 1999-2000 SEASONS

<u>DATES</u>	<u>LOCATIONS</u>	<u>TRIP LEADERS</u>
Dec. 9 to 16, 1998	Steamboat, CO.	Ned & Jaclyn Elaherty
Jan. 9 to 16, 1999	Telluride, CO.	Don & Kathy Dillon
Jan. 30 to Feb. 6, 1999	Sun Valley, ID.	Dina Taylor & Sheldon Drews
Feb. 19 to Mar. 2, 1999	Cortina, Italy	John Smith & Pat Tengel
* Feb. 20 to Feb 26, 1999 BRSC Trip	Mt. Tremblant, Canada	John & Romona Matthews
Mar. 27 to Apr. 3, 1999	Vail, CO	Ray & Nancy McKinley
Dec. 26, 99 to Jan. 2, 2000 BRSC Trip	Steamboat, CO.	Betty Lawrence & Betty Byrne

The following ski trips are in the planning stage:

Jan. 29 to Feb. 5, 2000 BRSC Trip	Park City, UT.	Trip Leader not designated at present time
Feb 26 to Mar 4, 2000 BRSC Trip	Loon, NH or Killington, VT	Exact location not decided by BRSC
Aug 31 to Sep 13, 2000	Bariloche, Argentina	Ray & Nancy McKinley

If a member is interested in a particular trip, please indicate to the Trip Leader at this time to put your name on the list and make the deposit requested by the Trip Leader. Remember the trips fill-up quickly and there is a limit to the number of people on each trip.

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SKI TELLURIDE -- January 9 - 16, 1999

Pre-trip Party at the Dillons, December 18, 7:30 PM. RSVP regrets: (301) 330 5371. Directions will be mailed in our next trip newsletter.

Let it snow! It has been in Telluride: 36 in. base at top, 35 in. at mid station and a foot of snow on the ground at Mountain Village.

Call if you still want to go. As long as we can, we will try to fit you in, double occupancy.

SKI SUN VALLEY, IDAHO

January 30 thru February 6, 1999

Coordinated by Dina Taylor (301-663-6089) & Sheldon Drews (703-521-5167)

This **VALUE-PACKED** ski package offers great skiing on **UNCROWDED** slopes with state-of-the-art lifts. The motto is "**ROUGHING IT IN LUXURY**" in the famous **SUN VALLEY LODGE** with its alpine charm and amenities to numerous to list. It is frequented by many Hollywood and other celebrities.

All this for the individualized and unbelievably low price of :

Room w. 2 double beds, double occupancy - per person only \$1,270

Room w. 1 Queen bed, double occupancy - per person only \$1,194

(Land package only: subtract \$300)

Our group is small but congenial and enthusiastic and ready to "GO"!

This trip is now officially closed! Anyone still interested to participate, call Dina. Sign-ups may be possible on a space-available basis. We could use a single person. No, Monica Lewinsky is not going. Your friendly tripleaders, Dina & Sheldon.

MONTREMBLANT

PVS joins in the Blue Ridge Ski Council's "Winterfest 1999" - February 20 to 27, 1999



Walk-to-the-slopes lodging is located at the foot of the mountain adjacent to the Village. Studio units accommodate two with a kitchen alcove, a queen bed and sofa bed. \$800 package includes: Pre-trip party; BRSC welcome party; Round-trip from Dulles to Montreal via Toronto; Group race; inter-club challenge; Round trip charter bus Montreal to Tremblant; BRSC farewell dinner-dance; 7 nights lodging, 5 out of 6 days lift tickets; Optional sight-seeing trip to Montreal; Post-trip party.

Land only - deduct \$200; Adjustment for seniors, single supplement and non-skiers to be determined. Payment Schedule: A deposit of \$100 is payable with your application; make payable and mail to John Matthews, 9214 Midwood Road, Silver Spring MD 20910. But first, give John a call at 301-589-7612 to learn about space availability. A second payment of \$75 is due on December 5 and the final payment falls due on January 5, 1999.

We must have your application ASAP in order to hold seats with the airline.

be a member by now. There were some interesting new technologies for boots. Solomon has a lining molded to the individual; even though it is thinner, should not be colder if well fitted. Head, which is now San Marco, has a boot which can be aligned to accord with the direction one's foot naturally turns.

The word was still—shaped skis. They are less tiring, easier to turn, are now used by racers. The new shaped skis have more side cut. We heard that Brian has been named one of the top boot fitters in the United States. Cheers from PVS!

And likewise cheers to Marty and Bob for a great evening!

ARTS CLUB DINNER

At 7:00 P. M. on November 7, 1998, another enjoyable Arts Club evening was off to a great start. Everyone looked so nice in their formal attire. The controversy started last year, concerning the proper wearing of the collar on men's shirts, still persists.

There was a multitude of intellectual exchanges of observations and experiences among the various participants. We were soon informed that the cocktail hour was finished.

We then ate our dinner.
The food we all ate, was truly a winner.

There was a neat yellow menu available at each place. If you were familiar with European languages, you would know what we were having.

Soon it was time for cordials and coffee.
On one thing we all did agree,
A good time was had by all,
And we look forward to next fall.

During the serving of cordials, Marianne played the piano for group singing of the new club songs.

Thank you again, Ham and Bill for organizing a great evening with a great dinner at the Arts club,

Myron Marquardt

As noted in the KNEE, Gorman Young is recuperating from successful 3-way bypass surgery. He can be reached at his daughter Ann Griffith's home, 802 St. George Rd., Baltimore, MD 21210. Best wishes, Gorman!

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Participants: Final payment due January 6, 1999.

We Will Send a Ski Vail letter in December with News, Balances Due and Insurance Information. March 27 to April 3, 1999

♡♡♡♡ **SKI VAIL in '99** ♡♡♡♡

Experience the thrill of skiing the largest, highest rated ski area in the US--and doing it with your PVS friends. The Vail resort encompasses the best ski terrain in Colorado. Vail's skiing and unrivaled natural beauty are beyond compare. Vail is massive with 4,644 skiable acres and the largest network of high-speed quads. At the top, VAIL is 7 miles wide!! And March and April are Vail's snowiest months, so we will have great powder skiing! Vail has added practice parks for slow to moderately paced skiing. Vail is truly for everyone! Join us and ski Vail! And we fly from close-in Reagan National Airport to Eagle Vail on a great schedule on United Airlines.

♡♡♡♡ We'll stay slopeside at the newly appointed, Lift House. Each spacious unit has a fireplace, queen size bed, queen size sleep sofa, full kitchen, and private balcony. Prices are per person and based on only two people per unit. And our units are only 100 yards from the new high-speed, leather upholstered, heated Lionshead Gondola. The Lift House has two restaurants, a Jacuzzi, bank, two ski shops and is in the heart of Lionshead Village. VAIL. You'll love it! All the goodies you expect on a McKinley-run trip: 5 of 6 day lift passes good at Vail, Beaver Creek, Arrowhead, Keystone & Breckenridge. Airfare, transfers baggage handling and gratuities. Three special multi course group dinners at prime Vail dining establishments, apres ski every night, and gala pre and post trip parties.

Incredible VAIL Value: 8 Days, 7 Nights Only \$1,348. \$1,188 70+
Land Only package: \$1,009, \$849 70+

For information call Nancy or Ray at (703) 527-7126. To sign up fill out the form in our lavender flyer (or call us) and send it to McKinleys, 2326 North Upton St., Arlington, VA 22207-4045. You'll absolutely ♡ VAIL.

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Payment due Jan 6

^^^^PAST EVENTS^^^^

NOVEMBER MEETING

The word must have spread by ESP that food even exceeding PVS's high standards was going to be served, for 62 members and applicants showed up for the November meeting at Marty and Bob McNeills'. Everyone managed to squeeze up to the laden tables where Marty kept adding goodies.

Janet Waln finally appeared to claim the prize given for the third winning entry in the PVS song contest. She led a spirited rendition of the song to the tune of Funiculi Funicula. The prizes were all tambourines, so we can expect some lively accompaniment whenever we sing the three songs.

Brian Eardley made his 15th appearance before this meeting of PVS to talk about the latest in ski equipment. President Lu Beale commented that he really should

ANNUAL CHILI HIKE

Nancy McKinley directed, Dick Clark led, and Serge Triau swept some 26 PVSers on the annual McKinley 5-mile hike at Great Falls, VA. The river was low, spirits high. The wind was gusty, the hikers gutsy. The pace was brisk and ended after 2 1/2 hours with some crossing the finish line 15 minutes after the leader but still in good cheer.

The Knee was missing--he had a cold and there was much to do in preparing the *raison d'être* of the whole event--chili! Nancy, too, but her trek short to race home and join Ray in the kitchen. In due course, all participants seemed to end up in the same kitchen, snacking, quaffing, and trading stories of aching muscles in various limbs. Missing for the longest time were Bette Walker and Lu Beale who got there finally staggered in just in time to add their contribution (salad of to the feast which besides the usual assortment of Diet (?) food, lost on Old Dominion Drive (and Bill Anderson wasn't even in the car!) offered hot and warm chili a la Knee--with condiments on the side. Ray, sneezing all the while, vowed he had worn a mask while mixing the chili. Whatever, everyone loved the concoction, many declaring it the best ever.

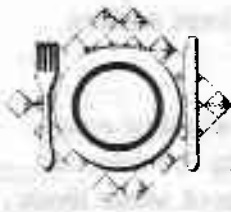
An assortment of guaranteed Lo-Cal desserts ended the feast and soon thereafter, the weary but happy hikers-eaters departed with many thanx to the McKinleys for yet another splendid adventure.

MIDWEEK BIKE 'N LUNCH

Season Over -- Gone Skiing -- Will resume in March 1999



The *MIDWEEK BIKE 'N LUNCH* group has concluded its 1998 season and will resume again in March 1999. Participants have been able to explore some of the many bikepaths in this area and dine in a number of eateries off the beaten path. Of note is the opening of the rails-to-trails tunnel under Wisconsin Avenue in Bethesda facilitating use of the popular Capital Crescent Trail.



Among the dining establishments popular among cyclists in Maryland is the Garrett Park Cafe, a turn-of-the-century gem located close to the Rock Creek BikePath. In Virginia, pedalers had a chance to taste various varieties of fresh draft beer at the Old Dominion BrewPub right at the Brewery, which is just off the W&OD Bike Trail (but is complicated to find by car). The Capital Crescent Trail leads to Georgetown, where cyclists have relished the glitz of Washington Harbour and an outdoor lunch overlooking the Potomac

(and didn't have to worry a bit about finding a parking place).

Ask Santa for a couple of wheels and join this fun group in 1999! A great way to keep the legs (and rest of you) in shape for ski season.



THE KNEE

by

Ray McKinley

Happknee Holidays and Merrknee Christmas! I bet you are thinking "Why does he keep up those corny jokes?" The answer is simple. You expect it of the Knee. This is why, in all the polls, the Knee remains the highest rated TOOT column which has appeared for 10 or more years. Why, without my "corknee jokes," the Knee would be...well... shorter.

Bad news, Good news: Gorman Young had emergency triple bypass surgery. The good part is that Gorman, who celebrated his 86th Birthday 5 days after the surgery, celebrated it at his sister's. He was released 4 days after the surgery, and is looking forward to Cortina!

Thanks to Dick and Marilyn Clark for giving me a photo of the rear of an MG Midget with the Virginia license plate "TYKNEE."

As ski season starts, Janet Wain has injured her Knee-er-knee. She was shopping. Right off.

Reg and Jean Heitchue have returned from celebrating their 40th ankneeversary in North Carolina. David and Rachel Abraham have just completed a visit with friends in Israel. This coming March Reg and David will become the first PVSers to heliski in the Bugaboos. It brings new meaning to the phrase "taking a powder."

Myron and Fumiko Marquardt are back from foreign travel--to different hemispheres! Fumiko was at her mother's memorial service in Japan. At the same time Myron, in Peru, practiced his Spakneeish. There he visited Machu Pichu. Machu Pichu is often translated as 'Giant Slalom.'

The current issue of the Washington Opera's newsletter features a great picture of our own Betty Byrne. The text is fuzzy. It says Betty is being honored for either her role as a volunteer or her role as Brunhilde.

On a business trip, the Knee had a 2 hour layover in Salt Lake City. They're primed for the 2000 Olympics and for skiing. Shops sold six different ski magazines (and unfortunately three others on snowboarding). Park City has real

competition this season from Les Otten's new area "the Canyons" (previously under several other names including Bryce Mountain (?)). Last year, while we had a dearth of snow, Utah had snow through the wazoo. (That's a technical term.)

The food at our grand Arts Club dinner was the best ever. Perhaps it was only perception because host Bill Anderson organized the table seating so well. Bill seated the Knee between Monica Lewinsky and the rock group Kiss--who smeared face paint on my tuxedo.

At the dinner, Shahrsad Miller was wearing a gown she designed. It was black and stunning. Shahrsad has a major show coming up in March.

President Lu Beale had her first Baileys Irish Cream at the Arts Club. She loved it--to the point she is now speaking with a Brogue.

Because of a sore back, Carol Parmenter opted not to ski last season. Instead she did something safe--a trip to the Galapagos Islands. While there she fell and broke her hand. Ouch!

Congratulations (?) to Penny Hanshaw. She'll spend Christmas in a tent near Fairbanks. "Oh, the weather outside is frightful..."

Club Secretary Irene Farrell reports that PVS has an Olympic Gold Medalist. Earlier this year Jackie Wilson won the gold in the Maryland Senior Olympics. It was in badminton. If Jackie won the gold, it must have been goodminton.

Ned Flaherty doesn't like what Iraq is doing to us. In his words "We're really being Saddamized." The Flaherty's son now holds a record. Actually several of them--he's now a D. J. who works exclusively at parties.

Who says bigger isn't better? Aside from the Canyons, Steve Otten's American Skiing Corp. now owns at least seven Vermont ski areas including Killington, Mount Snow and Haystack. Otten's now hired presidential lawyer Robert Bennett to lobby to change the state's name from "Vermont" to "Otten." Sounds rOtten.

Finalknee, my Kneedle of the Month is for Bill Anderson. He missed the Chili Hike to attend the 75th birthday of a friend. The day of the hike, the friend called to say he missed Bill at his party yesterday! So, Bill watched "I Love Lucy" reruns.

CALENDAR

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- Dec. 18 ... Pre-Telluride Trip party, p. 5
- Dec. 21 ... Midweek Skiing at Ski Liberty, p. 2
- Dec. 29 ... ExCom at Dot Mills'
- Jan. 2 ... Christmas at the Old Bull and Bush, p. 2
- Jan. 13 ... to 15th, Ski Demo at Wisp, p. 4
- Jan. 19 ... Monthly meeting at George Hicho's
- Jan. 26 ... ExCom at Lu Beale's
- Mar. 19 ... thru 21st, Beach with the Dillons, p.3
- Jan. 1 ... 2000, Millenium Party
- Nov. ... 2000, PVS 35th Anniversary

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