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President's Message

PVS is rejoicing in the comeback of our beloved TOOT editor, Lu Beale, who is surprising everyone by, among other things, driving her car after a brief sojourn in hospital (Maybe AMA*, eh, Lu???). Keep it up, Lu, you are an inspiration to us.

Kudos to both Bette Walker and Jessma Blockwick who responded quickly as acting TOOT editors in the meantime.

Ski trips are sanctioned and starting to fill up.

As a result of lessons learned from past ski trips, several new procedures have been adopted to protect members and PVS. One key measure is to have an assistant for each trip leader.

Mary Jane McCarthy
President

(*Against Medical Advice)

Lu Beale writes:

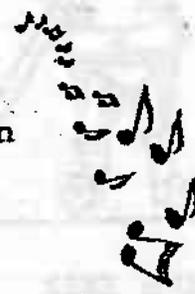
There is no way I can adequately thank PVSers for their overwhelming expressions of love and support during my recent surgery. Although the battle is not yet over, doctors have been astonished at my progress. Little do they know I have a secret weapon--the encouragement of an incomparable clan of fellow skiers.

Thank God for all of you and for our club for being what it is--a super family that truly cares.

COMING EVENTS

DINING OUT GROUP - Wednesday, July 13, 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 Keter Betts Quartet (a jazz group) at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 13.



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.

-or-

(2) Bring your own special gourmet picnic dinner.

The concert is FREE. 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 (Rte. 495) go North on Rockville 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 picnic dinner arrangements, please call John Smith or Pat Tengal at 301-299-8376. Otherwise just come; we don't need to know the number of people ahead of time this month.

NEW EVENT



The first annual July pre-trip party will be held July 16 at 7:30 at Dick and Marilyn Clark's, 8953 Falling Creek, Annandale, VA.

Trip leaders for our '94-'95 ski trips will be present to help you with your ski plans.

Suitable libations will be provided to accompany munchies and desserts.

Dress will be summer ski wear--be creative! No ski boots, please. The air conditioner will be on and ski talk should assure a cool evening.

Call Charles and Genee Boykin, 703-790-8277, to reserve a place and tell whether you will bring munchies or a dessert.

To get to the Clarks: Take Beltway to Braddock Road West. Go approximately two miles to Red Fox Drive on the right (just past intersection with Burke Lake Road). The third street on the left off Red Fox is Falling Creek. 8953 is at the end of the street.

FIRST
ANNUAL
PRE-TRIP
PARTY





BIKE TRIP - THURSDAY, JULY 21

Join the Midweek Bike group as we cycle from Great Falls, Md to Seneca Creek along the C&O Towpath. Distance 12 miles or more if the group desires. Meet at 10 a.m. at the snack bar in Great Falls Park. For further information or just to let us know you're coming, call Shirley Rettig, 703-836-0147.

BIRTHDAY GALA AT THE COSMOS CLUB - August 6, 1994

Space is limited for this very special evening, but there is room for a few more. To help celebrate Lu Beale's 80th birthday and her 15 years as TOOT editor, call Marilyn Clark for a reservation. Check should be made out to her, 8953 Falling Creek Court, Annandale, VA 22003. Cost is \$59 per person.

TUBING ON THE SHENANDOAH - August 13, 1994

Plan to join fellow PVSers for a float down the Shenandoah on inner tubes. No white water rapids--just a peaceful glide. Details in August TOOT but put this on your calendar now. Event is unlimited but call Shirley Rettig (703-836-0147) for more information.

August 20 - A DAY AT THE FLAKES



Picnic! Swim! Sail! This event is limited and nearly full. Call Margaret Wyckoff IMMEDIATELY if you want to come. (And--please--if anyone with a reservation finds he/she cannot come, let Margaret know as soon as possible. Phone 301-589-5532.

AUGUST DOGS will be on the 9th. Details to be announced.

ANNUAL CRABFEST



To be held at Betty Lawrence's on September 3. Not too soon to call and say whether you are a crab person--or something else. And what dish you will bring to the festivities. Call 703-759-0471.



NOTE CHANGE! The talent show has been moved to the October meeting so there is an extra month to hone your performance! This will be held at Clubhouse No. 1 in Leisure World--a fine facility to display your talents. Sign up by calling June Kelsay at 310-493-5839.

P A S T E V E N T S

Bike Outing at St..Michael's - May 28.

Myron, you did it again! This event went so smoothly, there is just nothing to tell. No upsets! No bikes locked without keys! No car keys locked in trunks! Do readers really want to hear about the perfect weather we had? Or the entertainment provided by the action of the drawbridge at our favorite fueling stop, the patio at the Bridge Restaurant? Or that Mary and Jackie rode down the rising bridge span to get a head start on the return trip to St. M's? Didn't see them again until we sat down for dinner at the Dockside where some of us welcomed the chance to cushion the coccyx as much as the great seafood and complimentary strawberries dipped in chocolate.

Myron, we will give you another chance! Sign us up for next year! Knox and Karen Felker, Shirley Rettig, Mary Riley, Ruth Schrider and friend Winnie Roberts, Dina Taylor, Jackie Wilson and your reporter, Irene Farrell.

Spring Hike Report

Our better-late-than never Spring Hike was held June 6 ("National Trails Day"!) with 12 PVS Trekkies meeting 10 a.m. at the Visitor Center at Catoctin Mountain Park just west of Thurmont, Md. Mom nature smiled and gave us a great day (the hot ones were to come!) and with excellent trail conditions we took off on a 6-mile easy-to-moderate circuit hike.

After an initial stop to view Cunningham Falls. we set off on the only moderately tough section, a gradual climb to the main ridge at some 1600-foot-plus elevation and took a break at Hog Rock (nice view!). We then pressed on along the ridge to the Summit Overlook where some unnamed hungry ladies decided it was lunch/snack time.

The next leg was an easy mile along the ridge to the Thurmont Vista Overlook where we stopped for a great view of the city of Thurmont laid out below. We then continued on for another mile along the ridge to Wolf Rock, a fairly extensive outcropping of some 500-million-year old basic rock. Most of us took the scramble up to inspect a long, deep crevasse, i.e. rock fissure. The hike ended with a mile-long descent back to the Visitor Center.

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(Spring hike continued)

After cleaning up and taking on some liquid refreshment, nine of us headed over to Dean Fitzgerald's Shamrock Restaurant on Route 15 just north of Thurmont. Dean skied with us at Banff this past winter and had invited us to try his place. We were just tired enough to really relax, all of us together around a large table, and happily enjoy a mid-day refresher meal with excellent food and service. Most of us finally could not resist a pigout dessert of fresh-baked-on-the-premise pies, including yes oh yes fresh rhubarb pie!!!

Nat Seeman

The First Day of Summer

It was 9 hours and 12 minutes into summer when we met at Betty Lawrence's home on June 21. The threat of rain kept everyone from going into the pool. Let it not be said that PVSer's don't have enough sense to come in out of the rain (except at Mont Sutton). A large fish could be seen swimming around the bottom of the pool.

A large variety of beverages was available on Betty's large deck. The light rain which had fallen decreased the temperature, making the outdoor air very comfortable. Just inside on the dining room table was a large variety of delicious morsels. A common comment heard was, "I'm sure glad I didn't eat much supper." Anyone who has been to Betty's home knows they are in for a treat.



The meeting was called to order by the president, and all who could moved to the living room. The large crowd required some to stand in adjacent rooms and to sit on the floor. Each of the trip leaders for the coming ski season gave a description of proposed trips. All indications are that there will be some great trips this winter.

Ray McKinley informed us of coming events, with some prompting by helpmate Nancy.

Following adjournment of the meeting, a delicious strawberry dessert with cookies was served in the dining room.

The weather, it was really great,

All the food and drinks were first rate.

Thank you Betty, you did so well

To prepare an evening so swell!

--Myron Marquardt

An Afternoon at Montgomery Playhouse

On the afternoon of Sunday, June 26, eighteen PVSers met at Montgomery Playhouse in Gaithersburg, Md to view a performance of the play, "Two Into One" by Ray Cooney. Billed as a British sex farce, it played true to form as its characters in various stages of undress, romped through a hotel, in and out of rooms, in that old comedic routine of just barely managing to avoid being caught by wives and husbands. Crazy but funny, and it entertained us with an afternoon of lighthearted fun.

Following the play, we had an enjoyable dinner at Fegan's Seafood Restaurant at Lake Rio arranged by Pat Tengjel and John Smith. Good food and lively conversation abounded around the table as we concluded another memorable PVS event.

Many thanks to Sara Huggins for arranging for our theatre tickets and to Pat and John for the DOGS portion of our outing.

--Liz Triau

A Summer Picnic and Barbecue

A summer barbecue was the order of the day on June 18 and 12 of us answered the call. Although a long drive for one day, after I95 it was easy driving along scenic highways to a warm welcome at the waterfront house of Chuck and Alexa McGrath in Tidewater Virginia.

The unusual and spectacular architecture (It's up for a builder's award.) of the McGrath home was cause for much admiration and conversation. Jean Heitchue was overheard saying she will be looking with new eyes at the blue prints for their planned construction.

True to PVS&E tradition, we started nibbling shortly after arriving and never stopped till time to leave. We enjoyed a scrumptious feast of crab, smoked and barbecued chicken, beans, and a variety of salads and desserts (including home-made ice cream courtesy of our host). Swimming and boating were the exercise of the day, but in truth there was more floating than swimming.

It was a wonderfully pleasant and relaxing day and we thank the McGrath family for their warm and generous hospitality.

--Jeanne Strickland

POTOMAC VALLEY SKIERS, INC. PRESENTS A NEW DECEMBER TRIP
WINTER PARK, COLORADO
December 5-15, 1994
By Trip Leaders
Charles Huggins & Norman Engelman

The trip will include:

- * Deluxe accommodations at the Vintage in Winter Park with 2 queen sized beds. (The hotel is about 1000 yards from the mountain.)
- * Complimentary wine & cheese party upon arrival.
- * Nine days available for skiing.
- * Apres ski in trip leaders room 4:30 to 6:30 each day. Coffee, tea, and cookies will be provided. Alcoholic beverages will be BYOB.
- * Heated swimming pool and jacuzzi large enough for our entire group.
- * Two evening meals.
- * Exercise room.
- * 3060 foot vertical on three mountains (Mary Jane, Winter Park, & Vasquez)
- * Lockers on first floor of Vintage for skis and pole storage.
- * Land transportation to Winter Park and return to airport.
- * Cozy library with Denver Post, Wall Street Journal, & other periodicals.
- * All taxes and gratuities.
- * Pre trip party at CHI-CHIS Restaurant.

The trip will cost \$869, (double occupancy per room) and does not include lift tickets. The group rate on United is \$306 and includes airport users fees. This rate beats two senior coupons with airport users fees on most airlines. Dec. 5th United Flight 2329 Dulles 9 A.M., Arrives Denver 10:37 A.M. Dec. 15th United Flight 250 Denver 3:30 P.M. Arrives Dulles 8:34 P.M. Frequent flyers on other airlines who make own arrangements can deduct \$306. They will need to arrive in similar time interval to mesh with land transportation (\$32. round trip bus). Individual Van service will exceed this price.

SKI LIFT TICKETS

Over 70 free.
Seniors 62 to 70, \$18. (\$15 if 25 sign up for group rate)
Non seniors, \$34. (\$31 if 25 sign up for group rate)

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

(COMPLETE TRIP)	(LAND PACKAGE ONLY)
July 10th \$100 Deposit	\$50
Aug. 30th \$325 First payment	\$250
Oct. 1st \$444 Final Payment	\$263

Anyone who so desires can make full payment of \$869 or \$563 with one check. Please complete the form below and mail along with your deposit to Charles Huggins 9916 Betteker Ln. Potomac Md 20854.

Make your check payable to PVS Winter Park.

Name _____ Male _____ Female _____
 Address _____ Non Smoker _____ Smoker _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Check here if over 70 _____, 62-70 _____, Under 62 _____
 Phone: Home _____ Office _____ Roommate Pref. _____

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

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

PVS designated Trip Leaders, should the circumstances demand, have the right to substitute hotels of similiar 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.

NOTE! NOTE! NOTE!

The new disclaimers on all ski trip applications need to be signed and dated.



THE KNEE

by
Ray McKinley

With any luck at all, as you read this, the Knee and Nancy are skiing. We'll be checking out Whistler and hope to ski.

Toot Editor Lu Beale is recovering at home after having her cancerous colon removed. Lu originally thought the doctor said "cantankerous" colon and wondered, "Why take it out if it's the same as the rest of me?"

Ankneeway, Lu was so cantankerous, they kicked her out of Sibley Hospital after only a week. (She was to be in for 2-3 weeks.)

Lu is now home and drives; however she says she still gets tired. (It's less than 3 weeks after major surgery, Lu--it takes the Knee a week to recover from having teeth cleaned.) She remains cantankerous. We love ya, Lu.

In addition to oodles (a technical term) of cards and well wishes from PVSers, Lu also received cards from Jim and Tammy-Faye Bakker, Rush Limbaugh, Dan Quayle and Clarence Thomas. All have very similar handwriting. Hmm.

In a related event, (the Knee loves segues) a huge tip of the ol' Knee cap to Jessma Blockwick and Bette Walker who ably stepped in and put out this issue of TOOT. If by the way, you are not reading this because you didn't get TOOT, I withdraw the comment.

Regarding last month's query on Lee Canyon ski area. The small area is on 12,000ft. Mt. Charleston, and is less than a one-hour drive from the Las Vegas Strip. From November to April, snow is no gamble. You can bet on it.

Do PVSers always talk about skiing? No. At the latest meeting of Glade Flake's ski trip committee, half an hour was devoted to sleep "apkneeia." Jack Peoples' has been cured. During the discussion the Knee dozed off.

Bob and Margaret Wyckoff are now grandparents. Daughter Patricia's baby is already planning to ski this winter.

Another Bob (and another segue), Bob Marx was just named Assoc. Director of the Census Bureau. Bob will run the year 2000 census. Count me! Count me!

If you've missed John Newdorp, it's because he's gone. John now lives in Cape Hatteras, (pronounced Hat-ras by the locals). Incidentally, his P.O. Box is next to that of Lu Beale's brother!

Also gone (again) are Chris Wain. They have returned to California because of Chris' new job.

Remember Ross Perot? His comment on skiing moguls, "If I want pain, I'll go over Niagara Falls in a barrel!"

Gail and Larry Pease spent a mid-June week in Vail, biking and hiking while Gail attended a conference. A new movie about Vail is underway; it's called "A Highway Runs Through It."

Gorman Young recently had hip replacement surgery. He is now recuperating in the same nursing home as his wife, Carolyn.

Did you notice that Fred and Barbara Leonhardt's new street address is 12345? Did you care?

Rushin' off to Russia is Dot Mason. She will be there for a month with a tour group. Jeannette Albersheim will spend a month touring France with the Huguenots. (The Huguenots were a group of ancient Greeks that Jason traveled with before they got fleeced.)

If you missed Chuck and Alexa McGrath's June party, you missed a real winner. The day was splendid, the drive was splendid, and our hosts were splendid. Wonderful crabs, smoked and barbecued chicken and all manner of drinks. Don't miss it next summer.

Jessma Blockwick, has made 5 trips to Boulder, Colorado this year, mostly being a grandmother.

Going the other direction (with another segue), Mary Ward has had five trips to Europe. Unfortunately, all business and no skiing.

Karen and Knox Felker are just back from Denmark. The highlight was a royal dinner at Hamlet's Kronenburg Castle. Crown Prince Frederick was there and Knox was kissed by the Princess. He hasn't washed since.

- July 13 ... DOGS. See page 2.
- July 16 ... First Annual Pre-Trip Party at the Clarks.
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- July 19 ... ExCom at the Triau's. (NOTE NEW DATE)
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- Aug. 9 ... DOGS - place to be announced
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- Aug. 23 ... ExCom at Dot Mills
- Sept. 3 ... Crab Feast at Betty Lawrence's. See page 3.
- Sept. 20 ... PVS meeting at home of Don & Marijane Harper
- Oct. 1 ... Beach weekend at the Barry's
- Oct. 8 ... Oktoberfest - farm of Mary Ward & Jim Slack
- Oct. 18 ... Meeting & Talent Show - Leisure World
Clubhouse No. 1
- Nov. 15 ... Meeting at Ned and Jaclyn Flaherty's
- Nov. 19 ... Annual Arts Club Dinner
- Dec. 20 ... Christmas Party at the Heitchue's

DON'T FORGET the annual fall weekend in Rehoboth with the Barry's. Sept. 30-Oct.2. This event is LIMITED. \$75 per person, including lodging, welcome cocktail party on Friday, breakfast and lobster dinner on Saturday, and brunch on Sunday. Call the Barry's 1-302-227-0547 or 0-302-227-7000.



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