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**PRESIDENT'S
SITZMARK**

At the April meeting I was elected to a second term as President. I was honored, of course, but because of my many years I had a grave reservation about accepting. In the nick of time I remembered that I already had a grave reservation in Rock Creek Cemetary and I certainly did not need another. So here I am for a while longer.

If I accept the situation with some alacrity it's because, standing in the wings, is Vice President Nancy McKinley who is not only enormously capable but is YOUNG. So have patience, PVS youth (sic). Your day will come.

~~Also elected at the April meeting were Bob Marx, Marty McNeill, and Jack Ragen to 2-year terms on the Executive Committee. They, with veterans Suzanne Boisclair, Janet Waln and newly appointed Sheldon Drews will work with the chairpersons of the various committees to keep this club what it always has been --the greatest little ski club in the USA.~~

Lu
Lu Beale, President

MAY



MONTHLY MEETING - MAY 19, 1998 - 7:30 P.M.

Home of Barbara and Fred Leonhardt
606 Firehouse Lane
Gaithersburg, MD 20878
Tel: 301-963-8111

Directions: Take the Beltway to Route 270 to Exit 6B, Rte 28, Darnestown Road. Go west. Follow Darnestown Road for 4.6 miles to signal at Kentlands entrance, Tschiffley Square Road. Turn right. At 3rd stop sign, turn right at Leeks Lot Way. Almost immediately, turn right at Firehouse Lane to #606. Carpooling is encouraged, since parking at the house is limited.

COMING EVENTS

TOUR BROOKSIDE GARDENS MAY 7, 10:30 A.M.

Brookside Gardens is a 50-acre garden. Tropical plants such as bananas and orchids are seen in the Conservatories. Outside gardens include Rose, Formal, Gude, Fragrance, Japanese, and Trial.

We will meet in front of the Conservatories, and then tour the Gardens. Participants should bring their lunch for eating with the group at the Nature Center picnic area adjacent to Brookside Gardens. Food or drink is not permitted in the gardens. Interested PVSers should call Rachel Abraham (301) 530-7612 to let her know you're coming.

Directions: Take the beltway to Georgia avenue exit (Rt. 97). Go north on Georgia Avenue passing through Wheaton to Randolph Road. Turn right on Randolph Road. Go two blocks and turn right at the second traffic light on Glenallen Ave. Follow Glenallen Ave. to Brookside Gardens at the bottom of the hill on the right side. Park on the paved lot in front of the Conservatories.

Luau At the Waln's

PVS's fourth Luau is on Saturday, May 16th at 6:30 p.m.

There are now three spaces available and no wait list so call the Walns at 703-256-3543 if you're interested in attending the "Hukilau."

Directions to the Walns at 6222 Berlee Drive, Alexandria, VA (tel: 703-256-3543): From 395 N & S, exit at Little River Turnpike (West). At first light, go right onto Beauregard. At next light, go left onto North Chambliss. At next light, go left onto Lincolnia. After 0.3 mile go right onto Sano. After the Queen of Apostles Catholic Church, Sano turns into Berlee, the road divides and veers right. The Walns are just past median on left. The number is on the curb and the house which is a light brown brick with dark brown shutters.

NOTE: Ron Ewing has resigned reluctantly from the Executive Committee due to the demands of a new job. He still thinks PVSers are the greatest and hopes to serve again when he is truly retired.

KENSINGTON TEA ROOM.- MIDWEEK BIKE RIDE THURSDAY MAY 21st

We will meet at Candy Cane City at 10:30 a.m. for a 15 mile bike ride mostly on bike path. The terrain is flat to rolling. Lunch at the Tea Room in the antique area of historic Kensington at 12:30 p.m. PVSers not wishing to bike are welcome to join the bikers at the Tea Room for lunch.

Interested PVSers should call Betty Byrne (202) 483-4048 or Marvin Hass (703) 751-4737.

Directions: From the beltway take MD-185 (Connecticut Avenue) south (Toward Chevy Chase) for 1 mile. Turn left at traffic light (Country Club will be on your right) onto MD-410 (East West Highway). Go 1 mile and turn right just before crossing the bridge over Rock Creek at the traffic light onto Beach Drive. Park on left shoulder approximately 0.5 mile after turn. Candy Cane City is across footbridge over Rock Creek.

THE CATOCTIN MOUNTAINS!

***** HIKE, BREWERY TOUR AND DINNER COMBO
***** SATURDAY, MAY 30, 11:30 A.M. - RAIN OR SHINE
***** TO SIGN UP, CALL BILL ANDERSON AT 301-654-4711

We will meet at the Visitor's Center in Catoctin Mountain Park at 11:30 a.m. To get there, from Beltway take 270 to Frederick, left lanes lead to Rte 15 North. Continue to Thurmont, exit at Rte. 77, go west to Visitor's Center. Lu Beale will lead a 5 miler (total) to Cunningham Falls and Huntington Lake. Bring lunch to eat at the lake.

After hiking we will proceed to the new location of the Frederick Brewery (notorious for their hempel ale) for a tour at 4 o'clock. To get there, return on 15 to exit 31B, Route 85, go south 2 miles to English Muffin Way, turn right go to first steet on right, turn into Wedgewood, brewery is big yellow building on left.

Dinner is at 5:30 at Tauraso's, a **** restaurant featuring pasta, pizza, salads, sandwiches and full course dinners. Weather permitting, we will eat in the garden. To drive to restaurant, return on 85 (becomes Market St.), 4.7 miles to Church St., turn right, go to East St., turn right, then one half block, turn left into parking lot.

You may sign up for any or all events. If interested in carpooling from Fair Lanes Bowling Alley on Shady Grove Road at 10:30 am, let Bill know. See you there!



SCHEDULED TRIPS FOR THE 1998-2000 SKI SEASONS

DATE	PLACE	TRIP LEADERS
Dec. 9 to 16, 1998	Steamboat, CO.	Ned & Jaclyn Flaherty
Jan. 9 to 16, 1999	Telluride, CO.	Don & Kathy Dillon
Jan. 30 to Feb. 6, 1999	Sun Valley, ID.	Dina Taylor &
Feb. 18 to Mar. 1, 1999	Cortina, Italy	John Smith & Pat Tengel
Feb. 27 to Mar. 6, 1999 BRSC Trip	Mt. Tremblant, Canada	No Trip Leader design- ated at present time
Mar. 13 to Mar. 20, 1999	Vail, CO	Ray & Nancy McKinley
Dec. 26, 1999 to Jan. 2, 2000 BRSC Trip	Steamboat, CO.	Trip Leader not design- ated at present time
Jan. 29, to Feb. 5, 2000 BRSC Trip	Park City, UT.	Trip Leader not design- ated at present time
Feb. 26, to Mar. 4, 2000 BRSC Trip	Loon, NH or Killington, VT	Exact location not decided by BRSC

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.

Nancy and Ray McKinley invite you to



Ski Vail in 1999!!



8 Days--March 13 to March 21

Here's the trip everyone's been asking us for! Fly direct, nonstop from Dulles to Vail. Vail is massive, the largest ski area in the United States. And there's great skiing for all levels, from beginners to double diamond slopes for experts. We'll stay slopeside. You'll love it! No hiking or buses to each spectacular day of skiing. Our trip includes all the goodies you expect on a McKinley-run trip: airfare, transfers, lifts, group dinners, apres ski nightly, pre and post trip parties, baggage handling, and gratuities.

This is going to be an extremely popular trip. You can reserve your space today by sending your check for \$200 (payable to Ray McKinley and refundable through June) to the McKinleys, 2326 North Upton Street, Arlington, VA 22207-4045. Call us for more information at (703) 527-7126.

SPRING FLING April 25, 1998

by S. Triau

Eight PVSers attended this year's Spring Fling, including Sheldon Drews and his daughter, Dina, visiting from Seattle, Washington. This event is sponsored by the Blue Ridge Ski Council, so of course, PVS is listed as one of the sponsors. We can all be proud to be a sponsor of such a worth while charity event. The unofficial total amount raised for Disabled Sports USA was well over \$50,000 this year. It should also be noted, most of the money from the Spring Fling is used for handicapped skiers in the greater Washington, DC/ Baltimore, MD area.

The evening started with a silent auction of ski equipment/clothing as well as a variety of short trips and other misc. items such as a painting donated and autographed by the governor of MD, Paris Glendening. Most of us were able to bid on and buy ski clothing and accessories at a reasonable cost. The silent auction was followed by a buffet dinner (which was great this year) and the live auction of week long skiing and other vacation trips (which this year included a very deluxe trip for four to Hawaii which went for a record \$6,600). There were comments heard that this year the trips were going for higher bids, but after all, that is great as it is all for charity. We all had a very enjoyable evening and felt good that we had helped such a worthy cause.

1998 Annual Meeting...at the Kline's

Thaaaaaank yooooooooou! Charlotte and Jim, for welcoming us to your beautiful house and gardens! There was a delightful variety of beautifully prepared food laid out for us in the kitchen/family room and the dining room. And if that weren't enough...there suddenly appeared three delicious cheeses that were left from the post-Steamboat trip party (that someone forgot to put out). A most wonderful cake followed the meeting.

There were "rare sightings" among the 54 people who signed up in the guest book. Huey Roberts was the rarest, having come in from Colorado. Dick Comerford, Phil Ufholz, the Dillon's, and since Patrol season has ended, the Peases were there. Bob McNeil was waited on hand and foot...er...knee because he couldn't walk well--- he could ski just fine, thank you. And Jack Peoples was there with his magic magnets, willing to help anyone who was willing to try them.

Our President/president-elect was elegantly dressed all in black with a beautiful coral accent scarf at her neck. Elections were held and, surprise! Lu was re-elected. We welcome 3 new Excomers, Marty McNeil, Jack Regan and Bob Marx. There were no qualified applicant members to be voted on this year. Several leaders had just returned from FAM trips exploring possible ski areas for the future. Next year's trips were described which left us all feeling a bit tingly

---Jan Marx

If you're about to miss a deadline for the TOOT, you can fax your material to Jessma Blockwick at her apartment building.
Fax No. 703-790-9778

THE LEGEND CONTINUES

by Nancy Ewing

The legend of Don and Pat Cope's sophisticated tastes and excellent talents continued unchallenged as they dazzled a PVS group at their 1998 Wine Tasting event, Saturday, March 28, 1998.

Don and Pat's commitment to quality and their superlative sense of flavoring matched a wonderful array of delectable cuisine with the appropriate choice of wines. The wine selections provided an enticement to the taste buds of novices to connoisseurs. The participants had great fun discussing the nuances and merits of each offering, and, of course, the merits and nuances of skiing.

Following such a wonderful evening of wine tasting, one emerges from the Copes having gained a greater understanding of and appreciation for wine and with warm feelings generated by a host and hostess that graciously provide the finest hospitality. APPLAUSE!

MIDWEEK HIKE

In spite of a bruised and swollen leg (acquired on a wild Wanderbirds' hike), Frank Shelburne led a group of PVSers on a brisk walk around Clopper Lake on April 16. Was that only four miles, Frank? Then we got in our cars and followed Charlie Huggins single-file to Olde Town Gaithersburg. Sure enough, Sara was waiting on a park bench by the train station. At the Olde Town Tavern Brewing Company, we stuffed ourselves with hearty sandwiches, sampled the different brews, and had a short tour of the premises. Thanks to Frank, Charlie, and Sara. let's do it again!

By June Kelsay

MT. VERNON BIKE RIDE THURSDAY APRIL 23

A dismal weather forecast deterred all but two intrepid bikers: leader Shirley Rettig who felt duty-bound to show up and Marvin Hass who is training for a July bike trip to Colorado. Those of little faith missed a good ride, as the rain never arrived and the day turned out very nice. On the way down we stopped at the American Horticultural Society for a tour of the gardens and at the Americanism Museum of the Sojourners who are military officers affiliated with the Masons. Lunch at Mt. Vernon and then we biked back to our starting point.

PVS BOARD

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Sheldon Drews
Janet Wain

First Term:

Bob Marx
Marty McNeill
Jack Ragan



THE KNEE

by
Ray McKinley

The End is Near! The End is Near! Yup, it's often hard to accept, but the end

of this ski season is near. The reason is sadly clear. The Sky is (no longer) Falling.

Our latest skier to date is Dina Taylor. She returned from Banff in mid-April. Including going on all of the PVS trips, this was the newly retired Dina's 137th ski trip this season. Right on, and on.

Again this year, in Vail, by mid-April you could ski for \$5 per day. But they're closed. All of the Tahoe resorts still have record snows, and Whistler still has lots of snow. They're open through at least July. Ski Liberty is finally closed.

Remember, the worst day skiing is much better than the best day working.

Mr. and Mrs. Knee were pleased to attend Mary Jane McCarthy's 77th Birthday celebration at the end of April. After Nat Seeman announced the event at our April meeting, some 25 PVSers showed up to celebrate. I am most pleased to report that Mary Jane looks and sounds great and she retains her superb sense of class and style. The party also permitted many of us to meet five of Mary Jane's six charming daughters. Right on.

As you read this, Joe Blum is enjoying a 17 day tour of Turkey. Prior to his leaving, June Kelsey provided Joe with insight on the country. Travelling nearby is Lorraine Brockmeyer. She's off to Greece with her daughter on a law school exchange program. I thought lawyers did it in Latin not Greek. *et tu...?*

PVS has a new trip leader. In June, Aina Thomas is leading a group of 32 on a trip to her native Latvia. The three week trip will end on a high (sic) note with a day of skiing at Ski Liberty.

From my Just Another Day file: The PVS April meeting was one of three parties in four days hosted by Jim and Charlotte Kline! Most of us panic on doing a single event. Yet three days before PVS, the Klines held a 94th birthday bash for Charlotte's father. (Finally someone who makes

even PVS look young.) And inbetween the two they had a baby shower. Yes, a baby shower. The Knee can now reveal that Charlotte is expecting. And because of the new fertility drugs it's going to be quintuplets. Right on and on and on, etc.

Everyone certainly remembers Lu Beale's Presidential acceptance speech last year about her communing with Eleanor Roosevelt about taking the presidency. Well, in this year's speech, Lu had communed again with Eleanor. President Beale expressed "grave reservations" about continuing in the job. Eleanor replied, Missey (she always referred to Lu as Missey) at your age and with your health, you must already have grave reservations, so go ahead. Lu remains our Pres.

When John Smith goes on a ski trip, he puts together a picture album. His final photo is of the full group. This year's had the caption "We're glad we are all headed home." Sue Walsh was missing from the picture.

Both Bill Anderson and Jessma Blockwick were late for the Big Sky post trip party. Both attended High School reunions earlier in the day. Sal and Lee Mahallati were also late, attending a wedding. The Knee can now reveal that Sal and Lee have finally legitimized their relationship.

At the post trip party, supported by Joan Flake and Jan Marx both President Beale and Vice President McKinley reprised their Big Sky drum solos. If you haven't heard a splendid drum solo before, you certainly didn't there.

At Pat and Don Cope's super wine tasting, Nancy Ewing and Dorie Waddick discovered they are related. OK, so they are third cousins. After the event, Marvin Haas sent us an article entitled "Wine May Reduce Many Ills." He noted that it was nice to see us at "Cope's health spa."

Congrats to Sheldon Drews. He was just named to fill out the Excom term of Ron Ewing who resigned due to new consulting work.

At a Swiss ski race, Picabo Street broke her leg. She received wonderful treatment at the hospital Intensive Care Unit. She has since made a significant contribution to the hospital which has renamed its Emergency Room the Picabo ICU.

CALENDAR

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- June 11 ... Vienna to Reston bike ride
- June 16 ... Monthly meeting at Betty Lawrence's
- June 23 ... ExCom atr Bette Walker's
- July 18 ... PVS at Ragtime
- July 28 ... ExCom at Annapolis with Pat Tengel and
- July 30 ... Great Falls, MD to Seneca bike ride
- Aug. 8 ... Party at Annapolis with the Flakes
- Aug. 20 ... Candy Cane City to Garrett Park bike ride
- Aug. 25 ... ExCom with the Garretts at Occoquan
- Sept. 5 ... Crab Feast at Betty Lawrence's
- Oct. 3 ... Oktoberfest at Blob's Park
- Nov. 7 ... Arts Club Dinner
- Dec. 31 ... 1999, Millenium Party

July

Sat

Oct 17 - 3 Blob's
Lobby

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