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## President's Message:

It just hit me like 907 kilograms of bricks (your president is going metric) that this is my seventh president's message which indicates that I have completed over half of my first term of office. On the other hand, it is just the beginning of the fun half of the year when our members enjoy the sport we have been talking about all summer. Yes, SKIING TIME is just around the corner with our first trip taking off on December 7th.

With the holiday season fast approaching, we are looking forward to busy times. We hope you will include as many PVS events as possible in your holiday schedule.

Ray McKinley noted at our last general meeting at the Triaus' that some past events have not been well supported by our membership. Does this mean we have been too ambitious in planning activities or has the recession caught up with our members? Attendance at the general meetings has been overwhelming and for this we are grateful. But, the Autumn Dinner on November 1 attendance represents less than 20% of our membership. This is disappointing because it promises to be a great evening in an historic house. I regret more of you will be unable to attend.

Now, as we approach the first big holiday of the season, I wish each of you a joyful and plentiful Thanksgiving.

*Bill*

Bill Anderson, President



## MONTHLY MEETING

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1991  
8:00 P.M.

WHERE: Home of Marty and Bob McNeill  
2 Hitching Post Place  
Rockville, Me. 20852. Tel: 301-881-6558

WHAT: Annual presentation of the latest in ski equipment.  
The Ski Center's Brian Eardley will demonstrate.



DIRECTIONS: Take the Beltway to 270N. Take Exit 4A (Montrose Road East). Proceed east about one block and take first right into WALNUT WOODS on Hitching Post Lane. Travel 6/10ths of a mile to Hitching Post Place. The McNeills are in #2 - the corner house.

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COMING EVENTS

Dining Out Group

Join us for dinner on Tuesday, November 12, 1991. Meeting and greeting at 6:30, Dinner at 7:00. This month we will meet at Le Steak Provencal, Plaza 1900, Gallows Road, Tysons Corner, VA.

Directions: From Maryland, Exit Beltway at Route 7. Turn left at Gallows Road. The restaurant is on the right about 2 blocks south.

From Virginia, Turn right onto Gallows Road from Route 7. The restaurant is about 2 blocks South.

So we can make reservations, Call Pat Tengel or John Smith at home (301-299-8376) or Pat at work (301-405-1012) by Sunday November 10, 1991. If you can't decide until Tuesday, we'll try to accommodate.

GREAT FALLS HIKE/SUPPER WITH NANCY SEXTON & RAY MCKINLEY

Saturday, November 16. 1:30 P.M. RAIN OR SHINE!!  
Time again for the annual pre-Thanksgiving hike in Great Falls Park, Virginia followed by dishes in the southwestern style prepared by Nancy and Ray.

This event, limited to 25 for the dinner, is already fully subscribed. However, there is a wait-list, so call Ray or Nancy at 703-527-7126 to reserve a place on that list. There is no limit on hikers.

Bring dessert or salad. Check with Ray.

Cost: about \$5 if you bring salad or dessert. \$7, if you don't. Please bring your own chili bowl, plate and utensils.

The club's cancellation policy will prevail and you are responsible for your share of costs if you are a no-show.

The hike is a six mile circuit. Meet at the Visitors' Center at 1:30 p.m.

Directions to Great Falls: Take Beltway Exit #13 for Great Falls via #193 (Georgetown Pike). Go West 4 miles to Old Dominion Drive where there's a traffic light and sign for Great Falls Park. Turn right, continue through main gate and park in lot near Visitors' Center where we will meet.

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WINTER STEAK & SWIM AT THE ELRODS - January 4, 1992

Limited to 25, this is a very special winter event you won't want to miss. Details in December Toot but there are only a few places left, so call now to make your reservation with coordinator Margaret Wyckoff (301-589-5532).

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CULTURE, PVS STYLE by Bette Walker

September 29 was a day for outdoor sports and pleasures, but the 15 Potomac Valley Skiers who opted for an afternoon spent with the Montgomery Players were not unhappy to be indoors where the British farce "Noises Off" (by Michael Frayn), a fast-moving, hilarious romp, provided great merriment.

The talented cast of professional amateurs (an oxymoron? But true!) was remarkable as was the clever set design. One member of the cast, costumed by Victoria's Secret, was particularly appreciated by Jack Peoples.

Jack, to continue the festivities, had made reservations for dinner at the Flaming Pit in Gaithersburg where the piece de resistance was that "No-No" rare beef in great quantity. Although there were 12 ladies present and only 3 gentlemen, Jack, Bob Wyckoff and Serge Triau entertained gallantly, declaring the ratio quite proper.

Thanks go to Jack and to Sara Huggins who suggested the performance and made the ticket arrangements. Let's do it again!

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OCTUBBY--FEST by Jan Marx

We sure were tubby when we left the Evans'. Ken and Myra provided four different wursts, flavorably cooked on the grill. PVSers produced their exclusive assortment of greens, slaws, and potato salads. The past controversy continued over which recipe was the REAL pflaumankuchen.

It may have been my frame of mind (no comments, Ray), but I thought the food was unusually good this year. Fifty-five of us soaked up the perfect Indian Summer weather including the enthusiastic bees who joined us at this Octo-bee-fest.

Thanks Myra, Ken and cats.

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WINING AND SNACKING, AUSTRALIAN STYLE by Pat Cope

There were more wines than people at the Waddicks' Aussie wine-tasting in October but it turned out to be a winning combination.

John's carefully selected wines included 4 whites, 5 reds and 2 great dessert wines ranging in price from under \$5 to \$100 a bottle. John offered not only information about each wine but bed space for anyone using poor judgement in his or her consumption. (Thankfully, no one had to accept.)

Dorie's task was to provide the "solids" and she certainly gets an A for that effort. TOOT needs to contact her for some recipes that are too good not to share. She produced a different hors d'oeuvre for each wine plus a few extras here and there.

Thanks, Dorie and John. The wine, the food, the congeniality of the group and the opportunity to spend an evening in your lovely home made it a special event.

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PAST EVENT

FALL WEEKEND AT REHOBOTH by Howard Hensley

If you missed this outing on the weekend of October 18-20, you should kick yourself! Friday and Saturday, the weather was absolutely stunning - bright sunshine, clear blue skies and mid-70's temperature. Sunday was more of the same except a bit cooler and breezy. Simply super fall weather!

The "kick off" event was cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at Vivian and Robert Barry's Bed and Breakfast, aka "Barry's Seagull Cottage". Although this intrepid reporter sadly missed this event, his stringers report that fun was had by all. Mussels and shrimp got star billing with a supporting cast of various specialties from PVS members. In the entertainment section of the evening, Marianne Cook performed beautifully on the newly-tuned piano.

Your reporter arrived at the Barry's Condo at Spring Lake about 10:00Am on Saturday to find condo mate Dina Taylor being held hostage by the biggest sofa I have ever seen, overlooking Spring Lake which was quickly filling up with incoming formations of honking wild Canadian Geese. It was Mother Nature at her best! The other condo mate and club VP, Mary Jane McCarthy, provided a welcome cup of coffee, sweet roll and her usual good cheer. The PVS members ate a leisurely breakfast at their respective lodgings (Barry's Bed and Breakfast, Barry's Condo and Brown's Beach house) and did their own thing till 4pm when the hot tub and drinks and hors d'oeuvres were available at the Barry's Bed and Breakfast. A few errant souls thought the hot tub began at 4pm and the hors d'oeuvres, drinks and dinner began at 7pm. How boring it would be if everyone had the same schedule!

The main event at dinner, regardless of the time one ate, were the fabulous lobsters which were delicious. Two other notable items on the menu were the white sweet potatoes and the sour dough bread. There was, of course, the usual coffee and various desserts. Then came more coffee and after dinner drinks with relaxing conversation and more entertainment by Marianne on the piano and singing led by Marilyn Clark and Karen Felker. Finally, Lu Beale could no longer stand to see people so relaxed and contented so she led a few brave souls on a forced march into the cold, windy night.

The final meeting of the group was at 11am on Sunday at the Brown's Beach House for Brunch. The temperature was about 55 degrees which explains why everyone fixed their drinks (I can attest that the Bloody Marys were delicious) at the bar on the porch and immediately went inside where the cozy wood burning stove was located - as well as the brunch. After a few hours of libations, good food and good company, the PVSers began to drift back into their own version of the "real world".

Once again, Vivian Barry out did her usual self in the cooking department and Bob Barry was everywhere at once helping Vivian and checking to see if all was well with each guest- the perfect hostess and host. Similarly, Susan and Bill Brown were pleasant and charming hosts for the Sunday Brunch. Thank you again Vivian, Bob, Susan and Bill!

PAST EVENTS

OCTOBER MEETING by Lu Beale

Rain and PVS meetings seem to go together. That was certainly the case on October 15 when, an hour before members were to meet at first-time hosts Liz and Serge Triaus' home in Derwood, Md., the skies opened and the rain came pelting down.

Undeterred, about 50 of the regulars showed up anyway although some, like Gorman Young, took a very long time to get there and the president himself found it necessary to make a few illegal U-turns in the downpour before arriving at the Triaus'. John Newdorp, meanwhile, made the long and hazardous drive from Arlington without incident and without complaint. As usual, Ned and Jackie Flaherty didn't have far to go but Ned was handicapped by an injury to his shoulder which will sideline him on the slopes for the season. Seems he and his wife were getting off a chair at this ski resort last year when Jackie...well, ask him. Or ask Jackie. Good stories, both.

Although Serge was nursing an industrial-size cold, his good spirits never deserted him as he helped Liz load and reload the table with goodies (50 ham & cheese croissant sandwiches, just for starters!).

After socializing, the group repaired to the step-down rec room where business was conducted against a backdrop of a Miller movie on the VCR. Ray McKinley urged members to support events. Ski trip leaders announced there are still openings on all trips.

Then, after more eating (surely there never was such an array of cakes & tarts!) guests finally searched out their umbrellars and headed home. We hope the Triaus had half as good a time as we did and we sure hope theyll do it again. A THOUSAND THANKS!!

P.S. Left behind by forgetful guests: one purple nylon wind breaker and one brown leather jacket. Call Liz at 301-840-1128.

A MESSAGE FROM AINA

Dear PVS family,

It is not possible to tell you how much I truly appreciated what you did for me during Hank's illness and when he passed away.

During his illness the many phone calls of hope and encouragement and your prayers kept me going. Every day I read him your get-well cards with your cheery messages and this brightened his days at the hospital.

Finally, your kind expressions of sympathy at the services in my church and in Arlington cemetery gave me the support I needed.

I thank all of you from the bottom of my heart. In due time, I will try to thank you each individually.

Sincerely,

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# THE KNEE

by

Ray McKinley



It's November. The frost is on the pumpkin. The persimmons have had their frost and are now cloyingly sweet-taut. And the skiing season with its ubiquitous white stuff (except at Liberty) is upon us. (The Knee learned the word ubiquitous from a 1950's commercial for Nucoa margarine, "the new ubiquitous comestible" -- they no longer make Nucoa. It's gone the way of Charkneeta.)

They have been skiing at Killington for some weeks, now. And Winter Park opened for a bit and has now closed. Braddock Heights, Md., has not yet opened --for the 1970 season!

Roy and Malda Elrod have just completed a late fall vacation at their condo in Shawnee, Pa. This season will mark a total of 101 ski seasons for the couple. It must be 90 percent Roy because Malda just reached voting age.

Sal Mahallati will spend his next birthday in Steamboat Springs, Colorado, skiing with a gaggle of us on the Comerfords' trip.

Oktoberfest at the Evans was a typically wonderful PVS munchfest. The Evans had fresh apples "on the hoof" (that is, "on the tree") as well as a few azaleas in bloom. And the grilled wursts were the best.

Some of us supplemented the Evans' great collection of beer steins with our own. (Knee intellectual note: stein is the wrong term. In German it means rock, not glass or mug. The Germans drink their beer out of krugs which, according to my dictionary is translated as "stein".)

Penny Hanshaw had the smallest krug. It held about 4 ounces. Penny pointed out that she was the designated driver.

Nancy Monacelli, back from an earlier trip to Japan, was talking of her Italian heritage with Mike Santoro. They discovered they are second cousins!

PVS Song & Dance Man Kirk Burns had only minor success in getting the group to polka in the foyer.

Janet Marx, a dessert bringer, observed that it was always easy to cut the German plum cake, pflauman kuchen. "You turn it vertically and cut along the plum line." (Some of these I just report on. Others I make up.)

Eleanor Peterson was wearing a very beautiful pair of new blue eye-glasses. She said they went with her recently purchased ski jumpsuit. And, I might add, with her eyes. Oh, my goodness (so to speak), is that sexual harassment?

Nancy Laymon is studying to become a travel agent. She was surprised to learn the variety of courses required --including geography. It helps, Nancy. Several years ago, on a trip to the Soviet Union (no, not Villkneus, Lithuakneeia), the travel agent attempted to book me to Moscow, Idaho.

A bit of bad news: Dorothy Mills suffered a compression fracture in her leg when she fell off a ladder while gardening. She was attempting to attach a vine to a trellis at the time. Vine not?

Ruth Schrider broke her leg in 2 places when hit by a car while she was biking. Ruth said that wearing a helmet likely saved her life. She has avoided surgery but has been in a cast since mid-August. Both she and Dorothy expect to ski this season. Right on.

Do you know what to call a new reader of this column? A kneeophyte.

PVS resident wine-tasters John and Dorie Waddick and Don and Pat Cope are recently back from northern California wine tastings. The Copes went in August; the Waddicks in September. At his October tasting, John tried in vain to convince guests that the most expensive caberknees "weren't worth tasting."

After Aina Thomas retired last year many of us, including Jan Marx, had to find a new dentist. She finally found one who it happened had attended dental school with Aina. The dentist described another patient who was a gung ho skier. Turned out to be Huey Roberts! I hope that isn't sexual harassment.

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# SKI TRIPS

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS , COLORADO - DECEMBER 7 - 14.

Still room on this great season-opener popularly known as Wedel Week and led by the Comerfords. Luxurious slope-side accommodations. Give yourself a Christmas present and call Dick (703-777-9374) soonest!

MONT SUTTON JANUARY 12 - 19, 1992

This will be the last club trip to Sutton for the next several years so if you have fond memories of all the rollicking good times there, sign up now for one last PJ Party, one last Bingo Bonanza, one last freezing run down Mohawk, Alouette, Miracle, and Sous-Bois, and one last home-coming at the Pampolaise. Call Jack Peoples (301-493-5486) And remember the \$757 price includes EVERYTHING except lunches.

LECH & ST ANTON, AUSTRIA - 17 Days ( January 24 - February 9, 1992 )

Leader Gorman Young reports that there are still spaces available on this trip. All those interested must have their applications WITH DEPOSITS in by November. After that hotel reservations may no longer be held. Call Gorman at 202-244-2319.

**FEB. 15 - 29, 1992 - ASPEN/KEYSTONE & THE SUMMIT. DINA TAYLOR LEADING. THANKS FOR YOUR ENORMOUS RESPONSE. A FEW SPACES ARE STILL AVAILABLE IN BOTH PLACES. COME AND SKI WITH US THE FABULOUS ASPEN MOUNTAINS AND/OR THE EQUALLY EXCITING SIX SPLENDID MOUNTAINS OF KEYSTONE AND THE SUMMIT. THE PRICE IS RIGHT AND THE PARTICIPANTS ARE ONE GREAT GROUP. CALL DINA IF MORE INFORMATION IS NEEDED, PHONE: 301-663-6089.**

SKI UTAH .... MARCH 1992

Shirley Rettig is coordinating a trip to Salt Lake City which will begin approximately on March 10 and last about a week.

Shirley says, "Conditions will be the same as previous years. We will stay at the downtown Motel 6 (cost about \$36 a night double occupancy), rent cars and ski the nearby ski areas. Some of the world's best powder is less than an hour away: Alta, Snowbird, Solitude, Brighton, Park City, Snow Basin, Deer Valley. We can hit a different area every day."

Flight arrangements to SLC will be made independently by each skier. It is hoped there will be some good airline deals available.

If interested, call Shirley (703-836-0147). She will need to start making motel and auto reservations in early January.

