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President's Message

The dog days of summer are on the wane so now is the time to think snow and reserve your place to visit new and exciting ski areas.

This is membership -renewal time so be sure and send your dues to membership chair Marilyn Clark in order to continue your participation in PVS events on and off the slopes.

Mary Jane

Mary Jane McCarthy, President

SEPTEMBER

MEETING

Tuesday, September 21
8:00 P.M.

Home of Marijane and Don Harper
11835 Clara Way, Fairfax Station
Telephone: 703-323-6356



So Long, Dog Days!!

SEASON OPENER!! Join fellow PVSers in a rousing farewell to summer and a sharing of plans for the coming year. Y'all come!!!

DIRECTIONS: From the Beltway take route 66 west to 123 south. On 123 cross Braddock Road (appx 3.5 miles) and continue south to light at Fairfax Station Rd. (APPX 1.8 MILES). Turn right on Fairfax Station Road and proceed 1.7 miles to Innisvale Drive where take a right into Oakbrook Community. Go appx ½ mile to Clara Way where take a left and proceed to 11835 - the second house on the left and home of the Harpers.
OR take Braddock Road west from the Beltway and follow directions above from Braddock Rd. South on 123. (Tel:703-323-6356)

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COMING EVENTS

HIKE AND PICNIC LUNCH AT LITTLE BENNETT REGIONAL PARK - Tuesday Sept. 7th

We will meet at the maintenance yard parking area for LBRP just off route 355 at 9:30 A.M. and hike approximately 6 miles. Hikers should bring a picnic lunch for eating at Kings Pond upon completion of the hike.

Directions: Take interstate 270 north from the beltway to the Clarksburg exit (Route 121) and proceed to the traffic light in Clarksburg. Make a left turn onto route 355 and go approximately 1 mile to the maintenance yard parking lot just off the right side of the road. The parking lot is just before the entrance to the Campground. Interested mid-week hikers should call Charles Huggins (301-424-5725).

ROCK CREEK PARK MID-WEEK BIKE TRIP - Tuesday Sept. 14, 10 A.M.

Mid-week bikers will meet promptly at 10 A.M. for an 18 mile trip through the Park.

Directions: Take the beltway to Connecticut Ave. and go one block north to Beech Drive. Turn right on Beech Drive and proceed a couple of hundred yards to the small parking area on the right side of the road. For further information or to let us know you're coming, call Shirley Rettig, (703) 836-0147.

DINING OUT GROUP - September 14, 1993

Join us for dinner on Tuesday, September 14, 1993. Meeting and greeting at 6:30, Dinner at 7:00 P.M. This month dinner is planned at ATHENIAN PLAKA 7833 Woodmont Ave., Bethesda. The ATHENIAN PLAKA is a very nice Greek restaurant.

Directions: From the Capitol Beltway (Rt. 495) in Maryland, take the Wisconsin Ave. exit (Rt. 355) South for approx. 2 miles and turn right on Fairmont Ave. and then immediately right on Woodmont Ave. The Athenian Plaka is on the right just past the corner of Fairmont and Woodmont. Free parking is available immediately adjacent to the restaurant in the garage (Next to the Banning Glass sign).

So that we may know how many to expect, please call Pat Tengel at (301) 299-8376 by Sunday September 12.



WEEKEND AT THE BEACH OCTOBER 15 - 17, 1993

There's still room. Call the Barrys now to reserve a place (302) 227-7000. Cost of \$80 a person will include room, Friday night cocktails (please bring a favorite hors d'oeuvre), Saturday breakfast, Saturday lobster dinner, brunch on Sunday. Event is limited. (No children, please!) Send check to the Barrys: 442 Spring Lake, Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971-1725.

SOARING- THIS EVENT PLANNED FOR SEPT. 18 HAS BEEN CANCELED DUE TO LACK OF INTEREST.

COMING EVENTS

ANNUAL BIKE/HIKE/SUP WITH THE COMERFORDS IN LEESBURG

SATURDAY, Sept. 25, 2 P.M. (NOT 1 as previously reported)
RAIN DATE: September 26.

Call the COMERFORDS (703-777-9375) by Sept. 22. to let them know you are coming. This is the delightful W&OD trail to Purcellville where we stop for refueling before returning to the Comerfords for refreshments (\$8-10 range).



DIRECTIONS: From beltway go west on Rte. 7 to Leesburg. Turn right at second light onto Plaza Street, at 1st stop sign, turn left onto Edwards Ferry Road - proceed ½ mile - turn right onto Woodberry, then turn right onto Lounsbury Court to 4th house on right - 307.

Oktoberfest

When: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2nd, 1993 at 3:00 p.m. Rain or Shine

What: 15th 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: Coordinators Margaret & Bob Wyckoff at 301-589-5532 by Thursday the 23rd 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 \$14.00 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, 4580 Sudley Road, Catharpin, Va.

Directions: Take I-66 west from the beltway. Exit at 47B (Manassas Battlefield) onto Route 234 North (Sudley road). Go 5 miles to Catharpin (Alvey's Community Store, Exxon Station, & Post Office and White Oak Nursery). At the PVS sign 0.5 miles later, turn left onto the gravel driveway. (If you get to Old Field Drive on the left, you just went by our driveway. If all else fails, call 754-8814 from the payphone at Alvey's and we'll come get you.) We are the brick house at the end of the driveway.

BLOB'S PARK - October 9, 1993.

A great way to get into shape for another ski season. Some good fast polkas and waltzes. Admission is \$4.00 per person. Food and drink are available after 7:00 P. M. Either eat there or before you come. The music starts at 9:00 P. M. To get there, go north from the Beltway on the Baltimore Washington Parkway. Get off the Parkway at Highway 175 to go east. At highway 175, stay next to the right side of the road. Turn right again at the flashing yellow light in front of the Shell station. Go about 100 feet and turn right again which will take you in front of a fire station. Continue on the road until you get to Blob's Park, about a ½ mile out in the country. For more information call Myron Marquardt at 301-4603269. Call before Oct. 1 to reserve a place at our PVS table.

COMING EVENTS



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23 FALL HIKE WITH DINNER AT THE MILLERS

RAIN OR SHINE! We will again hike along the Massanutten Ridge Trail in the George Washington National Forest. There will also be a shorter hike for those who wish to take it easy. The hike will be followed by dinner at the historic home of Jamie and Shahrsad Miller in nearby Strasburg. Limited to 40. Further details in the October TOOT. Call Bob Harmon (703) 820-6561.

CHILI HIKE - November 13, 1993. This event is limited in number for those who sign up for both hike & chili. No limit for those who only hike. Call the McSexes to sign up, be wait-listed or cancel (703) 527-7126.

!! SKI TRIPS !!

1. STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, CO. 12/4/93 - 12/11/93
Leader: Dick Comerford (703) 777-9374.
2. WINTER PARK, CO. 1/13/94 - 1/23/94
Leader: Dina Taylor 1-301- 663-6089
3. BANFF, Canada - 2/ 5/ 94 - 2/12/94
Leader: Jack Peoples (301) 881-6220
4. SUN VALLEY, ID. 3/4/94 - 3/10/94
Leader: Nancy Laymon (703) 379-7323

BANFF BUFFS TAKE NOTE: Jack is sorry to report a slight increase due to increases in room rates and plane fares. Combined package price went up \$41 to \$1,026 total.

SORRY! Land package only: up \$18 to \$612.

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FUN IN THE SUN AT THE FLAKES' by Liz Triau

After such a rainy day on Friday, we were all happy to have a perfectly lovely sunny day on Saturday, August 7th, for our day at the Flakes' wonderful waterfront home in Annapolis. Everyone arrived in the early afternoon and gathered on the spacious dock for yummy snacks, drinks and lively conversation. Knox Felker even entertained a few of us with a little dance and luckily managed to avoid falling off the end of the dock into the water.

We took turns sailing out into the bay in the "SNOWFLAKE" crewed by the young Flakes, Anthony and Jackie. Some of us were convinced we saw a pirate ship when we observed a dark wood boat with dark sails in the distance. As we peered through the binoculars, each embellished the story by describing the pirates, skull and crossbones, etc., we were sure we saw. What imaginations!

Meanwhile, Joan Flake took a lucky few on a scenic cruise in the Flakes' small motor boat. Later, another, braver, group went off in the same boat with Charles Boykin at the helm. Fortunately, all made it back to dock safely just in time to head up to the house for dinner.

An abundant array of salads was awaiting our hungry group to accompany the various entrees each of us brought to grill. During the grilling process, one guest claimed that someone had done a switcheroo on the grill and she ended up with someone else's (tougher) steak. A thorough investigation followed but the mystery was never solved although an uninvited dog from next door was observed hiding in the azalea bushes while chewing vigorously on something heavily gristled.

As usual, our feast was topped off with an assortment of delectable desserts which we all devoured. Was that enough? Not for PVS&Eers! Joan and Jackie had made a fantastic birthday cake for Lu Beale who would celebrate her birthday the following day. We all sang a rousing "Happy Birthday" to Lu and, of course, had to sample the delicious cake which Lu declared to be very good but would have been perfect if only Glade had stepped out of it.

Thanks so much, Joan, Glade, Anthony and Jackie, for your gracious hospitality and for a truly marvelous day.

CHARTER MEMBER?

George Devorshak, on a recent trip to Denmark, browsed through some old books on the history of the Vikings and came across the attached print which he correctly assumed would be of considerable interest to PVSers.

Writes George: "One of the Viking gods, named SKADE, is a direct descendent of Thor and Odin. She seemed to exist during Viking times (850AD to 1100 AD) and is the earliest documented skier. My guess is that she could ski free, since she could ride up the slopes on Thor's lightning bolts. In any case, since she was a god, I'm confident nobody would ask for her to pay for lift tickets. Also, as an adult, she would have been 250 to 350 years old and I'm sure the Vikings would have had senior skier rates even that many years ago.

"If SKADE still exists, she might be recruited for membership in PVS."

(Editor's note: It would be nice to have a meeting in Valhalla. Looks like she could provide some pretty good eats, too.)



THE KNEE

by
Ray McKinley



Ah, sweet, serendipitous September. A welcome surprise from July and August. Summer is waning. (Actually, it's waning wight now, with a wittle wightening.) From here on it's downhill (to coin a phrase) to winter. It was, however, uphill as we returned from Knee Zealand. But that's a story for later.

Blue Knob in July? Yup. Betty Lawrence made her earliest ever trip there--to get her skis for Knee Zealand. Betty described the Blue Knob ski conditions as "poor with several bare spots."

My Kneedle of the Month and, indeed, of the Year goes to Pres. Mary Jane McCarthy. Has Bill Clinton ever missed a cabinet meeting? Has Franco ever missed American? Has Laurel ever missed Hardy? Mary Jane missed the July EXCom Meeting! No doubt. We did a careful survey. Our resident redhead simply was not there. "I forgot about it" murmured Mary Jane mildly. Did Boutros Boutros-Ghali ever forget a UN Security Council meeting? Did Pepsi forget Cola? Did Amos forget Andy? Mary Jane finally and flagrantly forgot. Can PVS ever be the same?

Of course, as Mary Jane would say in her defense, "Absinthe makes the heart grow fonder." But don't forget "a penny saved isn't much."

Thrust into a leadership position at the 11th hour (actually 8:30), recently designated Vice President Serge Triau was remarkable. In a scant 15 minutes, he recalled a large portion of Alexander Haig's speech when Ronknee Reagan was shot. Serge told us there was nothing to worry about. He was in complete control and all doors were locked.

In line with presidential forgetfulness, Myron Marquardt forgot to bring the hang gliding brochure. It was, he surmised, "a hang up."

The Knee forgot several other

extremely funny events. Our hosts for the July ExCom, Bill and Susan Brown, put on a typical resplendent display. This was despite having returned from Rehoboth Beach the previous evening and having just-arrived house guests. Right on.

If you're asked, the opposite of odds bodkins is evens bodkins.

At a recent summer event Charlotte Eddy was looking crisp and nautical. When asked if it was the Queen Mary on her shirt, Charlotte gurgled, "No, it's the Titanic."

Similarly, new trip-leader Nancy Laymon was in red and green linen. When the Knee asked if she was saluting Christmas, caroled Nancy, "No, I'm saluting Italy."

Karen Devorshak hopes to quit work soon so she can attend more PVS events. Right on.

Recently retired Carol Parmenter will spend a year house-sitting on Cape Cod. (Oh my Gawd, not Cape Cawd.) Nonetheless, she'll ski with PVS in Steamboat and Banff.

Did you notice there was no DOGS last month? John Smith and Pat Tingle, our resident DOG-food preparers, were both out of town on business, John in Paris where on DOG's eve he planned to dine while overlooking the Seine. Poor John.

This is a rare month--a month with two Kneedles (we could knit) and, for the first time they go to the same person. However, this time I'll omit Mary Jane's name (oops). An anonkneemous PVS President's message last month reported the last ever Elrod Steak and Swim. In fact (and indeed) this isn't so. This year's steaks christened Roy's brand new grill which "should be good for the next 20 Steak and Swims."

The Knee is extremely grateful to have an anonkneemous president who provides such wonderful Knee fodder.

And finalknee from my "You're Dying To Hear This Department" Jessma Blockwick and Ex-Pres. Bill Anderson discovered they have co-located cemetery plots. Jessma is dying to sell hers.

PVS PICTURE ALBUM

The Pres
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1990



Chili Hikers - 1992

Photo by Bob Harmon

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CALENDAR

- Sept. 4 ... Crabfest at Bette Lawrence's.
- Sept. 7 ... Mid-week hike at Little Bennett Regional Park. See page 2.
- Sept. 14 ... Rock Creek Mid-week bike trip. See page 2.
- Sept. 14 ... DOGS. See page 2.
- Sept. 21 ... Monthly Meeting at the Harpers'. See page 1.
- Sept. 25 ... Bike/Sup with the Comerfords. See page 3.
- Sept. 28 ... ExCom aboard ship with the Garretts.
- Oct. 2 ... Oktoberfest. See page 3.
- Oct. 9 ... Blob's Park. See page 3.
- Oct. 12 ... DOGS
- Oct. 15-17 ... Weekend at Rehoboth with the Barrys. See page 2.
- Oct. 19 ... Monthly Meeting at the Flahertys'.
- Oct. 23 ... Fall Hike/Dinner with the Millers. See page 4.
- Oct. 26 ... ExCom at the Clarks'.
- Nov. 5 ... Dinner at the Fine Arts Club.
- Nov. 13 ... Chili Hike with the McSexes. See page 4.
- Nov. 16 ... Monthly Meeting at the Marquardts'.
- Nov. 23 ... ExCom at Bill Anderson's.
- Dec. 21 ... Gluhwein Party at the Heitchues'.

Temporary change of address and Telephone number for the Leonhardts who have sold their home and moved into temporary quarters while awaiting the construction of a new home: 301-926-7144
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