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President's Message

Fellow PVS'ers

For many years, we in PVS have been fortunate that so many of our members have graciously opened their homes for our monthly meetings. Our hosts and hostesses have not only given of their homes, but have freely given the time and effort required to prepare the luxurious dinners that we have all immensely enjoyed. I want to personally thank all of the PVS members who have been so generous over many years.

I also want to assure PVS members who volunteer their homes for future meetings, that it is not necessary to host a full dinner. There are no doubt many of you who would be willing to share your home for an evening, but have neither the time nor inclination to sponsor a feast for a large group of people. To you I say give us some liquid refreshment and snacks and we will be totally happy. In fact as a way to encourage people to take on the task of hosting meetings, I think it would be good if all hosts and hostesses limit the spread of food to what is easily manageable with minimal effort.

I hope to see you at the Trips party on August 9 (where dinner **will** be served with your help of a salad, appetizer or desert!)

Reg

Annual All-TRIPS Party at the Heitchue's

Saturday August 9 4:00PM

Come for dinner, a ride around the lake, and learn all about the great ski trips PVS has planned for the 2003-2004 season. Call Jean or Reg at 703-860-9190 to sign up and indicate whether you will bring a salad, an appetizer, or a dessert. A small fee will be charged.

Directions: From the beltway, exit onto Route 267, the Dulles Toll Road. Take exit 14 (Hunter Mill Road) off the Toll Road. Go left at end of ramp and turn right at second light (You will then be on Sunrise Valley Drive). At the first traffic light turn left onto South Lakes Drive. You will pass a shopping center on your right. Take the next left after passing the shopping center. This is Ridge Heights Drive. Take an immediate right on to Owl's Cove Lane. Go to the end and park in the cul-de-sac. 2146 is at the bottom of a steep driveway.

Rain date is August 10

There will be no PVS monthly meeting in August.

TIME TO RENEW YOUR PVS MEMBERSHIP

LOCAL EVENTS (Chronological Order)



Olney Theatre and Dinner

MONSTER

Spine tingling, Spell binding

Sunday Afternoon 2:00 PM Aug. 3



Though past deadline, you still might be able to attend at the group rate of \$15. Check with Jeanette Albersheim at (301) 598-7526. Details of event in July TOOT.

P.S. We realize this might not reach you before Aug. 3..

Sat Aug. 9 ALL SKI TRIPS PARTY AT THE HEITCHUE'S Details on Front Page



FREE Summer SERENADES AT STRATHMORE HALL

Wednesdays, Aug 13 and Aug 20



Wednesday, August 13 featuring Kevin Roth's "This Land is Your Land." This American folk concert features mountain dulcimer, piano, banjo and zither with traditional and popular folk songs.

Wednesday, August 20 featuring Mahala (South African Township Sound). A unique marriage of contemporary reggae, funk, pop, and rock with the traditional sounds of South African Township Jive.

Picnic with other PVSers on the lawn starting at 6:00 PM, Bring your own food and drink or buy food and drink from vendors on the grounds. Also bring blankets and low, very low, lawn chairs.

Location: Strathmore Hall is located at 10701 Rockville Pike in North Bethesda, Maryland, adjacent to Grosvenor Metro Station (Red Line), 1/2 mile north of the Beltway (Exit 34) and 1/2 mile south of White Flint.

Parking: Very limited parking for handicapped and Strathmore members with passes. No lawn parking. You are directed to park at Grosvenor-Strathmore Metro lot (entrance is on Tuckerman Lane).

Further info: Call Mike and Eloise Strand 301/468-1535 for further information



BICYCLING GOURMET

W&OD Trail – Vienna to Reston

Thursday August 14, 2003 10:30 AM



Route: Seventeen mile round trip from the Vienna Community Center via the W&OD Trail and local roads to Reston with a rest stop at Lake Fairfax. We will then proceed to the lunch stop at the Calvert Gourmet Café overlooking scenic Lake Anne in Reston and then return to Vienna.

Directions to Starting Point: Beltway Old Exit 11: Take Rte. 123 (Chain Bridge Road) south (direction: Tysons Corner) about three miles (past Tysons Corner) to Park St in Vienna (has left turn lane with traffic light). Take left turn into Park Street and proceed 1/4 blocks to Community Center on right (where W&OD Trail crosses road). Rest rooms and water available at Community Center.

Leaders: Marvin Hass (703) 751-4737 and Betty Byrne (202) 483-4048

Note: Starting time listed above is when cyclists actually depart; please arrive earlier to allow sufficient time to set up your equipment. Bike Rental available nearby. Check web site bikes@vienna.com

July Ride Review: Good weather for a spin on the C&O Canal towpath, where we encountered a number of hikers and bicycle campers. **Sept. Ride:** Glen Echo to Potomac

LOCAL EVENTS



GOLF OUTING at LEISURE WORLD

Friday August 29, 2003 12:30 PM

Sign up no later than **August 15th** to save a space. Call either **Bob Schafer** at 301-598-2226 or **Myron Marquardt** at 301-460-3269.

It's a fun time - it's not a tournament. Cost per person for 18-hole green fees and half a cart is \$39.00. Tee times will start at 1:00 p.m.

Leisure World lies at the northernmost end of Connecticut Avenue in Maryland. You can enter the gate there or enter the gate on Georgia Avenue. Tell the guard that you are a guest of Bob's. *The guards will not have the name "Potomac Valley Ski Club or PVS"*.



Ask the guard for directions to the Clubhouse I parking lot at the bottom of which is the golfers' parking area. Come early enough for lunch at the Terrace Room in Clubhouse I if you would like. We will meet in the Terrace Room after golf for refreshments and post mortem's. At that time, if you wish, you can join others who might want to stay for dinner.

Report to the golf clubhouse by 12:30 where we make up foursomes and start off at 1:00 p.m.



BIGGEST BIG PVS WEEKEND IN DELAWARE

Surf, Sand, Golf,

Friday-Sunday, September 12-14, 2003



WHERE: Four locations to stay with PVS member host/hostesses as follows:

- ★ Sue Walsh's New, Eclectic Digs in Rehoboth (302) 227-3171. azsuwal@hotmail.com
- ★ Betty Lawrence's Charming Home in Bear Trap Dunes in Ocean View (703) 726-8165
- ★ Don and Kathy Dillon's Homes, One in Bear Trap and One on a Canal in South Bethany. (302) 537-7878. ddillon39@mchsi.com

HOW: You can make individual contact with the owners because some owners or some attendees want/have particular arrangements with attendees. But ALL should contact by phone or email Don and Kathy Dillon because they are coordinators of events and the Dillons need a total list of all attendees. Just tell us where you are staying or we will assign an accommodation. If you have an arrangement with an owner, let us know. Our total possible bed occupancy numbers in the high 20's to 30, so contact us and come join in the fun.

WHAT: We usually have multiple venues for anything from laid back to active including beaching, shopping, golf, antiquing, walking, biking. Your choice of activities takes place in the morning and early afternoon.

HOW MUCH: We will have at least one dinner out and that charge will be passed on. Otherwise there may be small additional charges to share. The amount may be closer to be known by the Sept. TOOT. We are planning several late afternoon or evening events where all attendees will be together.

COME ALONG AND JOIN IN THE FUN. WE HAVE ENJOYED MANY PREVIOUS PVS OUTINGS AT THE DELAWARE SHORE AND WE HAVE ENJOYED RAVING REVUES.

OCTOBER EVENTS, SUMMER EDITOR MESSAGE, SKI TRIPS

Oktoberfest



When: SATURDAY, October 4th, 2003 at 3:00 p.m. Rain or Shine

What: 25th 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: Mary Ward & Jim Slack at 703-754-8814 by Tuesday the 30th of September to reserve your place (limited to 60), to choose low-fat or high-test wurst, 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 \$8.00 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, Catharpin, Va.

Directions: In the September TOOT.

Blue Knob Hiking/Eating Weekend Contact Betty Lawrence for details. October 10-13

Message from Summer Editor

Fellow PVS'ers:

In the summer season, a number of PVS'ers have taken off for other places. The current TOOT editor, Jan Marx, has been spending much of the summer in Minnesota and is about to head off to South Africa where Bob Marx will be attending a professional meeting.

First of all, a big note of appreciation should be given to Dick Clark who has been maintaining the PVS computerized database for many years while Marilyn Clark held the position of

Membership Chair. Competent behind-the-scenes efforts of this nature, which take up a good deal of time and effort to get it "right" do not often get recognized.

The incoming Membership Chair, Wilma Sharer, and the summer TOOT editor both can appreciate firsthand the efforts of Jan Marx and Marilyn Clark now that they have been facing the tasks of dealing with these club functions.

Marvin Hass, Summer Editor

FUTURE SKI TRIPS

COPPER MTN *Flyer was enclosed with July issue of TOOT* December 6-13, 2003

SPAIN and MOROCCO *Flyer enclosed with this issue of TOOT* Feb 13-29, 2004
A number of options are available. See flyer.

FUTURE SKI TRIPS

The PVS Double Header

SNOWMASS *Flyer enclosed with this issue of TOOT* **January 15-22, 2004**

Call Wilma at 301-975-9411 or email Wilma@sharerassociates.com to make your reservation. A few spaces are still available.

STEAMBOAT *Flyer was enclosed with July issue of TOOT* **January 22-29, 2004**

PVS will be doing a prime-time trip to Steamboat on Jan 22-29 2004. We will stay at the Sheraton and fly via Eagle-Vail airport. Cost will be about \$1700 for those under 65. Deduct \$28 for those 65-69, \$128 for those over 70, \$228 for nonskiers. The trip includes airfare, hotel rooms, ground transfers, and a 5 of 6-day lift ticket. There are also 3 group dinners and after ski parties. The optional full breakfast package is an additional \$112, including tips and tax. The single supplement is \$699. Deduct \$399 for land only. Call for combination cost with Snowmass trip.

A deposit of \$200 should be send to David Lerner, 1809 Midlothian Ct., Vienna, VA 22182 [email: dslerner@ieee.org]. The deposit is fully refundable until August 1. David Lerner and Sally Finan are your trip leaders. The airport and schedule are arranged to permit a back-to-back trip with the Snowmass trip. Separate deposits are required for each trip. Call Dave at 703-281-6923 or Sally at 703-716-9023 for more information.

BRSC EUROFEST

CORTINA d'Ampezzo **Feb. 28 – March 10 (with options)** **(Venice and Vienna Options)** *Flyer was enclosed with July issue of TOOT*

SKIING IN CORTINA D'AMPEZZO, ITALY

TOURING IN VENICE, ITALY AND VIENNA, AUSTRIA

VENICE – Wednesday, February 25, 2004 to Saturday February 28, 2004

CORTINA – Saturday, February 28, 2004 to Saturday March 6, 2004

VIENNA – Saturday March 6, 2004 to Wednesday, March 10, 2004

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS: Fly from Washington Dulles Airport to Vienna on Austrian Airlines with connecting flight to Venice. Return from Venice to Vienna and then to Washington

HOTEL ARRANGEMENTS:

VENICE – 2 Nights at the HOTEL BOLOGNA in Venice, Mestre (A four star hotel, breakfast included).

CORTINA – 7 Nights at the HOTEL ANCORRA (A four star hotel, breakfast and dinner included).

VIENNA – 4 Nights at the HOTEL OPERNRING (A four star hotel, breakfast and dinner included).

INCLUDED IN PRICE: Pre Trip Party, Round Trip Air Fare from Washington to Venice, all airport taxes, Transfer to and from all hotels, All Local Transfers, Apre Ski Parties, Portage of All Baggage, Post Trip Party, Medical Insurance and Trip Cancellation / Interruption Insurance.

TOTAL PACKAGE PRICE – CORTINA+VENICE+VIENNA \$ 2325 (DOUBLE OCCUPANCY)

Optional Venice tour: \$ 225, Cortina Trip: \$ 1700, Optional Vienna tour: \$ 400

If you are interested in joining us: please call Glade Flake at 301-762-6890 for more information.

To reserve a place send a deposit of \$100 made payable to: CORTINA TRIP

SEND TO: Glade Flake, at P.O. Box 60347, Potomac, MD. 20859

PVS CLUB NOTICES

Time for Membership Renewal

The Membership Renewal Form was enclosed with the July issue of TOOT. If you have not yet renewed, it would be a good idea to do so before September 2, 2003. If you have misplaced your renewal form, you can request a copy by phone to Wilma Sharer at (301) 975-9411 or by sending an email to renewal@potomacvalleyski.org

No renewals will be accepted without a completed form. Our treasurer requests only checks. No cash, please.

After September 1, we will be accepting applications from those on our waiting list.

Wilma Sharer, Membership Chair

PVS MEMBERSHIP CARD

By late September, each member will receive a PVS membership card with information pertaining to membership services.

This membership card will identify you as a member of the Blue Ridge Ski Council (BRSC) and through the BRSC a member of the National Ski Council Federation. This card will entitle you to substantial discounts at selected ski shops, resorts and retailers in the ski industry. In addition, as a member of BRSC you are entitled to go on BRSC trips which are sanctioned by other member clubs without becoming a member of that club.

Examples of these discounts are 30% off ski rentals and 25% of ski services such as ski tune-ups at Breeze/Max ski shops which are located in many North American ski locations.

WE NEED HELP !

We are running out of volunteers to host PVS meetings. This year it's easy, no more meals! Just munchies! Please call Ray McKinley (703) 527-7126 he can provide all the information. Without your support, we'll have no PVS!

PROGRAM PLANNING COMMITTEE READY TO LAUNCH

In spite of the summer doldrums we have forged ahead by recruiting several additional committee members. Among these are such veterans as Marvin Hass, who will also serve as our Web master for what we hope will be largely a Web-based member survey, indefatigable Lu Beal, and super trip leader Dave Lerner. They will join our original core group consisting of Ruth Powers, Ray McKinley, and Jessma Blockwick. Several additional members, who seemingly are presently away, are expected to confirm their commitment to this effort, which aims to possibly enlarge the club's activities.

As noted in our note last month, we are planning a member survey. The questionnaire will be distributed both with an upcoming Toot and on our Web site for your electronic responses, where such is convenient for you. Meanwhile, any suggestions you may have, both for the survey and activities, please be sure to let any committee member know so that such suggestions can be timely incorporated.

We hope to get a real top notch response to our survey, and thank you already now for your participation and assistance.

David G. Abraham, PPC Chair

THE KNEE

by
Ray McKinley

Yours truly has had an entire month off. Now, what is it that I should be doing?

Ah, yes writing a column called, I believe, the Elbow. That's a Spanish term for the front of the boat. The back is elsterno, which is a homonym for the can with fire in it

The Knee and Nancy were in Ireland last month celebrating our 10th ankneeverarknee.

We are, once again, in the midst of a hot muggy Washington August. And with it the gossip is also heating up. So let's get right to it.

Serge and Liz Triau have just returned from Greenbriar Resort, where they celebrated their 47th ankneeverarknee. (Only 37 ahead of the Knee. Actually, the Knee and Nancy have been married 53 years—just not to each other!)

And Jessma Blockwick just returned from a family reunion in Oklahoma. Jessma didn't find it "OK." She stayed in the only hotel room she has ever been in that came with a fly swatter!

A skiing tidbit: Winter Park closed its ski season in mid June. They had no skiers—but they still had a 120-inch base.

Many others are also traveling: Karen and Knox Felker are off to the beach for 3 weeks—the beach in Denmark. Charlotte Kline's daughter is visiting from Germany, and they are off to Virginia Beach. And Bob and Jan Marx will be spending 5 weeks in South Africa. Quite a trudge!

It's now time to recognize our birthday children. Several of us have just had significant, and I mean SIGNIFICANT, birthdays. And this month they are all at the beginning of the alphabet. Let's all applaud for Bill Anderson, Ellen Burgess and Betty Byrne. I won't reveal secrets, but let's put it this way. All can now legally drink—in all 50 states.

Congrats to Jack Peoples. He is over his knee replacement surgery, (No, it wasn't a Knee replacement) and doing just fine.

From the Knee's Whoops Department:

Roland and Lorraine Brockmeyer were recently in Austria. They had exchanged dollars for local currency but found no one would take it. It turns out that instead of Austrian funds, they purchased funds from Australia. As noted above, whoops!

Perhaps you hadn't noticed, but the new exciting membership application was in last month's TOOT. New membership Chair, Wilma Sharer, reports the first to send in membership were Peggy and Kirk Burns and Bill Anderson.

Wilma also notes that we are running a bit behind in members who have rejoined. Some 14 years ago, the Knee composed some poetknee to spur on membership—and soon we reached our 200-person limit. To again save PVS, here's the newest version of that classic piece:

*Your monthly Knee
isn't free.
You must pay for me
by rejoining PV
S.*

*The Knee tells all,
in Summer, Winter, Spring and Fall.
He's got up-to-the-minute gossip,
including some he makes up.*

*Now you can join a big ski club
or you can join a slight one.
Or you can join a black ski club
or you can join a white one.
But it's best for you to be
In our PVS, "the Club with a Knee."*

*The Club with a Knee,
the Club with a Knee.
PVS --the club to be
in.*

Now be honest, doesn't that leave you just a bit teary? An epic style—a light opening, a strong central theme and a lyrical, airy coda. And I'm certain you noted the splendid change of cadence in the third verse. It also shows my consummate understanding of those major poetic terms like illiteration and automated poea. Simply wow.

CALENDAR

August 3	Sunday	Theatre followed by dinner (page 2)
August 9	Saturday	All Ski Trips Party (page 1)
August 13	Wednesday	Summer Serenade—Strathmore Hall (page 2)
August 21	Wednesday	Summer Serenade—Strathmore Hall (page 2)
August 14	Thursday	Bicycling Gourmet; W&OD Trail (page 2)
August 26	Tuesday	ExCom at McKinley's
August 29	Friday	Golf Outing at Leisure World (page 3)
September 12-14	Fri-Sun	Delaware Beach Weekend (page 3)
September 16	Tuesday	Monthly Meeting at Waddick's (See Sept. TOOT)
September 18	Thursday	Bicycling Gourmet Glen Echo to Potomac Village (See Sept. TOOT)
September 23	Tuesday	ExCom at Strand's
October 4	Saturday	Octoberfest – Termineigh Horse Farm, Catharpin, VA. (page 4)
October 10-13	Fri-Mon	Blue Knob Hiking/Eating (See Sept. TOOT)

There will be no PVS monthly meetings in August.

Change of postal or email address: Call Wilma at (301) 975-9411 or send email to info@potomacvalleyskiers.org

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