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## Review of All Trips Party Saturday July 10, 2004

PVS All Trips Party  
July 2004



Once again the annual All Trips Party was held at Heitchue's well-appointed house by the Lake Audubon in Reston. It was very pleasant afternoon, sitting on the deck, looking over the lake and enjoy refreshments or to join the cruise on the lake.

A table for appetizers was on the balcony with ample refreshments. The foods, all different kind of salads and pasta (and sushi), were placed on the dining room table that everyone enjoyed. The separate dessert table, with pies, cakes, cookies and other sweets, was very inviting.

After the meal, Reg thanked all the trip leaders for their efforts making the ski trips possible. The following trip leaders presented their ski trips sanctioned by PVS for the coming winter:

1. Gene and Wilma Sharer  
*Snowmass/Beaver Creek, Colorado*
2. Ray and Nancy McKinley  
*Sun Peaks, Canada*

3. David Lerner - *Meribel, France*
4. Marty Rine - *Mammoth, California*

When their presentations were completed, Ray McKinley informed us that the National Air and Space Museum Tour in September must have 15 or more participants. He encouraged more members to join the tour.

Margaret Wyckoff was invited to speak on travel insurance coverage for PVS ski trips. She warned that the members should be aware of the amount of coverage, which might not be sufficient to cover full actual costs. She said that she did not receive the full amount for her last trip cancellation.

At dessert time Marvin Hass presented a birthday cake to Lu Beal. It was decorated with an edible photo of Lu on her ski trip to Big Sky in 2000. Ray McKinley spoke and praised Lu's contributions to PVS for many years. He then told us her life history as well as anecdotes with his amusing manner, which we all enjoyed. Lu's birthday is in August and we do not think she minds disclosing her age. Let's say that she will be "Jack Benny's perpetual age [39] and add 51 more."



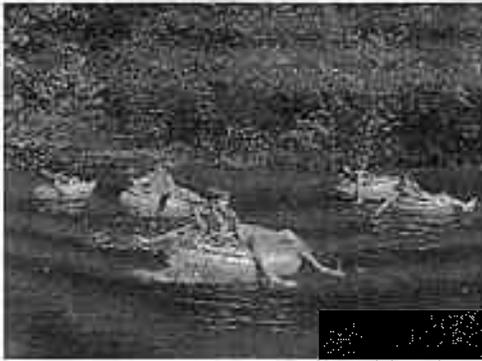
More than 45 members participated and we were grateful to Reg and Jean for the pleasant evening at their beautiful home.

*(Submitted by Mike Hatanaka who also represented the Trips Committee at this function)*

### *There will no PVS monthly meeting in August.*

You are urged to note the schedule of local events listed on the following pages. The Sept. 18 tour of the new Air and Space museum in Sept does require reservations by Aug. 13. AN OPPORTUNITY NOT TO BE MISSED. IT'S A PRIVATE GUIDED TOUR IF WE BRING THE MINIMUM NUMBER OF PVSers. Please observe the reservations deadline and call or email our trip leader/facilitator, Barbara Leonhardt.

## Forthcoming Local Events



### ***SHENANDOAH RIVER TUBING***

**Saturday August 14, 2004 at noon**

No athletic skills required for this trip; it's just a peaceful 3-5 hour float down the South Fork of the Shenandoah River north of Luray, VA. It's a great way to spend a hot summer afternoon and is suitable for children. \$14 gets you a tube and lifevest, transportation from the outfitters to the put-in spot and pickup at the end. Shenandoah River Outfitters suggest making reservations about 2 weeks in advance. So if you're interested, send a check for \$14 to Shirley Rettig, 604 Princess St., Alexandria, VA 22314 by August 1. For further

information, call her at 703-836-0147. Trips go rain or shine.



### ***BICYCLING GOURMET*** **VIENNA TO RESTON (and return)** Thursday, August 19, 2004 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 1¼ blocks to Community Center on right (where W&OD Trail crosses road). Rest rooms and water available at Community Center.

**Leader:** Marvin Hass (703) 751-4737 [marvinhass@hotmail.com](mailto:marvinhass@hotmail.com)

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](mailto:bikes@vienna.com)

**Next ride:** Thursday, September 23. Biketoberfest: W&OD Trail Old Dominion BrewPub

**Previous Ride Review:** Thurs, July 22. C&O Canal Towpath Hot weather with a dozen participants including Marvin H., Ruth Powers, and Dave Warthen from PVS cycled this shady, car-free route.



### ***Capitol Steps Political Satire Group***

Sunday Evening August 15

Location: Arlington Outdoor Park

Details and directions will be sent by email to those on PVS Email Message List

Others can obtain further information from Jessma Blockwick (703) 356-0717

## Forthcoming LOCAL EVENTS

### ***WINE TASTING at the Jones'***

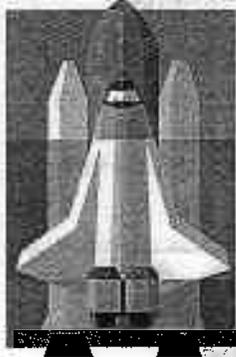
**Saturday 7:00 PM Aug 21, 2004**



You are invited to attend a **Professional Wine Tasting** of Australian Wines presented by PICA DELI Gourmet and Wines. The event will be hosted by Judy and Ray Jones at their home, 5422 Southport Lane, Fairfax, VA 22032 – phone (703) 425-5839. You are requested to bring an hors d'oeuvre to share plus a fee of \$10.00 per person. Judy and Ray will provide an entrée for all, and wine will be available for purchase. Please RSVP by August 13 to (703) 425-5839.

**Directions:** *From the Beltway:* take Braddock Road west 5.0 miles to the traffic light at Sideburn Road. Turn left on Sideburn, go through the next traffic light at Zion Drive, and then make a right at Acacia Lane. Go the stop sign at the dead end, which is Southport Lane. Our house is across from the stop sign.

*From I-66,* take Route 123 south to Fairfax. Follow 123 through Fairfax to Braddock Road. Turn left on Braddock. The second traffic light is Sideburn Road. Turn right on Sideburn and follow the directions above.



### ***Tour the New NATIONAL AIR AND SPACE MUSEUM*** **(the Udvar-Hazy Center) near Dulles Airport Sat. Sept. 18, 2004**

Join PVS for a docent-led tour of the recently opened Air & Space Museum in Chantilly, VA on **Saturday September 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM**. The tour will last 1 ½ - 2 hours and will be followed by an optional self-pay lunch at the food court in the nearby Wegman's mega-market. The Museum and tour are free but parking at the museum is \$12/car. The Museum is huge and is home to the Enterprise space shuttle, an Air France Concorde, the Enola Gay B-29 and hundreds of other air and space vehicles. Also, you might wish to skip/postpone lunch to go to the IMAX theaters in the Museum after the tour. If you care to join us, please make your reservation by contacting Barbara Leonhardt at 301-963-8111 or [fbleonhardt@starpower.net](mailto:fbleonhardt@starpower.net).

Reservations are limited to 30 people (2 – 15 person tour groups). The reservation deadline is August 13<sup>th</sup>.

### ***Oktoberfest Saturday October 2***



**When:** SATURDAY, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2004 at 3:00 p.m. Rain or Shine

**What:** 26<sup>th</sup> 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 or [MaryAndJim@termineigh.com](mailto:MaryAndJim@termineigh.com) by Tuesday the 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

### ***NEW YORK RADIO CITY CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR***

**Saturday November 13, 2004**



We have 44 PVS people (including friends, relatives and grandchildren) going by bus to Radio City on November 13 to attend the annual Christmas Show at Radio City Music Hall. This spectacular, starring the Rockettes, includes the traditional favorites "The Parade of the Wooden Soldiers" and "The Living Nativity".

We have a waiting list in case of cancellation. If interested, call Wilma Sharer, 301-975-9411, or e-mail [wilma@sharerassociates.com](mailto:wilma@sharerassociates.com). This is an outstanding one and a half hour show with no intermission. Dinner at Tutto Bene Italian restaurant will follow the show before returning to Maryland.

## Snowmass/Beaver Creek 2005

Join the Potomac Valley Skiers' year after year favorite trip. Ski Snowmass for up to six days and go on to Beaver Creek for an additional three days skiing. We leave from Dulles on January 20 and fly into Aspen airport. Return on January 27 from Aspen to Dulles. For those going on to Beaver Creek, we motor coach to Beaver Creek from Snowmass on January 27 and return to Dulles on January 31 from Eagle Airport. All inclusive this year are: pre and post trip parties, après ski parties, group dinners, air fare lift tickets, breakfast and lunch at Snowmass, slope side access from hotels, arrangement for ski rental [which can be dropped at Beaver Creek], great camaraderie and more. Equipment rental and insurance available but not included.

Ski Snowmass with all of its **blue** and **green** runs along with a plentiful number of **black** runs for the more adventurous skier. The lift ticket is honored at Aspen, Aspen Highlands, and Buttermilk in addition

to the Snowmass area. Ski Vail in addition to Beaver Creek.

At Snowmass, we again are staying at the Mountain Chalet which has become the Club favorite and at Beaver Creek we stay at the Beaver Creek Lodge in mini-suites which contain a sitting area, small refrigerator and microwave. We hope to schedule an event at Beano's Cabin at your option and a group dinner included as well. On the way to Beaver Creek, we will stop at Glenwood Springs for shopping, lunch and the springs for those interested.

All of the above for \$1,911 for the Snowmass portion and \$2,995 for both Snowmass and Beaver Creek. Land only, deduct \$499; non skiers deduct \$220. Add the sixth ski day at Snowmass for \$38. Your trip leaders again this year are Gene and Wilma Sharer. Contact Wilma at 301-975-9411 or at [wilma@sharerassociates.com](mailto:wilma@sharerassociates.com)

February 12-19, 2005, join Nancy and Ray McKinley to Ski



We continue to look for new areas that PVS will love and hasn't visited. We've found a true gem in Sun Peaks, Canada's newest destination resort. "Big" describes Sun Peaks--**big fun, hospitality, mountain, terrain and vertical** and a charming, Tyrolean, car-free village that twinkles under alpine starlight. Float effortlessly through snow so light it hangs in the crisp air. Cruise, down award-winning trails. Sunny skies complemented by sunny smiles. Let your spirits soar! The Resort logs an average of 2,000 hours of sunshine. Combined with 220" of dry snow and an **average mid-winter temp. of 20 to 25 degrees F**, make Sun Peaks a favorite ski holiday

We're at **Olympic Gold & Silver Medallist Nancy Greene's Cahilty Lodge**. It includes **heated tile floors in the bathrooms and kitchens**, convenient **ski in/ski out** location, There are **2 hot tubs** and a work-out room. We have **full, hot Canadian Breakfasts daily**. Nancy Greene hosts our welcoming reception and a 2-hour mountain ski tour. The Lodge offers many room types. We selected Studios featuring 1 or 2 queen beds, TV, VCR, kitchen, most with fireplace, and bath. We also offer Hotel rooms and larger rooms.

**Access is a piece of cake!** We fly from Reagan National on Alaska Air non-stop to Seattle, leaving at a civilized 9 am. A brief layover to switch flights gets us to Kamloops, and then to the resort, by 2:30 pm. Wow! Aside from air, lodging and 5 of 6 day lifts Our trip also includes **3 dinners, happy hours, pre & post trip parties, bus & bellman tips, etc.**

**GREAT PRICES - \$1,732; 65+ \$1,685; LAND ONLY \$1,173, \$36 less in Hotel Room**

**This year due to air schedules we have only 30 spaces.** To reserve, send your check for \$250 per person payable to Ray McKinley and send it to McKinley's, 2326 N Upton Street, Arlington, VA 22207-4045. Please call us for a copy of our flyer and lots more information at (703) 527-7126.





## Meribel, France March 4-13, 2005

PVSkiers will be enjoying the charm of the French alps, this March, at one of Europe's finest resorts. Meribel is at the heart of Les Trois Vallées with easy access to Courchevel and Val Thorens in addition to Meribel. Together they provide over 150 lifts and 250 Km of ski trails.

In Meribel we will be staying at the 3-star Hotel Le Tremplin. Breakfast and dinners at the hotel are included. The hotel is centrally located in the village and just one block from the ski lifts. We will be transferring to Geneva on March 12 and spending the night at the Ascot Motel. This will give us the better part of a day to visit Geneva. Breakfast is included at the Ascot.

**Trip cost is \$1850** which includes air fare, transfers, departure tax, hotel rooms for 8 nights, 7 dinners, 8 breakfasts and more. Lift tickets (not included) will depend on age with free skiing for those over 71.

Further details of the trip are posted on the web at: <http://members.cox.net/dlerner1/Meribel-flyer.htm>

**Air transportation** will be provided by United and Lufthansa. The current schedule calls for us to leave Dulles at 9:45 PM on March 4, returning at 7:50 PM on March 13.

Call **Dave Lerner** at 703-281-6923 for information or to reserve your spot.



## **MAMMOTH**

*PVS Goes to*

**Saturday, March 19 to Saturday, March 26**

Want the **maximum skiing** and greatest **VALUE** trip of the 2005 ski season? Join **Marty and Jan** as they lead PVS on it's **first-ever** trip to Mammoth Mountain, CA.

The entire Ski Mammoth Mountain package is **\$1,350**.

>>**Seniors 65 and over** = **\$1,313** >> **Land only** = **\$1,020**. >>**Single supplement** is **\$480**.

~~~~~**What a great end of the season; bargain trip; full of extras AND western skiing!!**~~~~~

*World-class **Mammoth Mountain** averages one of the longest seasons in the world, opening in early November and often keeping the lifts running well beyond Memorial Day. Steep chutes, wide-open bowls, impeccably groomed trails.*

**LOTS** of skiing for all levels on 3,500 acres of snow. 15% expert, 20% advanced, 40% intermediate, 25% beginner 27 lifts including 2 gondolas.--- Average snowfall = 385"--- Base elevation is a comfortable: 7,900 feet; the top elevation is 11,000 feet: and 3,100 vertical feet.

**THE TRIP INCLUDES:**

- ~ Round trip United Air Lines from Dulles to Reno - as an added advantage, United has an incentive package, 2 round trips out of the D.C. area from present to April 30, 2005 = one free ticket anywhere in the continental U.S.
- ~ Round trip bus from Reno to Mammoth Lakes
- ~ 6 nights at the *Shilo Inn* on Main St in Mammoth Lakes (breakfasts included)
- ~ 1 night at the *Sands* in Reno (Maybe you can win and pay for the trip!)
- ~ 5 day lift tickets, out of 7 possible skiing days - *option for the 6<sup>th</sup> day*.
- ~ Welcome wine and cheese party
- ~ 2 group dinners; 3 Après ski parties
- ~ Baggage handling, transfers, and hotel gratuities

>>>> **Send \$250 deposit** (fully refundable until August 1<sup>st</sup>), payable to **Marty Rine**, to: <<<<<<

>>>> **Marty Rine**, 5256 Lonsdale Dr, Springfield, VA 22151 or call 703-978-0179 <<<<<<

**Marty Rine** = [martyski@erols.com](mailto:martyski@erols.com)

**Jan Marx** can be reached at [jebbmarx@aol.com](mailto:jebbmarx@aol.com).



## THE KNEE

By Ray McKinley

Here it is, Kneephiles, the ultimate summer ski trip. This August, ski Tripoli and the Argentinean islands. Now that we are on good terms with Libya, be the first to experience a full week of sand skiing in this previously off limits country. Our second week will be cross country on a still bombed out runway in the Falkland Islands. What a one two combo! Now if we can only get a trip leader.

To plan your summer vacation, here is a word to the wise. Sharks only attack wet people.

With summer's heat, the gossip is also heating up. So let's get right to it.

At least one PVSer is avoiding the heat. New applicant Dick Laeser is spending three weeks going to the North Pole. Cool.

And Tony Drago is spending the summer putting out fires. Tony is president of his volunteer fire department. Definitely not cool!

Jackie Rosen and Betty Byrne, both huge opera *officiandas*, are going to Santa Fe, New Mexico in mid August to see the Santa Fe opera do one of my favorites, "Batman Gets a Hickey." Coincidentally, Jeanette Albersheim will also be at the Santa Fe opera to see Wagner's politically correct update "Tristan and Bruce."

Fluent Mandarin speakers, Bob and Karen Knopes, spent several weeks with some Chinese visitors. They provided tours through New York City, Williamsburg and ended up in the District for the 4th of July fireworks. What fun!

We have another computer wizard to complement Marvin Hass. Dave Lerner has been helping Marvin get TOOTs out the last months.

Be certain to ask Barbara Leonhardt how she came to be known as the "Coupon Queen."

And while you're at it, do ask Dottie Villars about a horse-drawn ski lift at Cortina

In June, Dorie Waddick retired with great pleasure. (At any time during the last two years, Dorie could tell you the exact number of months

days and hours to the date!) She was immediately off to Sedona, Arizona for a week with some college friends, then a week later off to New York City for a week. Don't expect to see moss growing on Dorie's north side!

Veep David and Rachael Abraham are back from Lake Constance in Austria. They were there doing some biking—just training before David's thwarted attempt (by a misplaced camel!) to beat Lance Armstrong in the *Tour de France*.

If you noticed a bit of a cockney accent from Bill Anderson of late, it's because he is back from attending a wedding in London. Cheerio!

New members, Ivan and Marlene Bekey are boaters. They just returned their boat to southern Virginia for some much-needed repairs. Now they are off bare-boating for three weeks in the British Virgin Islands. Cheerio two!

Just before leaving for Minkneesota, Janet and Bob Marx had a flood. Broken pipe. All's now OK. But what of the PVS Time Capsule?

Jackie Flaherty is doing just dandy, thank you, after her second knee replacement. Seems that Jackie just can't get rid of this column.

Back in town for a conference about former ambassador Vernon Walters is Coloradan Nancy Lewis. Whilst here she attended a PVS event and stayed with Margaret Wyckoff.

Another PVS Colorado resident, Gladie Youngblood, had some great late season skiing at what is primarily a locals area, Monarch.

Ski trip leader Marty Rine's e-mail address is [martyski@aol.com](mailto:martyski@aol.com). Right on!

Now, in closing, the Knee leaves you with a few choice definikneethions:

Acknee: A blemish on the face. In my case, the mouth.

Wee-knee: A hot dog.

Kneeman-Marcus: The store where I buy all of my knee socks.

Cocknee: My English counterpart. (I try to keep this G rated)

Horknee: I'll let your fertile minds figure that out—but see parens above.

Kneeolithic: Having stone knees.

Bekneeth: One class below akneeth.

## Olney Theater Outing

Sunday, July 18<sup>th</sup> turned out to be a great day for Jeanette Albersheim and her group of PVS'ers and friends. The day started out overcast with showers but by the time the group arrived at the Olney Theater the weather was perfect. The play "Copenhagen" was all it had been purported to be: profound, thought provoking, complex, and the

acting was superb! Copenhagen was thoroughly enjoyed by all. After the play we all went for dinner at the Olney Ale House. The weather was so nice that we could have joined others and ate outside. Instead we gathered in a quiet corner inside and had a wonderful time of sharing good food and conversation.

*Submitted by Eloise Strand*

## Bylaws Revisions

At the Annual meeting on April 20<sup>th</sup>, the proposed Bylaws Amendments were reviewed by the members present, discussed, and voted upon. A summary of the approved amendments are as follows:

- All active members can vote on future Bylaws proposed amendments by using an absentee ballot.
- The Bylaws enumeration was corrected.
- The Nominating Committee Chair, in consultation with the President, selects committee members.
- The Vice President now ("officially") has a vote on ExCom.
- Passing the USAA Uniform Basic Ski Test is no longer a requirement for membership... "displaying skiing ability" continues to be a requirement.

Take a look at the revised Bylaws on our website ([www.potomacvalleyski.org](http://www.potomacvalleyski.org)). And thanks to all that participated in these revisions.

*Submitted by Mike Strand, Bylaws Committee Chair*

## Insurance tip for foreign travel.

by David Lerner

All tour operators offer an insurance package that combines trip cancellation, trip delay, baggage loss, baggage delay, medical expense, and evacuation/repatriation. Parts of this insurance cover modest losses that you might prefer to handle by self insurance. After all, you may miss a vacation if you need to cancel but there are no out-of-pocket costs beyond what you have already paid for the trip. Injury and illness when away from home is a different story. Out of pocket costs well in excess of the price of the trip are not unlikely. This is particularly true for foreign travel where you may lack medical coverage and where special overseas travel arrangements may be required. I found an economical policy that covers this risk. This is the Travel Lite plan from Travelex Insurance. A web link is: <https://www.travelex-insurance.com/Enrollments/BrowsePlans.htm>. Please do your own evaluation of the policy and the company as my own research has been somewhat limited.

## [www.potomacvalleyski.org](http://www.potomacvalleyski.org)

Links to the following recent web pages can be accessed by clicking on the items below or by opening the PVS web site [www.potomacvalleyski.org](http://www.potomacvalleyski.org)

[Aug 04 1990 Wash Post article about PVS Ski Trip](#)

Mont Sutton Ski Trip  
author: Lu Beale

[July 04 All Trips Party](#)

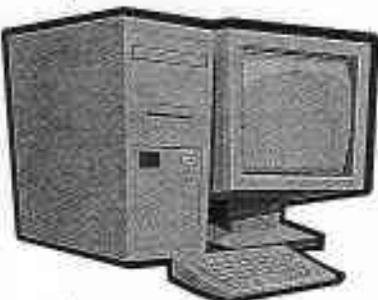
Photos of event at the Heitchues

[June 04 Lake Barcroft Picnic](#)

Photos of event at the Burns'

PVS Bylaws (May 2004)

ExCom minutes (June 2004)



# CALENDAR

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- Aug 14 Sat Tubing on the Shenandoah River
- Aug 15 Sun Hexagon Review
- Aug 19 Thurs Bicycling Gourmet - Vienna to Reston
- Aug 21 Sat Wine Tasting at the Jones'
- Aug 24 Tues ExCom at Mike Hatanaka's
- Sep 18 Sat Air/Space Museum at Dulles Airport
- Sept 21 Tues PVS monthly meeting ??
- Sept 23 Thurs Biketoberbfest
- Sept 28 Tues ExCom at the Abrahams
- Oct 2 Sat Oktoberfest - Catharpin, VA
- Oct 19 Tues PVS monthly meeting

| PVS Ski Trips   |           |
|-----------------|-----------|
| Aug 6-16, 2004  | Portillo  |
| Jan 20-27, 2005 | Snowmass  |
| Feb 12-19, 2005 | Sun Peaks |
| Mar 4-13, 2005  | Meribel   |
| Mar 19-25, 2005 | Mammoth   |

**Change of postal or email address:**  
 Call Wilma at (301) 975-9411  
 or send email message to  
[info@potomacvalleyski.org](mailto:info@potomacvalleyski.org)

**E-mail Notice**  
 If you want to start receiving  
 Toot electronically, please let me know.  
 Thanks, Jan = [jebbmarx@aol.com](mailto:jebbmarx@aol.com).

### CURRENT PVS BOARD & OFFICERS -2004-05

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- Vice President – *David Abraham*
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##### First Term:

- Marilyn Clark*
- Dave DeVilbiss*
- Mike Strand*

##### Second Term:

- John Brunelli*
- Ray McKinley*
- Dottie Villers*



### The Mountain Chalet

The Snowmass Mountain Chalet is an independent lodge, managed on site. Each room has either 2 queen beds or 1 king bed. All rooms have: hair dryer, TV, small refrigerator, etc. The lodge has a nice lounge on the main floor with lots of chairs, game tables, fireplace, and has large windows overlooking the slopes. There is an elevator, exercise room, outdoor pool, hot tub and laundry facilities. Breakfast is served family style from 7:00-9:00 AM. A complimentary soup lunch is served from 12:00-1:30 PM.

The lodge has no restaurant for dinner. However, the Snowmass Mall, on the level above, has many restaurants of all price levels; one can walk up some stairs or use the elevator at the end of the mall. Bus service stops for trips into Aspen town, to other Aspen ski areas, and to Glenwood Springs are nearby.

The Beaver Creek Lodge is also slope side and has escalator access to the adjoining slope. The Beaver Creek Lodge is a quaint all suite hotel surrounded by the world-class skiing. Rooms include wet bar with small refrigerator, microwave and a sitting area. Guests are just steps away from the Centennial Lift #6 and Strawberry Park Lift #12. Full Services and amenities include sport shop, swimming pool, hot tubs, restaurants and fitness center. The restaurant serves three meals a day.

### Airline Schedule

(subject to changes in UA schedules)

Jan. 20: United flight #443 at 12:45 PM from Dulles to Denver (arrive at 2:29 PM) then flight # 5659 at 3:30 PM  
Denver to Aspen (arrive at 4:15 PM).

Jan. 27: United flight #5660 at 1:55 PM from Aspen to Denver (arrive at 2:40 PM) then flight # 932 at 3:25 PM Denver  
to Dulles (Arrive at 8:40 PM).

Jan. 31: United flight #5684 at 10:20 AM from Eagle to Denver (arrive at 11:10 AM) then flight #1260 at 12:40 PM from  
Denver to Dulles (arrive at 6:08 PM).

### Trip Insurance

Trip insurance is available to all group participants and price is available for those wishing to purchase. The insurance, if paid by the 25<sup>th</sup> of a month, will be effective on the 1<sup>st</sup> of the next month. The insurance provides coverage for accident, illness, injury, or death to attendee or immediate family member and will refund all perishable expenses associated with PVS Snowmass/Beaver Creek 2005 in these circumstances alone.

### Cancellation Policy and Fees

If it becomes necessary for you to cancel your trip, the trip leaders will try to minimize your losses although some fees are mandated by the airline, hotel and tour operator. All cancellations must be in writing. We strongly urge you to purchase trip insurance (see above).

**Cancellation fees are as follows:** *(for long trip; includes Beaver Creek)* None prior to August 1; Aug. 1 to Oct. 20, \$285; Oct. 21 to Nov. 20, \$1,202; Nov. 20 to December 20, \$1,789; after January 20, 2005, no refund is likely. *(for short trip)* None prior to Aug. 1; Aug. 1 to October 20, \$35; Oct. 20 to Nov. 20, \$270; Nov. 20 Dec. 20, \$446; Dec. 20 to Jan. 20, \$857.

### **PVS Standard Disclosure**

Partial or full payment for a reservation on this Snowmass/Beaver Creek 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 action of any air carrier, hotel, or other persons rendering any services, accommodations and transportation arrangements being offered, or by reason of any circumstance. PVS designated Trip Leaders, should circumstances demand, have the right to substitute hotels of similar 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 and are during the same approximate period. Any such change shall not modify the cancellation provisions of the Trip Agreement. 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 canceled for any reason whatsoever, PVS shall only be responsible to make a maximum effort to obtain the refund of all payments previously made for the trip from the person to whom the payment was made and there shall not be any further obligation on the part of PVS, its officers, its representatives, its agents or its members. Trip participants on this PVS sanctioned trip shall ski at their own risk and therefore PVS, its officers, its Board of Directors or its members shall not be responsible for any personal injury, property damage or injuries to others by a participant on a PVS sanctioned trip.



# Sun Peaks Covers Three Mountains—Ski Them All

## MORE!

Sun Peaks is an old/new resort built in the late 1990s on the foundations of what used to be called Tod Mountain. New owners added \$250M in enhancements. Deep in the heart of Interior BC, Sun Peaks is surrounded by the steep peaks of the Monashees, the Cariboo and the Columbia Mountains. You'll love it!

Our Sun Peaks ski package is comprehensive. At our pre trip party, we provide all the food and dinner. The same is also true, of course, for our *apres ski*. Due to popular demand, however, we will limit our *apres ski* to non group dinner evenings. Our lodge has an ATM on-site and guest laundry facilities, too. And we fly out of close-in Reagan National Airport with great Saturday-Saturday timing.

Sun Peaks is Canada's second largest ski area! Sun Peaks has won awards for the design of its charming village and for its slopes 12% of which are green, 56% blue and 32% are black.



>Sun Peaks Village at Dusk  
>Nancy Green & Al Raine  
>Studio Interior with Fireplace

## PACKAGE PRICE AND OPTIONS

The entire Ski Sun Peaks package is \$1732. For those 65 and over the price is \$1685 for 7 days. The land only package is: \$1173; 65+: \$1126. (For the Hotel room package subtract \$36 from these figures.) Single supplement is \$450 for the seven-day package. For a Studio Deluxe add \$156 per person (pp) Studio Grand \$201 pp double (recommended for those with a non-skiing partner). Or 1 BR \$368 pp. Triple package (3 to a 2 room with kitchen unit) \$85pp. Non-skiers' price is \$1567. Itinerary changes result in a \$25 change fee, \$50 after the tickets are printed. Lots of other options are available--call us. We can likely help you with air from other locations. You can come early or stay longer, please ask.



## PAYMENT SCHEDULE

A payment of \$250 is due with your application (unless paid) payable to Ray McKinley. The second payment of \$750 is due by September 8, 2004 (no air: \$500). Remaining fees (Complete package: \$732, 65+: \$685, Land only: \$423, Hotel room: \$696.) due on December 5, 2004. Note: Payments are due when ours are. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR. Those payments not received by the date due must be charged a \$10.00 late fee.

## CANCELLATION FEES

In the event (hopefully unlikely) that it becomes necessary for you to cancel your trip to Sun Peaks, your trip leaders will make every effort to try to minimize your losses. However, certain fees are mandated by the airline, the hotels and the tour operator. Each emphasizes that every case will be treated individually, and some fees could, under some circumstances, be waived. All cancellations must be in writing. All fees will be less if a replacement is found. Cancellation fee is \$125 through November 1; November 1-December 15 the fee is \$465; December 15-January 5 the fee is \$1260. After January 5 no refund is likely. We strongly urge trip insurance. The insurance package will cost about \$110. We will provide information when it becomes available. Recently 5 people cancelled costing each of them up to \$1190--insurance is a bargain.

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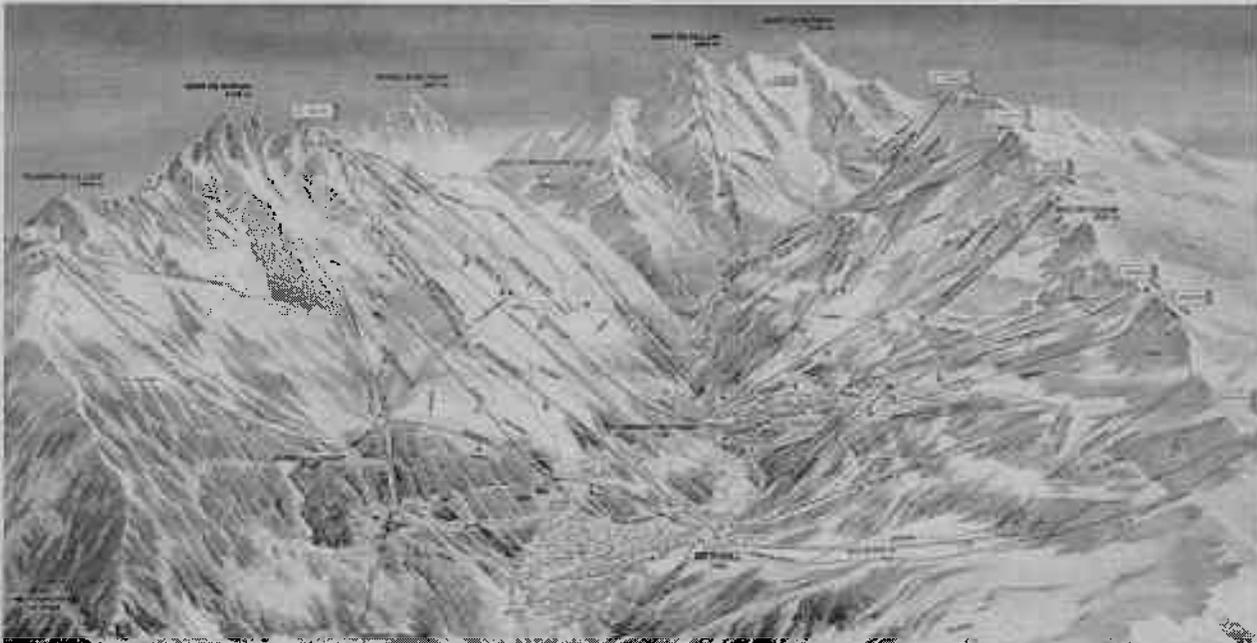
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In the event that an odd number sign up for the trip, the last single to submit a deposit will be asked to assist in finding a roommate or to pay the single supplement.



Friday, March 4 – Sunday March 13, 2005

# *Meribel – Les Trois Vallées France*



Meribel, at the heart of the 3 Valleys, is arguably the finest ski resort in Europe. It features 61 lifts, including 16 gondolas and trams. There is easy ski access to Val Thorenes and Courcheval that add 98 more lifts. There is a splendid variety of terrain to fit your skiing preference.

Out trip includes the following:

- Air transportation from Dulles Airport on United and Lufthansa.
- 7 Nights lodging at the centrally located Le Tremplin Hotel.
- Breakfast and dinner every day at Le Tremplin
- 1 Night lodging at the Ascot Motel in downtown Geneva (with breakfast)
- All round trip ground transfers in France.
- After ski parties
- Pre-trip party.
- Departure taxes.

**Cost \$1850 per person. Single supplement: tbd.**

Lift tickets are separate (free if over 72).

Call Dave Lerner (703)281-6923 for more information. A \$200 deposit will hold your place. Deposit is fully refundable until August 1. Please complete the form on back and include it with your deposit.

Tentative itinerary:

3/4/05 UAL 932 Washington-Dulles – Frankfurt Leave 9:45 PM, arrive 11:30 AM
3/5/05 LFT 4172 Frankfurt - Lyon Leave 12:45PM, arrive 2:00 PM
3/13/05 LFT 3665 Geneva - Frankfurt Leave 1:30 PM, arrive 3:10PM
3/13/05 UAL 933 Frankfurt – Washington-Dulles Leave 5:00 PM, arrive 7:50PM

Payment schedules:

An initial deposit of \$200 is due with the application. Deposits are fully refundable until Aug. 1. Additional payments of \$450 are due by Aug 21, and Nov. 21, with the balance due by Dec. 21. A fee of \$10 will be charged for late payments. Please make payments payable to David Lerner and send to David Lerner, 1809 Midlothian Ct., Vienna, VA 22182.

Cancellation cost:

We will attempt to make the largest possible refund if you need to cancel. This may be a full refund if your space can be resold before airline tickets are issued in late January. Our contract calls for per-person cancellation penalties of \$100 after Jan 4, 2005, and \$1551 after Jan 31. Additional charges may apply, depending on actual costs. The price for people remaining on the trip will not be increased because of cancellations by others.

Insurance:

Insurance is highly recommended to cover the cost of mountain rescue, emergency medical treatment, and special travel arrangements required as a result of sickness or injury. Trip cancellation insurance is an additional coverage that many regard as prudent. Optional policies for these coverages will be evaluated by the trip leader(s) and announced to anyone signing up for this trip.

Web links:

Meribel Tourist Office: http://www.meribel.com
French ski association: http://www.skifrance.fr
Val Thorens: http://valthorens.com/hiver/uk/
Courchevel: http://www.courchevel.com/hiver/uk/news.html
Les 3 Vallees: http://les3vallees.com/uk/
Equipment rentals: http://www.thaiwave.com/meribel/english/

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