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So '06 is going, going, gone, and '07 is on our doorsteps. Hopefully you'll all agree it's been a good year for our club, and we have reason to believe that this new year will be as good or even better. We have a small but very dedicated group of people who labor to make it all happen. Beginning with our program chairs, we have assembled a considerable variety of programmed activities with something for every taste.

As I look back, I find it hard to highlight what were some of the more memorable events of this past year, there were so many. A few that come to mind include the cheerful evening at the Duke Ellington Theater with the incomparable Hexagon, and the All-Trips party at the stunning mountain-top abode of members Marianne and Kerry Hines in Delaplane, or the lovely concert at the just a year old Strathmore Music Center, the Kentlands stroll or, if you prefer, the crabfest at Betty Lawrence's, or the Annapolis outing at Heitchue's formidable residence. This brief listing, by itself, is indicative of the variety of our mostly fairly attended events.

All that's just the "sides" for the main course, our incomparable ski-trips. There are five to choose from this season, with a big bang dessert sixth to follow in mid-summer. All this just prompts to once more thank all those who so devotedly spend their time and efforts to make these pleasurable opportunities available. They do a great job, and all of us are in their debt.

I should also note that our Nominating Committee, whose members' names are published elsewhere in this issue of Toot, are hard at work to present us with a slate of candidates for offices beginning with the April annual meeting. I'm confident they'll identify a group of members who will perpetuate our happy existence for another term.

And lastly, if you haven't signed up yet for that fabulous PVS ski-trip of this season, you might just be in luck to find an open spot. Go do it, you just wouldn't ski that young again. The snow is good, and the company even better. There's no time like the present.

Have a great New Year, and keep supporting your club for your and your fellow members' benefit.

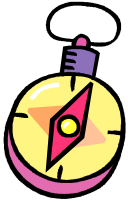
David



Monthly Meeting



Tuesday
January 17, 2007
7:30 PM
at
Bob and Jan Marx'
Sprinafield, VA 22152



BOB and JAN MARX
8312 Oakford Dr. Springfield, VA 22152
703-451-9158

FROM NORTH ON THE BELTWAY:

Take Exit 5 **west** onto Braddock Rd. Go to the fifth stop light and angle **left** onto Burke Lake Rd. Turn **left** at next stop light onto Rolling Rd. Go to fourth stop light and turn **left** onto Forrester Blvd. (called Hillside on the right side of Rolling). Go two short blocks and turn **right** onto Oakford Dr. (opposite the school on your left). Go about two blocks, past the Dead End sign to 8312 on your **left**.

FROM SHIRLEY HWY AND 95:

Exit 95 SOUTH at Old Keene Mill Rd (Hwy 644) **West**. (Franconia Rd and the Mall go to the East.) Go to the seventh stop light and turn **right** onto Rolling Rd. Go through one light, past McDonalds and turn **right** onto Roxbury Ave. (opposite the post office). Turn at the **second right** (road curves around to the left) onto Fenwood Dr. Go one block and dead end into Oakford Dr. Turn **right** and the house is the fourth on the left = **8312**.

Nominating Committee

Sharon Mulholland, is **Chairperson** of the Nominating Committee for the 2007 election of officers and ExCom members.

Committee members are:

John Brunelli, Kirk Burns, Marvin Hass, Betty Lawrence, and Rosemary Schwartzbard.

PVS BOARD MEMBERS, OFFICERS, and CHAIRPERSONS - 2006-2007

President - <i>David Abraham</i>	Webmaster - <i>David Lerner</i>	<u>First Term:</u>
Vice President - <i>Mike Strand</i>	Ski Trip Cmte Chair - <i>Bob Marx</i>	<i>Bob Knopes</i>
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Non-skiing Activities - <i>Mike Strand</i>	Historian - <i>Jan Marx</i>	<i>Burr Schuler</i>
		<i>Dick Schwartzbard</i>

Changes

Harper donmjharper@verizon.net

Burgess jmbccmd2@yahoo.com

Jones

Judy's new e-mail: jatdj41@gmail.com - For now, cell phone will remain 703-307-7381

Ray's new e-mail: ray.jones66@gmail.com - For now, cell phone will remain 703-402-9600

Address: 6706 Virginia Crossing
University Park, FL 34201-2320
Phone: 941-359-6521

Coming Events

January 10-12, 2007



This is your chance to demonstrate the latest skies, free of charge. Lift ticket for Thursday is \$10 with a voucher from Ski Chalet.

North Camp, the back side of Marsh Mt opened last year. Skiable acres increased by 30%. They added 2 triple lifts, 1 black, 2 blue and 7 green trails.

Room per night (10th & 11th) \$79 plus taxes.
Voucher for Thursday lift ticket \$10.00 (free over 70 years)
Après ski supplies per person about \$6.00

Pool and Jacuzzi available so bring swim suits.

Contact Pat Vagonis (301-838-5545 or pvagonis@comcast.net) if you are going so she can plan Après Ski on Wed and Thurs nights. You can buy your vouchers from Ski Chalet.

Pat will also try to match individuals to be roommates if requested.

Rooms paid individually. For each room, call WISP Hotel 1-800-462-9477 to reserve your room; Ask for the Ski Chalet demo day rate, and pay one night's deposit with credit card or check. The rate includes 1 to 4 people.

Rooms go fast so CALL NOW if you think you want to go. Cancellation is 14 days prior to first night's stay.

Lift tickets are obtained individually at the ski area with your ski voucher on Thursday. Week day tickets are regularly \$39 but I believe that Wednesdays are a special rate, weekends are \$52. Those over 70 years ski free but must show ID.

Meals are paid individually. All rooms have a refrigerator. There are 2-3 places to eat in the hotel. There are several good restaurants in the area for dinner Thursday evening.

Additional plans. If you wish to stay additional days, work with the hotel.



ZOO WALK 'N LUNCH

Wednesday, Feb 7, 2007 10:30 AM

Starting Point: National Zoo, Education Building, which is the first building on entering from Connecticut Ave. NW.



Route: Join us on this popular annual February Zoo Walk followed by lunch. This year, the feature will be the new Asia Trail exhibit area. Asia Trail is home to seven species: giant pandas, a Japanese giant salamander, red pandas, Asian small-clawed otters, clouded leopards, fishing cats, and sloth bears. Generally there are few visitors at this time so that both the animals and docents will be glad to see you.
Lunch: After the Zoo Walk, participants can stroll over to nearby Yanni's Greek Taverna in Cleveland Park, a popular neighborhood establishment much favored by PVSers in previous years (adjacent to the Metro Red Line station). Lunch will be at about 1:00 PM
Information: No reservations required. Easy access by Metro. Parking available at Zoo (Cost about \$9 for 4 hours.) Leader: Betty Byrne (202) 483-4048 or zoo@potomacvalleyski.org

Wait Listed

Ski Trips

PVS + Blue Ridge Ski Council Presents

WESTERN CARNIVAL + BIG SKY

February 3-10, 2007



Average snowfall – 400 inches. Beginner – 17% Intermediate – 25% Advanced – 37% Expert – 21%. Moonlight Basin green, blue and black trails with, long, groomed runs + The two ski areas are connected.

LODGING: at **The Summit**. Every room has a sink, small frig, coffee maker, hair dryer, cable TV, & free wireless data ports. Ski storage is in the lobby. Swimming pool size hot tub. Three high capacity lifts within 100 yards of the entry

SKI-OUT, SKI-IN

Daily breakfast buffet included.

Lodge elevation – 7,500 ft

INCLUDED: ➤ Round trip airfare (Washington to Bozeman)
➤ Round trip transport (Bozeman to lodging) ➤ Seven nights lodging (double occupancy) ➤ All taxes ➤ Baggage handling in & out of hotel ➤ Five out of six-day lift tickets at Big Sky ➤ Welcome Party ➤ Après Ski Beer Blast - ➤ Nastar Race – at Moonlight Basin ➤ Farewell Dinner Dance

COST \$1,490

Contact Marty Rine: 703-978-0179 or mrine@cox.net

OR Jan Marx: Jebbmarx@aol.com

Land only = Less \$400. Single supplement = Add \$350. Non-skier = Less \$140.

www.bigskyresort.com.

In addition, our PVS group will have:

- Pre-trip party.
- Two après ski gatherings.
- Optional group dinner.
- Pot-luck post-trip party.

www.moonlightbasin.com

SKIING IN SCHLADMING, AUSTRIA

TOURING IN ATHENS, GREECE AND IN VIENNA, AUSTRIA

ATHENS, GREECE – Monday, February 26, 2007 to Saturday March 3, 2007
SCHLADMING, Austria - Saturday, March 3, 2007 to Saturday March 10, 2007
VIENNA, Austria – Saturday, March 10, 2007 to Tuesday, March 13, 2007

ATHENS, GREECE: Four nights at the Divani Palace Acropolis a five star deluxe hotel near the Acropolis

SCHLADMING, AUSTRIA: Seven nights at the Sporthotel Royer a four star hotel.

VIENNA, AUSTRIA: Three days at Hotel Regina a four star historic hotel, located in the center of the city.

THE SKIING: The region of Schladming-Dachstein-Tausssern is one of the largest ski areas in Austria with a four inter connected mountains. Snowmaking on 100% of the ski slopes. There are 90 ski lifts and, 167 kilometers of downhill runs. Glacier skiing on the Dachstein Glacier. Ski runs as long as 5 miles.

Maximum elevation 6,600 feet **Vertical drop** 3,700 feet; **Ski Terrain:** Beginner: 30% Intermediate 60% Expert: 10%

Cross country skiing=60 Km of cross country trails. **Lift tickets** The 5 day regular lift ticket in 2006 was \$168 and \$150 for seniors.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS:

Fly from Washington Dulles Airport to Munich on United Airlines and then to Athens, Greece.

Fly from Athens to Munich on Lufthansa airlines. Motor coach to our hotel in Schladming, Austria.

Transfer by motor coach from Schladming, Austria to our hotel in Vienna.

Fly from Vienna on Lufthansa airlines to Munich and then to Washington Dulles airport on United Airlines.

INCLUDED IN PRICE: Total Price \$2,900 (double occupancy) includes all of the above plus transfers, buses, and trip insurance. (Price based on Euro price of 1.24 to a dollar). Pre Trip Party, Portage of All Baggage, Post Trip Party.

Includes Medical Insurance and Trip Cancellation / Interruption Insurance.

NOT INCLUDED: Lunches, Lift Tickets, Diners in Athens and Vienna.

TOTAL PACKAGE PRICE -- ATHENS+SCHLADMING+VIENNA \$ 2900 (DOUBLE OCCUPANCY)

Single supplement and Skiing in Schladming (only) – Available on request – price to be determined

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING US OR HAVE ANY QUESTIONS:

Contact: Glade Flake (gladeflake@aol.com) 301-762-6890 OR John Smith (johnhsmith@juno.com) 301-299-8376





March 3-11, 2007, join Nancy and Ray McKinley to Ski



The Potomac Valley Skiers are returning to a true gem of a resort, Sun Peaks. We went in 2005, and EVERYONE wanted to go back, so we're doing it! Sun Peaks is Canada's newest, brightest destination resort. It's a skier's paradise. And, unlike the Coastal British Columbia resorts, Sun Peaks Resort is known for its sun. Yes, the sun shines at Sun Peaks. And shines. And shines. And shines--more sunny hours than any other resort in North America! The BC ski resort logs an average of 2,000 hours of sunshine per year. That sun, combined with 220 inches of snowfall and mid-winter temperatures of 20 to 25 °F, helps make Sun Peaks a favorite for fair weather ski ho

Sun Peaks has some other claims to fame, such as the best grooming in Western Canada and the best skiing in all of Canada. It has 3,678 acres, a vertical of 2,891 feet, 91 runs and a charming, Tyrolean-style village that twinkles under the alpine starlight. Sun Peaks skis like Whistler. But, unlike Whistler, it has no fog! For info, e-mail us sunpeaks2007@potomacvalleyski.org



Trip is Full. Call us about the wait list (703) 527-7126

Our 9 day 8 night Trip Includes: 7 Nights at ski-in-ski-out at Olympic Gold Medalist Nancy Green's Cahilty Lodge featuring spacious rooms and superbly appointed suites. It has a restaurant, hot tub, bar, and fitness facilities, radios, in-room coffee machines, and more. For only \$31 pp additional you can upgrade to a studio with kitchen and additional amenities including fireplaces or balconies. We have a final night at the 5 Star Fairmont Hotel Vancouver.

We feature two people per hotel room. 5 of 6 Day lift passes good at all three mountains. 3 great group dinners, incl. a snowshoe, fondue dinner. Welcome wine & cheese, happy hours, pre & post trip parties. Airfare, hotel baggage handling and tips, bus gratuities.

GREAT PRICES - \$1,896; 65+ \$1,844; Nonskiers \$1,687

Land Only \$1,446 (Based on \$1.11 CAN per \$1.00 US) Upgrade to Studio add \$31, Breakfast Package add \$108



NEXT SUMMER--August 9-25, 2007, join Nancy and Ray McKinley to

See and Ski in Argentina, Brazil



The grandeur of Argentina's Andes, the Old World beauty and tango passion of Buenos Aires, and to top it all off -- a 3 day add-on to magical Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. 8 days and 7 nights in Argentina's world-class 40,000 acre, 4,100 ft vertical ski resort, Las Leñas, and 5 days, 4 nights in America's most cosmopolitan city, the Paris of the W. Hemisphere, Buenos Aires. And there's a 3 day add on to the home of Bossa Nova--Rio de Janeiro. Join us and enjoy.

While North America suffers summer, enter Argentina's Las Leñas, the largest lift-serviced skiing area in the entire Western Hemisphere. Las Leñas isn't merely a good summer ski area; it's one of the world's GREAT ski areas. This resort is served by 13 lifts, 40 miles of trails, and 4,100-foot vertical drop from its 11,253-foot summit. Las Leñas is 7 times the size of Vail. There's oodles of skiing for every level of skier. The lower section's nine lifts connect a variety of groomed trails, ideal for all levels. Experts seeking the off-piste perfection that has made Las Leñas world-famous continue to huge bowls, steep chutes, and fresh powder. The European village at the mountain's base has shops, restaurants, bars, discos and a 24 hour a day casino. With copious snow, and superb skiing for all levels, Las Leñas is a truly great place to ski in August, or any time!

We'll include all lodging in 4 or 5 Star hotels, daily breakfasts, and all Dinners at Las Leñas 2 dinners in Buenos Aires, all transfers, happy hours, airfare from Washington DC, pre and post trip parties, and eye-opening tours in Buenos Aires including a river trip and multi-course lunch outside of town. This will include a parillada featuring all the finest of cuisine and entertainment. Our stay in Buenos Aires also offers a not-to-be missed, first-class tango show and dinner.

We have a spectacular 3-day add-on. This will include round trip air to Rio, 4 or 5 star lodging at Ipanema Beach and near the Copacabana. We'll tour the city; visit Rio's signature Sugarloaf Mountain, the statue of the Christ, and the Rio is the only city in the world with a tropical rainforest within the city limits. We highly recommend this unique city and the add-on.

Schedule: We leave from DC Thurs eve, Aug 9, 2007, spend Fri in Buenos Aires, and leave Sat for a week at Las Leñas. Then to Buenos Aires for 4 days. On Aug 21 we fly to Rio, Brazil's wonderland. On Aug 24 We fly back to DC overnight.

Cost: Since we are now skiing during high season, and the ski resort has raised its overall prices, the cost for Argentina portion will be over our \$2900 estimate. The Brazil/Rio portion of the trip should remain about \$900. Final prices next month.

Our See and Ski trip is for everyone. Space is limited for this trip of a lifetime. To hold a space, send a check for \$100 per person, to Ray McKinley. Mail it to 2326 North Upton Street, Arlington, VA 22207-4045. This deposit is refundable through February. Call us at 703-527-7126 for more information. Or e-mail us ArgentinaBrazil2007@potomacvalleyski.org



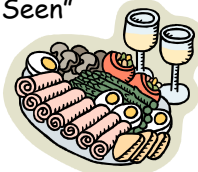
Past Events



Our **Happy Holiday** meeting.....

when everyone brings favorite food to share...what a treat!

Ingrid most graciously welcomed 57 of us (52 members, 3 applicants, 1 guest, and Ingrid.) A greater than normal turnout for the average meeting. Among the "Seldom Seen" were Helen Price, Gorman Young, Bing Poon, Jim Vagonis, Dave Bertagnoli, Cherie Stallman, and Marianne Cook.



and doing a lot of



Our taste buds experienced a variety of cheeses, meats, dips, fruit, cookies, cakes, candy, and pies. We all were trying to taste a tidbit of everything visiting with each other.



Downstairs, in the family room, Pres David called the group to order. He ran a good-old-very-short meeting and then called for essential-only announcements.

Two noteworthy sales happened:

1. Charlie Huggins sold 10 more helmets, for a total of 20 to PVSers. We are getting wiser, and the club has always supported safety before beauty.



2. Four PVS headbands were sold. There is only one left! All four were paid for named Dave. Without reading all the past Toots, the first ad for these warm wool headpieces, with non-itch yarn for the inner band, probably was in the December 1990 issue. They have been a steady seller.



by men



A HUGE holiday cheer



to Ingrid for opening her home to us all.

by Jan Marx

A new book is out: "The Story of Modern Skiing," by John Fry. There is an interesting write up in the Aspen Times, January 3, 2007. You can go to www.aspentimes.com and look under "NEWS."

Steamboat Springs, CO

- DECEMBER 8-15

Nineteen PVSers and guests had the opportunity to return to Steamboat Springs for a pre-Christmas trip. Fortunately, snow conditions were reasonably good for this early season trip with most of the slopes open with adequate coverage.



Steamboat Springs street showing PVSer Betty Byrne in foreground and Howelsen Hill with ski jump in background

Overall, the PVSers who participated in this trip were treated to a few good sunny days and a few days of overcast weather - and no weather-related problems getting to or from the area (yes, we beat the Denver deluge by a few days). We were joined on some days by former PVSers Huey Roberts and others who have migrated to Colorado. The Steamboat Sheraton again provided comfortable lodging with ski-in/ski-out access and first class amenities.

Trip leaders Dick and Betty Comerford had arranged for a rented 15- passenger van as well as a minivan, which provided transportation both to the restaurants for our group dinners and for shuttling participants to and from the Yampa Valley airport. This provided for a very "cozy" ride at times, but was a very convenient way to get around. Betty's delayed arrival in Steamboat the first day meant that there was no driver for the minivan. After Dick and others did an amazing job of packing people, luggage and skis in the large van, Sheldon Drews and Charlie Huggins agreed to stay at the airport with the five bags that were left until Dick could return for a second trip an hour and a half later.



Dick and Betty Comerford went above and beyond the call of duty in arranging popular après-ski hours in their room every night. In addition, they arranged three group dinners in area restaurants. The first restaurant we enjoyed was the Steamboat Smokehouse, which served family style meals with plenty of smoked pork ribs, beef brisket and turkey breast. Next was the Ore House, which had excellent food and offered a delectable chocolate dessert. Perhaps the

best restaurant was the Yacht Club, which offered not only a wonderful meal, but provided a fantastic view of Howelsen Hill with skiers going down the slopes in falling snow.



Charlie, Shirley, Tom, John



Tom, Sally Philbrook, Betty, Jackie

John Pulos, Sue Walsh and Betty Comerford enjoyed watching the international ski jumping at Howelsen on their first morning there.

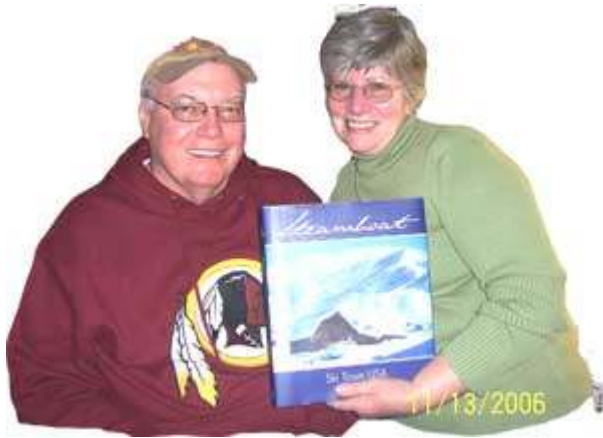
The modern day reputation of Steamboat Springs as a recreational paradise began with Norwegian ski jumper Carl Howelsen, the "Flying Norseman." Howelsen began skiing and jumping in the area in 1913 and contributed to Steamboat's international appeal. He started the Winter Carnival (still going every February) in 1914.

No one from PVS tried any jumps on Howelsen Hill, but we did enjoy quite a bit of skiing on the slopes during the week. On the first day of skiing, many PVSers participated in the Ambassador Mountain Tour groups scheduled in the morning. On Monday a few people (who weren't malingering over breakfast) went skiing with the local "Over the Hill Gang." Kirk Burns and Sue Walsh were among those who tried cross-country skiing and enjoyed it. The only injuries were Faye Taylor-Hyder getting smacked in the head by a ski lift chair, followed by Beverly Rettig (Shirley's niece) getting hit on her hand and necessitating a short visit to the hospital for a brace.



Tom Aguilar, Dick

The trip ended up with a near misadventure when Betty's minivan had a dead battery the morning we were trying to get to the airport, but the hotel saved the day. All in all it was a wonderful week with a great deal of camaraderie, good skiing and good eating. As a token of their appreciation for their efforts, the participants presented the Comerfords with a book containing the history of Steamboat with many illustrations.



Thanks to Marvin Hass, who has prepared a small "slide show" of the Steamboat trip that can be accessed at the PVS web site:

http://pvskiers.photosite.com/Steamboat12_06/

Dick and Betty Comerford

by Dottie Villers and Marvin Hass



THE KNEE

by Ray McKinley

2007 is upon us. Full of bright promise and fluffy white powder. Once again, as I have done for the past 25 years, I want to wish you all a Happy Knee Year. It will be difficult to top last year's brilliance, but I'll try. It's just so difficult kneevoking puns both zanknee and witknee (in California. The tallest mountain in the United States except for Mt McKin-knee!!)

The Knee has made a Knee Year's resolution. I will treat you, dear readers, better. After all you are all important to me. First, you are my subjects. Without your foibles there would be nothing to write about. And second, without you as readers, there would be no reason for the Knee. Keep up the good work!

Rosemary and Dick Schwartzbard flew south for the Knee Year—way south. They are cruising around Antarctica. Cool! No it's really hot as it's summer down there.

Have you ever noticed that most chairlifts seem to be positioned such that as you ride up, you get maximum exposure to the Arctic winds? And of course, they all stall half-way up so you can test yourself for susceptibility to frostbite! Similarly all, not most, ski area restrooms are in the basement. It's such fun tromping down the narrow stairs in uncomfortable ski boots!

Bill Hager makes all of these exotic business trips to places you are dying to visit—Yemen, Afghanistan and Pakistan to name a few. So where does he vacation? Bill and Kathy took a cruise to Alaska and spent a wonderful three days at a Bear Lodge. (Not a Bare Lodge, although that would certainly be fun!) Whilst at the Bear Lodge, (I thought it wise to repeat the spelling, as the Knee knows where your minds are) they saw somewhere between a plethora and oodles of Grizzly bears. Sounds like a grrrreeaat vacation!

This is for those of you who were following the travails of Jessma Blockwick trying to sell her McLean condominium, and for those of you who weren't. It has finally been sold. Most interesting, the buyer was Warren Buffett. Warren plans to use it as his Washington, DC headquarters. Would the Knee lie to you?

Be certain to check out John Burgess' glorious photos on the PVS website. (If you can figure out how to get in!) They are truly of professional quality.

Our Club Secretary Mary Beale recently missed two ExCom meetings. It seems that Mary also is Secretary of the Sidwell Friends Alumni Association, whose acronym is, surprisingly, BUFFETT. BUFFETT meetings had been moved causing a schedule conflict

Dollars and scents: Now that Ray Jones has moved to Sarasota Florida, the club has had a smooth transition to our new treasurer, Dick Laeser. I know you are asking why was the word scents in this title. Does one of our money men have smelly feet? The Knee isn't certain, but when written for Treasurers, it made cents!

PVS had a great Holiday party at Ingrid Monaghan's, on a warmish December eve. Polli Brunelli was just back from a business trip to London, and was still speaking with a wee bit of accent. There was between a plethora and oodles of food, supplied by PVSers, and lots of great wines supplied by Ingrid and served by Pat and Jim Vagonis. And Pres David kept the meeting mercifully short.

A most joyous holiday season was had by Marianne Cook. She received a call from a friend in Sweden. He wants to do a recording of her singing songs she has written. Marianne is more than a little pleased.

Since the Steamboat trip had just returned, Dick Comerford was asked to provide a quick synopsis. He said that the visibility wasn't all that good, but most PVSers' visibility isn't all that good. So it all worked out. Eye see.

Kentlands, MD is a really kneet place according to Sharon Mulholland. Not only does Sharon live there, but her daughter and her mother also are Kentlands denizens.

Good news: After a seemingly infinite time, Peggy and Kirk Burns' kitchen is now complete. So they can move up, out of their basement laundry room.

The Knee earlier reported that Carolyn Maurer and Ruth Powers visited Mongolia. Whilst there, they rode two-hump camels. They report that when the camels are short on water, their humps become flaccid. (Well that's not the word they used, but you get the idea.)

Jim Slack and Mary Ward have just returned from a trip to China. They note that every Chinese knows at least 3 English words, "Hello, buy postcard."

Calendar

Jan	3	Wed	Ski Liberty Demo Day by Ski Center postponed.
Jan	6	Sat	Snowmass Pre-trip Party at Powers' 4-7 PM
Jan	9	Tue	ExCom - Dec/Jan combo at Beale's
Jan	10-12		WISP Demo Days by Ski Chalet
Jan	16	Tue	Monthly Meeting at Marx's
Jan	17	Wed	Ski Liberty Demo Day by Ski Center
Jan	21	Sun	Big Sky pre-trip party at Marx's
Feb	7	Wed	Zoo Walk - Asia Trail with Betty Byrne
Feb	18	Sun	Sun Peaks pre-trip Party, 4:30 PM at McKinley's
Feb	20	Tue	Monthly Meeting at Beale's
Feb	27	Tue	ExCom at TBD
April	15	Sun	Sun Peaks post-trip Party



Ski Trip Calendar 2007-----Western, Euro, South America)

Jan 18-25/07	<u>Snowmass</u> (C. Maurer/D. DeVilbiss)
Feb 3-10/07	<u>Big Sky</u> (PVS/BRSC M. Rine/J. Marx)
Feb 3-11/07	<u>Sun Peaks</u> (Ray/Nancy McKinley)
Mar 3-10/07	<u>Schladming</u> (PVS/BRSC G. Flake/J. Smith)
<i>(Feb 26-Mar 3 Athens: Mar 11-13 Vienna)</i>	
Aug 9-25/07	<u>Las Leñas</u> , Argentina (Ray/Nancy McKinley)
<i>(Aug 18-21/07 Buenos Aires: Aug 21-25 Rio de Janeiro, Brazil)</i>	



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