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Dear Fellow PVSers

Now that the summer is just around the corner, it's time to think seriously, naturally, about skiing! The trip committee has been diligently suggesting venues, evaluating proposals, and recommending a slate of ski trips for 2000/2001. This is no mean feat and I want to take this opportunity to thank Serge Triau for valiantly chairing the committee and to send kudos to Jan Marx and Myron Marquardt for giving their time to seeing that PVS has its life's blood--our annual slate of outstanding ski ventures.

This year the committee not only worked closely with Trip Leaders to coordinate their efforts but has also, among other activities, developed the trip Guidelines and Responsibilities that you received in your mailbox. A huge effort went into getting this document discussed, consolidated and down on paper and we're grateful to them for all the work that went into it.

We have now four great trips lined up for 2000/2001 so listen and look for more information on our trips to Keystone in December (new!), Steamboat in January, The Canyons in February, and Telluride in March. And be sure to make it to the Annual All-Trip Pre-Trip party at the Heitchues' on July 1. And if you're lucky enough to be skiing in Argentina in August, see you on the slopes!

Nancy
President

MONTHLY MEETING - June 20, 2000, 7:30 P.M.

Home of Betty Lawrence, 525 Haven Lane, Great Falls VA. Tel: 703-759-0471

Directions: Take Beltway Exit 13 onto Route 193 (Georgetown Pike) toward Great Falls. Drive 6.3 miles to Great Falls where you turn right on Walker Road. Go 1.1 miles to left on Squires Trail. At the end of the road, turn left onto Haven Lane and proceed to 525 on the left.

COMING EVENTS

Plants Anyone?

Help! My garden is overgrown with diverse perennials and I hate to put them on the compost. On Wednesday June 7th, from 11am to 2pm come and help yourself (I have plenty of pots and shovels). Bring your lunch; soft drinks, fruit and cookies will be provided. (Rain date will have to wait until fall). Please RSVP (703-534-5438 or phanshaw@erols.com). Address: 1868 Massachusetts Ave, McLean. Directions:

1) I-495 inner loop from south, take exit 11, go north on Rt. 123, go right on Rt 309 Old Dominion Dr, about 2 miles (pass Chesterbrook Shop. Ctr. on left, road narrows) next right on Park Rd. IMMEDIATELY left on Vermont and then right on Massachusetts Ave. --9th house on right, blue with white picket fence.

2) I-495 outer loop from north to Exit 13 left at light, right at 2nd light on Balls Hill Rd., left on Old Dominion Drive Rt. 309 (cross Rt 123 and follow above directions)

3) From Chain Bridge, left fork at first light in VA, follow Glebe Rd to 2nd light, right on Williamsburg, at first light go right on Old Dominion Drive about .5 mile (sign "enter Fairfax Co.") next left on Valley Wood and Vermont. Take Vermont on right uphill, left on Mass. Ave. 9th house on right, blue with white picket fence

ALL PLANT LOVERS WELCOME. FYI- my son says "Oh, Mom, you need to go to "Gardeners' Anonymous".



HIKE--JOG--WALK AROUND LAKE ACCOTINK PARK

Saturday, June 10, 2000, 9:30 a.m. We'll start around the lake from 5256 Lonsdale Drive, Springfield, VA 22151.

Light refreshments will follow the hike at the home of Marty Rine. Charge \$3. Let Marty know if you are coming. Tel: 703-978-0179. Also call her if the weather seems questionable.

Directions to Marty's home: Take I-495 to Exit 5 west onto Braddock Road. Go through light at Queensberry (across from Wakefield Park), get into the left lane, go through 2nd light at Wakefield Chapel Road. Take immediate next left (no light) onto Danbury Forest Drive. Take first left turn onto Lonsdale Drive. 5256 is end unit in 3rd section of townhouses. Plenty of parallel parking available.

BICYCLING GOURMET



VIENNA TO RESTON (and return)

Thursday, June 22, 2000 10:30 am

Starting Point: Vienna Community Center. Directions:
Beltway Exit 11: Take Rte. 123 (Chain Bridge Road)



south about three miles to Park St (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. Ride will proceed west on W&OD Trail to Reston and then involve local bike paths ending up at scenic Lake Anne Center for lunch on terrace of lakeside gourmet cafe. Distance: 17 miles. Terrain: mostly flat.

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

Note: These trips do leave promptly at time indicated. Allow sufficient time to arrive at the starting point, to get your equipment in order, and to hear the remarks about the trip by the leader.

YOU ARE INVITED

TO THE ANNUAL PRE-SKI-TRIPS PARTY

Saturday, July 1, 2000, 5 p.m. (Rain date is Sunday July 2)

Home of Jean and Reg Heitchue, 2146 Owl's Cove Lane, Reston, VA.

Call the Heitchues by June 26 to sign up to bring appetizer, salad or dessert. A small fee will be charged.

Directions: From Beltway, exit onto Route 273 (Dulles Toll Road). Exit at Hunter Mill Road (Exit 14), turning left. Turn right onto Sunrise Valley Drive. At first traffic light, turn left onto South Lakes Drive. After passing the shopping center, take first left onto Ridge Heights Road. Take first right onto Owl's Cove Lane. Go to the end and park in the cul-de-sac. 2146 is at the bottom of steep driveway.



PLEASE ADD TO YOUR ROSTER:

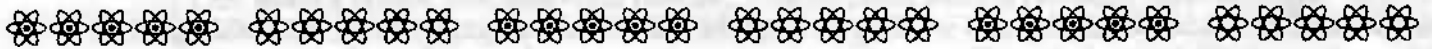
Ralph Parks
2309 North Lexington St.
Arlington, VA 22205
703-536-8125

Judy Dietrick Jones
Raymond Jones
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Fairfax, VA 22032
703-239-8664

August 12 - 26, 2000, join Nancy & Ray McKinley to

Ski and See in Argentina

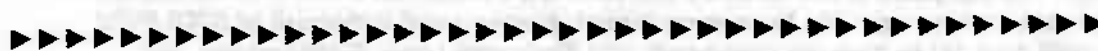
Participants we have the forms (courtesy of Helen Price) you need if you want a Brazilian visa for use during our visit to Iguazu Falls. Call us at 703 527-7126.



PVS SKI TRIPS.....2000 - 2001

- Dec. 7 - 14, 2000 Keystone Penny Hanshaw/Pat Egan**
(New trip added this month)
- Jan. 22 - 29, 2001 Steamboat Barbara Leonhardt**
- Feb. 10 - 17, 2001 Canyons, Utah Nancy/Ray McKinley**
- Mar. * , 2001 Telluride Don Dillon**
(7 day trip between Mar. 4-14)

Questions? Please call trip leaders or ski trip committee members.



DECEMBER 7-14, 2000

Join Penny Hanshaw & Pat Egan

SKI KEVSTONE

Colorado's best snow making means **GUARANTEED SNOW!**

Keystone's unpretentious attitude is just what many people like about this three-peaked Summit County resort. Almost 2000 acres of varied terrain meet the desires of the majority of skiers, including night skiing until 9 p.m. The Keystone ticket is good for A-Basin and Breckenridge. These two resorts plus Vail and Beaver Creek are connected by shuttle. **Keystone won a gold medal for terrain, lifts, grooming and family and a silver one for snow, challenge, service, weather, access, food, lodging, off-hill activities and scenery from SKI magazine.** River Run has brick-lined streets winding through the village, past elegantly designed buildings of stone and rough wood, the amber light spilling out from the shops into snowy lanes. Over the bridge that crosses the Snake River, the River Run Gondola waits to whisk you up to the slopes. River Run is a beautiful pedestrian village filled with shops, restaurants, a microbrewery, nightlife and events. Studio condominiums let you stay in rustic elegance. The Rockin' R ranch Trading Post, like the trading posts of yore, has items not normally seen back home. While staying at the River Run Studios we are only a **SHORT WALK TO THE GONDOLA.**

PACKAGE INCLUDES: WELCOME WINE AND CHEESE RECEPTION PLUS:

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| 8 DAYS 7 NIGHTS | AIRFARE | BAG HANDLING | 3 HAPPY HOURS |
| PRE TRIP PARTY | TRANSFERS | 5 DAY LIFT TICKET | 3 GROUP DINNERS |

Cost will be approximately **\$1250**. To reserve a space, send your check for \$200 payable to Pat Egan (refundable through July when prices will be firm) mail to Pat Egan 2221 Wakerobin La., Reston, VA 20191. For more information call (703)476-4195 or e-mail pategan@erols.com.


exciting new news....

PVS - STEAMBOAT - 2001 Mon. Jan 22 - Mon. Jan 29, 2001

We are going back to an "old friend" - Steamboat Springs Ski Area though not to the Sheraton Hotel as originally planned. After more thorough discussions, we have decided to upgrade our lodging to the new Steamboat Grand Resort Hotel, now under construction just across from the Sheraton. The more luxurious Grand will have a lounge/ski concierge at Gondola Square for checking skis and boots. From there, it's just 100 yards to the Hotel. We are proud to be able to offer this option at an exclusive, introductory price, not to be realized again. For more information, please visit the Hotel's web site: www.steamboatgrand.com --the description speaks for itself.

For the 18 who have already paid a deposit for the trip, as well as other members, please call Barbara at 301-963-8111 for more information. The trip is limited to 40 participants; 22 spots remain. The total package includes: United Airlines, Dulles to Denver and then jet flight into Hayden and return plus the land package of bus from Hayden to the Hotel and return; 5 or 6-day lift ticket; 7 nights hotel lodging (dbl occupancy); 7 breakfasts; 3 group dinners; 3/4 apres ski parties; luggage handling and pre-trip party. Transportation from/to airport will be provided only for those arriving/leaving with (or at the same time as) the group. The trip price is not finalized but should be between \$1450-1490 for the full package for those under age 70. To reserve a spot, please send a deposit of \$200 (fully refundable until Aug. 15) to Barbara Leonhardt, 606 Firehouse Lane, Gaithersburg, MD 20878. Put PVS-Steamboat 2001 on check's memo line.

February 10-17, 2001, join Nancy and Ray McKinley to Ski

 *the Canyons, Utah* 

We're always looking for a place that PVS will love and haven't been to a dozen times. And we think we've found it in the Canyons. We'll get there before the crowds discover it during the 2002 Olympics, when the Canyons will host major skiing events. Today the Canyons is the largest ski area in Utah and by 2002 expects to be the largest ski area in the entire US. It's now 3,300 acres! (By comparison, Park City and Steamboat are about 2,300.) The Canyons has a 3,190 foot vertical and an all new lift system including 6 High Speed Quads amongst its 16 lifts. The uphill capacity is staggering. It's spectacular and perfect for PVS with a base at 6700 feet and 9900 feet at the top, so scant altitude problems.

Formerly known as Park City West, the Canyons was given its current name when American Ski Corp bought it and pumped over \$200 Million into quintupling the size of the ski area and completely rebuilding and updating the base facilities. We'll stay at the just completed, slopeside, luxury 238 room Summit Lodge. It's on the slopes at the lifts! No walking whatsoever. In Utah, the Summit Lodge is second only to Stein Erickson's Lodge in luxury.

This will be an extremely popular trip. Cost will be in the upper \$1,500's. To reserve a space, send your check for \$200 payable to Ray McKinley (refundable through July when prices will be firm) and send it to us at 2326 North Upton Street, Arlington, VA 22207-4045. Please call us for more information at (703) 527-7126.



PAST EVENTS



Monthly meeting
at Fred and Barb Leonhardts
May 16, 2000

I really must find out how many of the attendees at a meeting at Barb and Fred's house eat anything at all the day of the event. It is not necessary to do so. The scrumptious eats were of the highest quality and quantity as usual--thank you Barb and Fred. Fifty persons including welcome guests and applicants were in high social gear so that it took Acting President, most recently ex-President, or whatever was the appropriate title for Lu Beale (who graciously filled in for the high-flying -mucho- business- trips -to- California President Nancy McKinley) --it did take Lu several attempts to get the floor to start the business meeting. Three overt trip leaders of the 2000-2001 ski year described their upcoming trips: Barb Leonhardt for Steamboat (complete with preliminary flyer), Ray McKinley for Canyons, and Don Dillon for Telluride. One covert trip leader talked about hers and Pat Egan's trip to Keystone which is covert because it hasn't been approved by ExCom yet, but very likely will be on May 23rd. Local events were described by Charlie Huggins and others, ranging from bike riding to British theatre. What a wonderfully active and diverse group we are!

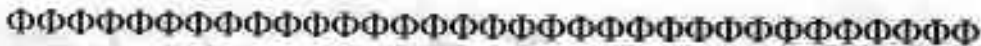
Penny Hanshaw

BICYCLING GOURMET RIDE

The May Bicycling Ride is the most difficult of this series, but also the most rewarding in terms of scenery and ambianc e. The starting point was the cozy back terrace of the aptly-named Upper Crust Bakery in Middleburg located in a modest building but serving excellent fresh pastry. The group then proceeded south past horse farms with stone fences and the Blue Ridge mountains in the west to the town of The Plains.

Here we had gourmet sandwiches on the front porch of the Farm Store. (Note: The Farm Store no longer offers sandwiches this year, but the owner made a special exception for our group, which she remembered from last year.) Then we cycled north into Piedmont Vineyards, where Betty Byrne's birthday was celebrated with toasts of the local wine and a pre-positioned birthday cake. In case you missed all of this revelry, you can access photos of this event on the PVS Web site. (<http://www.homestead.com/pvskiers>).

...Marvin Hass



A BEAUTIFUL CONCERT--AND A SUMPTUOUS FINISH

There were 16 happy PVSers who emerged from hearing the last chords of Beethoven's violin concerto, beautifully played by the highly acclaimed Elizabeth Adkins and the Eclipse Chamber Orchestra at Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church on a lovely spring Sunday afternoon. Indeed, the last Eclipse concert of this season was both inspiring and gratifying in that this group of mostly NSO virtuosos put all of their considerable talents and pride into this prominently artistic, as distinct from commercial venture. The informing introductions by the group's founder, music director and conductor, Sylvia Alimena, delivered before the start of the program, set the exceptional tone for this music-making endeavor. Both the well-chosen program and the stunning performance of it gave much pleasure to an audience that has considerably increased in size over the last several concerts. Our contingent, for which especially reserved seating was provided, enjoyed all of it, including the post-performance reception and the yummy pastries we savored.

In spite of a few lost, and later found, stragglers, we came together at the rather unusual Eastern Empire Buffet Restaurant where our already high spirits were further nourished with a much varied fare of goodies, including some exotic items from the Seven Seas and the Mongolian cuisine. A good and gratifying time was had by all to celebrate another Mothers' Day and a PVS outing of customary allure.

....David Abraham



THE KNEE

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by
Ray McKinley

Although spring seems to have been nonexistent this year, time is simply rushing by. In just a few weeks, the summer solstice will be upon us. That's June 22, the day when the sun is as high in the sky as it gets—it's the longest day of the year. From there, it's all down hill (to coin a phrase) to winter—only six months hence. Or less than two months if you are joining us for some unbelievable skiing in Bariloche, Argentina. A month after Betty Lawrence was dressed in black to mourn the end of ski season, we're almost over the hump, and rarin' to ski.

Speaking of skiing (what a great segue!) congrats to our newest ski trip leaders, Penny Hanshaw and Pat Egan. They will be doing a pre-Christmas trip to Keystone—Colorado's biggest user of snowmaking and yearly Killington rival for first skiing of the season. Pat will do the finances, and Penny the publicity. Penny inherited Pat's old computer and is just learning. I'm certain she will soon Excel and get all of her Words Perfect.

John and Dorrie Waddick have a lovely new patio on their Alexandria home. We should all get a chance to see it at a PVS fall event.

Sally Finan and George Welti are members of the New Dominion Chorale. Their performance got a great write up in the Post. Write on!

Now some ski news—and I'm not talking about the Polish! Intrawest, the owners of Whistler/Blackcomb, Snowshoe, Copper and several other major resorts has teamed up with a French company and will be doing joint marketing. The reason: The US ski market is flat at about 50 million skier-days a season. The European market is 5 times as large and growing. *Voila!*

At a recent ExCom meeting, Ian Marx volunteered to be acting secretary while Karen Felker was away. She immediately poured herself a very LARGE glass of wine—and then got through the minutes in seconds.

At the same meeting TOOT editor Jessma

Blockwick got lost and was over a half hour late. She claimed to have gone as far as Richmond!

Annemarie Black is gone from PVS. She is replaced by an even more vibrant Annemarie Brenner! She and Walt Brenner got married last month. Both "blame" the marriage on PVS. They met on a PVS trip to Sun Valley. Right on

Next year at my favorite ski area, Liberty, they have a plan to increase their snow depths. Liberty has just announced that they'll measure snow depths horizontally.

Pity poor Marty McNeill. Just as hubby Bob was getting better and out of the hospital, Marty's mother was going in.

At Pat and Don Cope's new home it was BYOB. Bring your own bathroom. They brought along the colorful toilet and matching fountain-like sink from their Alexandria home. Looks great!

Traffic and driving times are increasing significantly. Let me remind you that if you lived in your car, you would be home now.

Bing Poon retired the first of the year. He spent ski season in Salt Lake City. Bing then went to Brussels, Aachen, Koblenz, etc. as part of the 69th Infantry Division 55th Anniversary Tour. Thereafter, a cruise out of Amsterdam, a trip to Scandakneevia and then back to his new Mercersburg, Pa. abode to get ready for skiing in Argentina. Bing has only slowed down "a little" since he retired.

Not going away for quite so long is Ruth Powers. Late this summer she will visit Oberammergau. (Which for those of you not fluent in German means "above a little Tyrolean town with a long name.") Betty Byrne will be visiting Bayreuth. (Which means a large body of water near reuth. Were it a small body of water, it would translate Babyreuth.) Betty will be there for the Wagnerian Ring cycle, which is considerably longer than a motorcycle.

Some time ago, Betty, clearly an opera lover, was describing what it meant to be a docent at the Opera. Asked Bill Anderson, You mean like in Nashville at the Grand Ole Opera? No Bill. That docent work.

CALENDAR

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- July 20 ... Midweek Bike Ride
- July 25 ... ExCom at Annapolis with Tengel/Smith
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- Aug. 22 ... ExCom at the Triaus'
- Nov. 4 ... 35th Anniversary Dinner

▶▶▶ **NOTE; The British Embassy Music Hall was sold out for its run!!! We'll try earlier next year.**

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