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Greetings, Fellow PVSers—

Service with a smile!

Entertainment with enthusiasm!

I.E.—Charlotte and Jim Kline, Suzanne Boisclair, Kathy and Don Dillon, Betty Lawrence, Marilyn and Dick Panagopoulos, Barbara and Fred Leonhardt, Pat and Don Cope, Susan and Bill Brown, Jean and Reg Heitchue hosted PVSers, greatly enriching April and May.

Through all these events, the contributions of the Ski Trip Committee and the individual trip leaders have been exposed and detailed, both ongoing and with the six trips of the '02-'03 winter. It's all about ski trips which are the fulcrum and focus of PVS. We benefit from the many people who offer their experience and expertise to work through the difficulties posed by the current climate in the travel industry. As a group, we owe them much.

Sign on early! Have a happy summer!

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President XXIV

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**JUNE MEETING**  
**Tuesday, June 18, 2002 - 7:30 P.M.**

Home of Judy and Ray Jones  
5422 Southport Lane  
Fairfax, VA 22032  
703-425-5839

From Maryland, DC, Arlington, and Alexandria:

I-495 Beltway to Braddock Road/Rte. 620. Take Braddock Road/Rte. 620 west approximately 5 miles to traffic signal at Sideburn Road. Entrance to George Mason University is on the right; Sideburn is to the left. Turn left onto Sideburn and go just over 1 mile to the light at Zion Drive. Cross Zion and go to Acacia Lane on the right. Turn right on Acacia and go 2 blocks to the stop sign at Southport Lane. The house is across from the stop sign to the right.

From Vienna or I-66:

Exit I-66 on to Rte. 123 south towards Fairfax. Continue on Rte. 123 through Fairfax City, past George Mason University, and through the traffic signal at Braddock Road. The next traffic signal after Braddock is Zion Drive (Exxon station on the left). Turn left on Zion and continue to the next traffic signal at Sideburn Road. Turn right on Sideburn and go to Acacia Lane on the right. Turn right on Acacia and go 2 blocks to the stop sign at Southport Lane. The house is across from the stop sign to the right.

**US Botanic Garden      Wed. June 12, 2002**

Visit the newly renovated conservatory, followed by (optional) lunch. We meet 10:30 AM at the entrance (on the mall side of the building). New exhibits include nearly 4000 plants. The Palm House Structure now has a visitor walkway 24 feet above the floor (accessible by stairs or elevator). The building is at the intersection of Maryland Avenue and First Street, SW. The nearest Metro station (3 blocks away) is "Federal Center SW" on the Orange and Blue Lines. Around 12:30 we will walk to cafeteria lunch at the National Gallery of Art Pavilion next to the Sculpture Garden. For more information call Sally Finan (703-716-9023).

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**SPRING DINNER**

**JUNE 15, 2002**

**7:00 PM**

**THE COLONNADE**

**2801 NEW MEXICO AVE.**

Call Marilyn Clark at 703-978-9435 if you would like to attend. All attendees remember to bring dinner plates and flatware.





### ECLIPSE CHAMBER ORCHESTRA SEASON FINALE

Come and join PVS subscribers at this fascinating orchestra's season finale on Sunday, June '16, at 3pm, at Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church in Bethesda. The exciting and rather varied program includes a world premiere by Truman Harris', the resident composer's Fanfare for the Tenth, a Ralph Van Williams violin bravura played by the incomparable Elisabeth Adkins, and Brahms Serenade No. 2. It promises to be a very enjoyable two-hour sojourn with a yammie reception to follow the program. All that still for the bargain price of \$ 15, only \$12 for seniors.

Any questions, call or write David Abraham. He and several of your fellow members look forward to seeing you there.

**ONE MORE CHANCE TO ICE SKATE!** Skaters will meet at the Cabin

John Rink on June 19. Call Bette Walker (202-333-0766). This activity will start again in the fall.



### *BICYCLING GOURMET*

#### **VIENNA TO RESTON (and return)**

**Thursday, June 20, 2002 10:30 AM**



**Starting Point: Vienna Community Center. Directions:**

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



**rooms and water available at Community Center. Route: Ride will proceed west on the W&OD Trail to Reston and then involve local bike paths ending up**

**at scenic Lake Anne Center for lunch on the terrace of the Calvert 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. Please allow sufficient time to arrive at the starting point, to get your equipment in order, fill water bottle, visit rest room, etc.**

**May 23 Trip Review: Calvert County Riviera — Cycled from Chesapeake Beach north passing by several marinas and waterfront communities—one of our most scenic routes. Concluded with lunch at waterside restaurant with cake and champagne commemorating birthdays of Betty Byrne and Shirley Rettig both occurring in late May.**

**July ride: tentatively July 18 — Great Falls to Seneca via C&O towpath.**



The ExCom has approved the following ski trips:

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| <p>1. Steamboat Springs, CO<br/>Leaders: Sally Finan &amp; George Welti<br/>Dec. 10 to 17, 2002<br/>PVS<br/>703-716-9023</p>                                                    | <p>4. Innsbruck, Austria<br/>Leaders: Glade Flake &amp; Jack Peoples<br/>Feb. 28 to Mar. 8, 2003 (with add on<br/>to Budapest, Mar. 8 to Mar. 12)<br/>BRSC<br/>301-762-6890</p> |
| <p>2. Snowmass, CO<br/>Leaders: Barbara &amp; Fred Leonhardt<br/>Jan. 16 to 23, 2003 (with possible<br/>Extension to Vail from Jan. 23 to Jan. 27)<br/>PVS<br/>301-963-8111</p> | <p>5. Whistler, BC<br/>Leaders: Nancy &amp; Ray McKinley<br/>Mar. 1 - Mar. 9, 2003<br/>PVS<br/>703-527-7126</p>                                                                 |
| <p>3. Tahoe Nevada Area<br/>Leaders: Shirley Rettig &amp; Charles Huggins<br/>Feb. 1 to Feb. 8, 2003<br/>BRSC<br/>703-836-147</p>                                               | <p>6. Crested Butte, CO<br/>Leaders: David Lerner &amp; Bob Marx<br/>Mar. 15 - Mar. 22, 2003<br/>PVS<br/>703-281-6923</p>                                                       |



### STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, CO.      Tues. Dec. 10 - Tues. Dec. 17, 2002

Long a PVS favorite, this trip to the ski-in/ski-out Sheraton Steamboat Hotel is being led by Sally Finan and George Welti. It will include: Air fare Washington/Dulles to Denver and return; Ground transfer Denver to Steamboat Springs and return, 7 nights lodging @ Sheraton Hotel (ski-in/ski-out), Baggage handling, Wine-and-cheese reception, 5-day ski-lift pass, 7 breakfasts, 3 apres ski parties, 3 dinners out, Pre- and post-trip parties. Estimated price per person for 2 persons per room: 70+ seniors \$1135, 65-69 seniors \$1235, 64- adults \$1295. To reserve, please send a check (marked "Steamboat") for \$200 per person made out to Sally Finan, 11311 French Horn Lane, Reston, VA 20191 (703-716-9023). The check is fully refundable until Aug. 1.



### SNOWMASS --- Thur. Jan. 16 - Thur. Jan. 23, 2003

**Have room for a single male.** Otherwise, the trip is full with a short waiting list. We encourage anyone interested to put their name on the waiting list since, each year, we have a number of cancellations. All deposits are fully refundable until Aug. 1. All singles who were in the first 39 sign-ups have been matched with roommates except as above. For trip goers, **we are exploring the possibility of an optional trip extension for 5 nights (4 ski days) to Vail from Jan. 23-27.** If you are interested in this extension, please call; we hope to have details in the next few weeks. Also extra days at Snowmass can be arranged. The prices for the full basic Snowmass trip are: \$1,667 for ages 70 and over, \$1675 for ages 65-69, and \$1707 for those under 65. Land only is \$379 less. This year's higher price is partially due to Aspen raising lift ticket prices; the annual ski pass for those 70 and older is now \$50 higher. The full trip includes: United Airlines from Dulles to Eagle/Vail and return; motor coach to/from Snowmass; 7 nights double occupancy at the slope-side, Snowmass Mountain Chalet; pre-trip dinner/party; daily full breakfast and daily soup lunch at SMC; 3 group dinners; 3 apres ski; welcome party; 5 of 6 day lift ticket (those age 70 or over receive an annual pass); and luggage handling. Please call with any questions: Barbara or Fred Leonhardt at 301-963-8111 or by email at [fleonhardt@starpower.net](mailto:fleonhardt@starpower.net).

## BRSC WINTER CARNIVAL AT LAKE TAHOE, CALIFORNIA/NEVADA FEB. 1-8, 2003

Trip Leaders Shirley Rettig & Charles Huggins

This exciting trip with nightly entertainment available every night is limited to 24 PVSers. The complete cost of this trip will run \$1200. Single supplement is \$263. Anybody not flying with us from Washington D.C. can deduct \$340. Those over 70 and others not wanting a 5/6 day lift ticket may deduct \$193. This trip will include the following:

1. Round trip air on Delta leaving Dulles at 11 a.m. and arriving Reno 3:12 p.m. Return flight will leave Reno at 1:10 p.m. and arrive Dulles 10:30 p.m.
2. Chartered motor coach to the Horizon Resort and Casino.
3. Seven nights at the Horizon Resort and Casino based on 2 per room.
4. Shops, fitness center, three restaurants, and three hot tubs.
5. Sunday night welcome party /dinner buffet. (Dancing maybe)
6. Monday boat cruise to Squaw Valley and return after skiing with food and partying on the Tahoe Queen.
7. Tuesday nastar race at Alpine Meadows.
8. Thursday night banquet and dance with disk jockey.
9. Two nights apres ski.
10. Pre and post trip parties.
11. Gaming at four casinos.

To reserve one or more of the 24 spots on the Lake Tahoe trip, send \$200 check to Shirley Rettig. Mark your check PVS LakeTahoe. Shirley Rettig, 604 Princess Street, Alexandria, VA. 22314.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Roommate Pref. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ Check age, <65 \_\_\_\_\_ 65+ \_\_\_\_\_ 70+ \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_



PVS (BRSC) EUROPEAN SKI TRIP 2003  
 INNSBRUCK, AUSTRIA FEB 28 - MARCH 8TH  
 ADD ON TO BUDAPEST, MARCH 8TH - MARCH 12TH  
 GLADE FLAKE & JACK PEOPLES

The trip includes roundtrip airfare from Dulles(departure taxes have not been included in estimate price as they are not available ), transfers, 7 night lodging @ Hotel Neue Post(4stars), daily buffet breakfast and dinners; BRSC Welcome Party, One Apres BRSC ski party, BRSC Farewell gourmet Austrian dinner. Approximate cost \$1275 per person based on double occupancy. Lift tickets 4 out of 6 days \$120 includes 3 day ski pass for Innsbruck skiing region and 1 day skiing in the resort of Kitzbuhel or St. Anton. Free bus service or 5 out of 6 days \$161 includes 3 day ski pass for Innsbruck skiing region, 1 day skiing in the resort of Kitzbuhel and 1 day skiing in the resort of St. Anton. Free bus service. Excursions to Salzburg, Venice(Italy),Ludwig Castle, St. Moritz at additional cost.

Budapest Add-on Estimate price is \$400.00 which includes airfare to and from Budapest, transfers, lodging at Hotel Korona(4stars), daily buffet breakfast.

Confirm your space now with a check payable to "PVS INNSBRUCK 2003" in the amount \$200 per person as your initial deposit. Mail to Glade F. Flake, P.O.Box 60347, Potomac MD 20859-0347. For more info contact Glade Flake(301-762-6890),joanflake@aol.com or Jack Peoples(301-438-7298).



**Directory corrections:**

**New addresses:**

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Rockville, MD 20852  
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**AND A MERRY DAY IN MAY IT WAS....**

For the meeting, Pvsers followed the well-worn trail to the Leonhardts' home in Kentlands. (Well-worn because they entertain PVSers so often.)

Members found the usual feast displayed both inside the house and outside on the beautiful deck. The hostess found some members actively scraping the bottom of a bowl which had contained a favorite dip—and actually offered to return to the kitchen and whip up a new batch! The bountiful dessert table faced people with such difficult choices that all resolve to be moderate faded quickly.

The meeting had much good news of ski trips and a busy summer of events.

Thanks, Barbara and Fred, for another great meeting!

## *Virtuoso Wine and Food Tasting at the Copes'*

by Nancy McKinley

If you've ever had the occasion to enjoy a Tasting Menu from one of the premier DC restaurants, you can come close to imagining what we experienced at Pat and Don Cope's annual wine tasting – their 18<sup>th</sup> – in May.

Only the venue of this “vintage” event has changed. The superb wine selection, the delectable edibles and the unfailing hospitality are exactly as we've come to expect from Pat and Don for these many years. Now we get to enjoy all of it under the stars at their stunning retirement home at Lake of the Woods. The trip down I95 is easy – maybe 90 minutes and you can certainly drive home the same night. But why? - when you can stay at a nearby hotel with transportation provided and enjoy the evening to its fullest with nary a worry about over imbibing and getting behind the wheel.

“This wine is unbelievable!” - was one direct quote we overheard. Don again chose another exemplary suite of wines for us to sample: dueling Pinot Grigios, the aforementioned “unbelievable” Chardonnay, a mysterious Umbrian, ever-wonderful Chianti Classico, a Chateaufeuf du Pape to die for, and the perfect ending – 10-year-old Port. Don's comments on each wine provide just what you need to enhance your appreciation of the grape and derivation.

No explanation is necessary on the delectable dishes they prepared: a goat cheese appetizer, bruschetta (3 ways), mouthwatering creamed salmon and shrimp, perfectly chilled asparagus with raspberry vinaigrette, marinated lamb with leeks, spectacularly Tuscan pasta pomodoro, exquisite pears and Stilton, and the piece de resistance – Pat's tiramisu in honor of their recent tour of Tuscany.

And it all appears completely effortless – the sign of an outstanding host and hostess. They did it again – our hats off to the Copes for another superb evening!

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### **“Mamma Mia”!.....What A Show!**

A wonderful musical, “Mamma Mia” played to a full house at the National Theater and was enjoyed by twenty five PVSers and friends at the matinee performance on Saturday, May 4. The cute, funny story was about a wedding about to take place on a tiny Greek island and was creatively woven around and through the lively music of ABBA. The talented actors who sang and danced up a storm were accompanied by a small music group composed of four keyboards, two guitars, a Bass, drums and percussion with a sound system that rocked the house with the familiar tunes of ABBA. For the encores, of which there were several, including costume changes, the audience was on its feet clapping, swaying, tapping and had there been space, would have been dancing. Filled with the spirited music, people exiting the theater were saying they would like to see it again. It was such fun.

A short walk took us to our restaurant, Les Halles, where we enjoyed a delicious dinner and congenial conversation to bring to an end our perfect day. Many thanks to Margaret Wyckoff for arranging this splendid PVS event. We were sorry Margaret could not be with us but hope she will plan another theater outing sometime.

.....Liz Triau

**Goldmine Hike & Lunch with the Brown's**

Seven PVSers and a guest enjoyed a fine spring hike from the tavern at Great Falls to the site of one of the earliest Maryland gold mines. While we didn't find any gold, we did find evidence of the gold mining operations, including trenches, rail-beds, pieces of quartz that had been extracted, as well as ruins of some of the old buildings. We had perfect weather for our hike, which included a loop that Bill Brown insisted we went around more than once. Following the hike led by Ruth Powers, we went a short distance to the home of our lunch hosts, Bill and Susan Brown, who prepared a delicious lunch of salmon and salads, including spinach from Bill's garden. Dessert was a combination of cake, ice cream and strawberries. We were all impressed with their extensive gardens, including a small pond, shrubs, flowers and vegetables. Thanks again to Bill and Susan, for sharing their home with us and providing such an excellent lunch.



**Spring Fling April 28, 2002 - By C. Huggins**

This was the 20<sup>th</sup> annual Spring fling, and the event has raised nearly one million dollars for Disabled Sports USA over the twenty years. The dining room was full to capacity at the Pooks Hill Marriott in Bethesda, and the Live Auction raised \$36,600. Combining the Live Auction with the Silent Auction, the event should again be over \$50,000. Missing this year were ski trips to Europe. These were replaced with vacation trips to the West Coast and to Hawaii. There are some bargains at the Spring Fling. Just ask Serge Triaou what the high bid was for a seven day trip to Williamsburg, Virginia. Looks like Serge and Liz will be playing some golf as well as visiting the historic buildings in October.



**BIO:OF NEW EXCOM MEMBER - DAVID G. ABRAHAM**

Born in Germany, which he left prior to the outbreak of World War II, David was educated in Palestine, Italy, the U.K., Israel and the U.S. He earned advanced degrees in industrial engineering, business economics and management. He, his wife Rachel, and son Jonathan arrived in the D.C. area in 1958, and have resided in Bethesda ever since.

Beginning his local career as a plant engineer and controller for a medical research firm while earning his MBA from American University, he became a consultant and the co-founder of two consulting firms. Over the years his professional activities have focused on new technology enterprises, the venture capital field, and the regulatory arena, litigation support, along with his firm's management. He has been a mentor for start-ups, has taught entrepreneurship, basics of investing, and "doing business with the federal government" for U.of Maryland's Smith Business School, A.U., and others. More than 4 years after the merger of his then 100-plus owner-employee consulting firm, for which he was the chief financial, administrative and compliance officer, David formally retired but remains active as an adviser and mentor. He also serves on the boards of several privately held firms. His passion as an avid skier and outdoors person have endured. He and family have participated in numerous PVS-sponsored trips, and are looking forward to many more.

Midweek Atlantic Getaway ...Myron Marquardt

To Delaware, a bunch of us will go.  
Into our cars, golf clubs and bicycles we'll throw.  
The activities will be great  
The food will be first rate.  
We'll all have a good time, we definitely know.  
So, let's get going, don't be so slow.

On Wednesday, May 15, each of the participants began to arrive to get checked in at their assigned location,. Some went for a bike ride around the area, ably led by Don Dillon,.

At the appointed hour, everyone arrived at Betty Lawrence's beautiful new house prepared to take on nourishment to replace that worn off biking, walking, or whatever. In true PVS tradition, there was a great variety of food and plenty of it. It was soon time to move from Betty's to the Dillons'. The weather couldn't have been better, so many of us elected to eat outside on the large porch.

It was reported from each of the houses that everyone was up early on Thursday morning ready for a good breakfast and another busy day. Eight golfers headed out for a round on the Bear Trap Links. It was reported that no one saw either a bear or a trap. The greatest accomplishment of the day was when Barbara Leonhardt got a birdie after a very nice drive. It apparently didn't hurt the bird much. He shook his head a bit and then flew off.

Other participants headed off in various directions for another bike ride (including some who tried the four-person surries) to visit a museum, or just relax on the beach. Everyone was back on time to clean up and proceed to the Panagopoulos' home to enjoy a cocktail party before going to a restaurant on the beach for dinner.

We really want to thank Don, Kathy, Betty Lawrence, Jim, Marilyn, Betty Byrne, Marvin and all those who contributed food, meal preparation and activity leadership. You were all great!

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**Blue Ridge Ski Council Meeting, Solomons Island, Md. May 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>**

PVS was represented by Charles Huggins, Glade Flake, and Reg. Heitchue. BRSC is a federation of 16 ski clubs from Maryland, Virginia, and D.C. The purpose is to bring the clubs together for some camaraderie, and to promote some inexpensive western and European flight trips. The meeting was held on Sunday with break out sessions on Saturday afternoon. The Saturday afternoon break out sessions dealt with how things are run by the various clubs. PVS seems to be the only ski club where money from events does not pass through the club treasurer. PVS is incorporated in the District of Columbia, and Harry Gaskin (SCWDC) recommended PVS move incorporation to Virginia. Most clubs have a committee that selects trip destinations, and then they pick the trip leaders. SCWDC requires applicant ski trip leaders to run other club events to accumulate points before they can be selected as ski trip leaders. The people with the most points are chosen to run the ski trips. SCWDC ran 12 eastern trips last year by direct negotiation with the mountains, and the western trips through travel agents.

Approximately 40 trips were sanctioned by BRSC last year that generated \$400. Each trip was charged a \$10 sanction fee. PVS had one trip sanctioned. FAM trips were discussed, and clubs were urged to send only people who would be decision makers on ski trips selected by their clubs.

Wayne Homens was elected for a second term as president of BRSC. Wayne asked for input from the various clubs on things to put on the Web page. He suggested that clubs store all their important documents, and increase sanctioned ski trips with BRSC as up to 70 people per day were looking at the Web site, and this would get plenty of exposure toward filling their trips.

Reg. Heitchue volunteered PVS to host the September 21<sup>st</sup> BRSC meeting. This involves primarily the selection of a site, and the planning of the lunch menu.



### **www.potomacvalleyski.org**

The PVS Web Site has added a number of new photo images from various PVS events including the trip to Courcheval and the Greek Islands/Turkey, the May Midweek Atlantic Getaway, and day trips to Hillwood, the Calvert County Rivera Bicycling Gourmet Lunch, and the Gold Mine Hike/Lunch. Misplaced your membership roster? The PVS Web Site contains an updated membership roster (including those email addresses that we know about — these seem to be constantly changing. If the one listed there for you is out of date and now have a new one, let us know using the convenient link right on the Web site.). By the way, you will only receive email updates relating to PVS activities if you specifically request to be placed on the group email list maintained by from Jan Marx (jebbmarx@aol.com or the PVS email address info@potomacvalleyski.org). Merely providing an email address on the membership renewal form is not sufficiently adequate to be informed about late-breaking PVS news. PVS is overly privacy-conscious and of course does not release email addresses or any other information about PVS members to outside parties.

*This is the first of an occasional column by PVS Historians **LuJan** recollecting memorable moments, large and small, from the past.*

## **REMEMBER WHEN...**

\*the knee originally appeared in January 1979 under the anonymous byline "Big Foot."

\*Tony Soler was skiing in a Zermatt whiteout and disappeared into an 8 foot cravas. Only his rock climbing skills enabled him to inch his way up and out while Huey Roberts and Dean Woschester, risking hypothermia, looked on helplessly from above.

\*our long term Movie Mogul, Keith Lyon, was fired because he showed "The Lamp Movie" once too often...

... and how about the movie that Charlie Gordon took of Aina Thomas in her dental office extracting teeth from a pumpkin!

\*at an annual event, lobsters were cooked in galvanized garbage cans at Great Falls, VA. Pat Cope arranged for the critters to be flown in from Maine. Lobster, clams, and home made apple pies were the only things on the menu.

\*Bill Anderson drove to Evans' in Oakton for a club meeting that was actually being held 70 miles away in Frederick.

\*the club meeting at McNeill's who served a meat casserole that was raved over by everyone until Bob told us it was made from roadkill.

\*A certain lady editor was discovered eating the pot pourri at the Derby Day Party at the Garrett's.

\*the Marx's van, bound for WISP carrying ALL the wine for the weekend, broke down near Cumberland and didn't arrive until after everyone was in bed.

\*we followed the Park Ranger on the moonlight tour of the catacombs under the Lincoln Memorial.

\*Betty Lawrence came back from a two week ski trip to NZ just in time to don her hula skirt and host the very popular crabfest.

\*The Millers and Hensleys, on club hikes, pulled out checkered tablecloth, wine, crystal, plates and silverware and ate gourmet.



# THE KNEE

by  
Ray McKinley

Gosh, it has been almost three months since I sat down to write a column.

Lots of stuff to bring you up to date on--and not all of it positive. Our Executive Committee now consists of David Abraham, Joan Flake, Barb Leonhardt, Gene Sharer, John Smith, and Margaret Wyckoff. Pres. is Ned Flaherty, and Veep is Reg Heitchue. Several weeks ago they held a closed meeting to make PVS better--more like other Blue Ridge Ski Council clubs.

However, if their plans come to fruition, we will cease being what I consider PVS. We're likely to have either no ski trips or only those run by BRSC. And we will also, likely, no longer have meetings in PVSers' homes. I don't want that to happen. PVS should remain just as it is--a group of friends. In 30 years in this club this is the worst crisis I have seen. It is one thing to make prudent safety changes. But let's not change merely because other clubs do it that way. If you like PVS the way it is today, please tell any of the people listed above that you like the current PVS.

More bad news: BRSC was running this year's trips to Innsbruck and Tahoe with Judy Miller, and her travel organization, Group Trips Unlimited. On April 21, Judy was indicted on 6 counts of wire fraud, 2 counts of mail fraud and 5 counts of impersonating a federal employee. If guilty, she faces 55 years in prison and \$3.25 million in fines. Her company, GTU, faces \$6.5 million in fines. The trial is currently ongoing. Notwithstanding, BRSC will still let her run the trips. Judy told BRSC that she would set up a special escrow account for their funds for the Innsbruck and Tahoe trips. The account could only be accessed by the Judy Miller-paid lawyer (who is apparently Judy's sister). *Caveat emptor.*

Moving "rapidly" on, the longest day of the year is June 21. Then it's all down hill (to coin a phrase) to winter. But patience is essential. After all, nine women can't make a baby in one month.

June 21 is also ukneeque in that it is Jackie and Ned Flaherty's 50th wedding anniversary, or as they say 600 months. Right on, and on, and on...

According to Marvin Hass' information, you will soon be able to ski indoors in Shanghai, China. (China already has 13 outdoor ski areas.) They are building a 130 foot tall, indoor ski slope described as "an oversized playground slide." Finally, the world may have created something that makes even Ski Liberty (motto: the best ski area within 14 miles of Hillville, PA") look good.

PVS' latest skier was Nancy Lewis at Copper April 24. And Carol Parmenter notes the oldest skier, at 91, is former PVSer Franklin Fiske.

Another day goes by, another week, another month. Now the entire ski season is gone. The world simply whizzes by. Albert Einstein understood it. Time is relative (like your mother-in-law). The older you get the faster time moves (not like your mother-in-law).

John Smith and Pat Tengel were out and "about" last month on a 1940s Liberty Ship. They listened to vintage jazz on the Chesapeake and watched the yachts leave Annapolis on the round-the-world Volvo race. Sadly it was a tad foggy.

The winter's major casualty, Reg Heitchue is doing just dandy. He is doing PT on his shoulder and expects to avoid surgery. Indeed Reg and Jean are now back from a Caribbean sailing cruise. Right on--er starboard on!

A continent away, Suzanne Boisclair went to Peru for an explorers cruise on the upper Amazon. She went by Zodiac into some of the piranha-filled tributaries. No paddling with hands!

Sylvia and Wally Lukens' summer home in Nantucket was featured in one of the local design magazines. No truth to the rumor that painter Sylvia repainted the entire outside.

Pity Margaret Wyckoff. She set up our trip to the fabulous Mamma Mia at the National Theatre, and couldn't attend. Grandchild event!

A tip of the ol' knee cap to Rosemary Schwartzbard. She received an award from the American Psychological Society for setting up a Disaster Response Network after 9-11. Kneat.

**CALENDAR**

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