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In my message this month, the month, that brings with it the formal beginning of summer, I'd like to briefly address two themes.

Adept at Adapting: In a recently published article by a senior corporate mogul, one Tal Daley of the Legg Mason mutual funds firm, the assertion is made "*how you react to change, makes a big difference*". Not only do I fully agree with the author but also feel that our membership has done itself proud by adapting to change in an exemplary manner. One such type of change is our own changing circumstances, growing up, getting older, kids leaving home, and much more. The other type is the exogenous change, the myriad changes that occur in our environment, the place and culture, the geopolitical envelope that affects our personal lives every day. To both, it could be said that we've adapted to changing needs and preferences, we're as current in what we offer our members as they are in partaking in these offerings. The warmth of members' relationships, the obvious pleasure derived from getting together at meetings and otherwise, is proof of our successful adapting. Surely a good omen for our club's future.

What's in the Planning Bucket? Foremost, of course, is the ski trip planning activity for the upcoming season. Wow, what prosperity! An all-time high of six trips were just sanctioned and details for most appear elsewhere in this issue. They do represent a great deal of variety and extend over a long 4-month period.

Then there's thought given to such a plethora of activities that my space doesn't let me begin to describe them. Suffice it for now to note that from free music to exotic dining, from the holiday-time Rocketts to a jazz jamboree, they're all in the bucket, being looked at, practicality assessed and leaders being sought. It should be a very good year!

Work also is underway to refresh and expand the content of our Website. It's to become more welcoming for interested non-members, and more informative for our own. Be sure to visit the site often.

In sum, there's lots to do and much being done. While we'll surely miss the excitement of the powder-covered slopes for a while, hopefully, a good, safe and pleasant summer will be had by all. Enjoy it, and, if you like, do think of snow!

David

Monthly Meeting

June 20, 2006
in the home of
Ilse Keel
Potomac, MD
at
7:30 PM



Changes

Dick and Marilyn Clark's correct ZIP Code is 23188

Edith Rabinovitz - new e-mail = edithkisch@juno.com

Liz Warren-Boulton = elizawb@starpower.net

Ray McKinley's new work phone #: 202 201-1543

Penny Hanshaw's new e-mail is: phanshaw@ouraynet.com

Karen & Knox Felker's new email is: karknox@comcast.net

Tom Scanlon new e-mail is = Thomas.Scanlan@allianzinvestors.com

Burr and Byoung Schuler - new address and phone #

16913 Four Seasons Dr.

Dumfries, VA 22025

703-878-7074

e-mail = oburr2byoung@yahoo.com (same as before)

Dave Phillips - new address:

9319 Creekview Dr

Laurel MD 20708

Mary Ward & Jim Slack's new address & phone #:

305 New Cameron Drive

Lexington, VA 24450

540-463-5071.



PVS welcomes Sallie Mullen to PVS as an *Applicant Member*. She has been a friend of Ray McKinley's for more than 15 years and loves to ski. She lives in Potomac and is in the process of buying a weekend retreat in Virginia right on the water a few hours south. Ray McKinley is her sponsor and "Thank you," Ray for inviting her to join."

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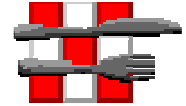
703 377-5277 work

301 461-3322 cell

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BICYCLING GOURMET
VIENNA TO RESTON (and return)
 Thursday, June 15, 2006 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 Jasmine Café overlooking scenic Lake Anne in Reston and then return to Vienna.

Directions to Starting Point: Beltway Exit 46A: 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 [info@potomacvalleyskiers.org]

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

May Ride Review: A good ride from Glen Echo to Potomac Village and return. Hope the carbo loading at the Vie de France bakery midride was burned up by cycling up the mile long hill on MacArthur Blvd.



Good news about Bicycling Gourmet May18th bike ride; it attracted 50% PVS participation (Marvin, Dick Comerford, and Shirley Rettig).
Bad news about Bicycling Gourmet ride: total of only 6 participants.

Dick Comerford in front of carousel at Glen Echo.



BRSC Meeting Report

Glade Flake, Charles Huggins, and Bob Marx left their respective homes early the morning of Saturday, May 20th to represent PVS at the Spring 2006 meeting of the Blue Ridge Ski Council (BRSC). Attendance among the 25 member ski clubs was greater than usual at this meeting at least partly because there was an election for President on the agenda. The resulting vote placed Judy Burlbaugh, past President of the Ski Club of Washington DC, at the helm of the BRSC for the next two years. She assumed the leadership from Wayne Homens who has ably served the BRSC for the past six years as its President and six years before that as its Vice President.

Other significant business of interest to PVS members and its ski trip leaders included:

- Selection of Steamboat, CO as the destination for the 2008 Western Carnival (normally the first full week in February)
- Selection of Porte du Soleil (near Morzine) for the 2008 EuroFest (normally the first full week in March)
- Notification of a BRSC-sanctioned Heliskiing opportunity for April 13-22, 2007, at \$4,015, organized by the Columbia Ski Club (Call Cathy Homens for more details: 301-286-4602 office, 410-796-1190 home, or chomens@pop500.gsfc.nasa.gov)
- Detailed planning for the PVS leaders who are managing the PVS contingents for the 2007 Western Carnival trip to Big Sky and the 2007 EuroFest to Schladming (see separate announcements elsewhere.)

Strathmore Free Summer Music



Nearly every Wednesday summer evening at 7:00 PM, Strathmore offers free concerts. Bring a blanket or short collapsible chair, your own food and drinks, or buy from available sandwiches, sodas, wine and beer. For more information about the concerts go to www.strathmore.com

June 7: American Symphonic Clarinet Choir—Mozart, Bach, Dvorak, and others by 12 local symphony orchestra artists.

June 14: Kusun*—ensemble of musicians and dancers perform a new style of Ghanaian music.

June 21: Cascade in Blue and Ruthie & the Wranglers—together these two groups create a rollickin sound guaranteed to get you moving and smiling.

June 28: Scythian—a pair of raging fiddlers play traditional folk to high energy Celtic.

July 5: Amy Beth Horman, violin; Corey McVicar, piano; Rachel Young, cello—Beethoven, Brahms and Mendelssohn.

July 12: Debi Smith and Billy Coulter Band—“highly hilarious female folkestra” plus “roots-pop” with a passionate organic sound.

July 19: Brennen Leigh*—a “young Tanya Tucker” is an award-winning bluegrass/country singer.

July 26: Trout Fishing in America—LA Times: “...some of the most lyrically creative, musically sophisticated, vocally muscular music-makers in the family music business.”

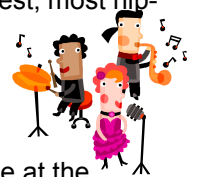
August 2: The Whitworth Brass*—classical and opera favorites lead by Roger Whitworth, principal horn for the National Guard Concert Band.

August 9: Chopteeth Afrofunk Big Band*--This 14-piece afrofunk orchestra builds on some of the funkier, most hip-shaking West Africa popular music on the planet.

August 23: Tribute to Neil Young—Musicians come from far and wide to pay tribute to this incredible singer/songwriter.

* Indicates concerts Mike and Eloise Strand plan to attend...they usually arrive early: 6:00PM or so.

Grosversnor-Strathmore Metro garage parking is \$4 but you must use a Metro SmarTrip card (available at the Metro station) to exit the garage.



Wolf Trap's Ode to Beethoven

July 8 at 8:15 PM

Buy tickets on your own and join Mike & Eloise Strand for a pre-concert wine and cheese party...weather permitting. For directions on how you can find the Strands at Wolf Trap contact them at 301-468-1535 or hrdyna@aol.com.

Annapolis Bay Picnic at Heitche's

Aug 12, 2006



Event is limited to 25 people. Must call Reg or Jean to reserve a spot.

Main course and beverages will be provided. A small fee will be assessed.

Call 703-638-6001. Tell them if are bringing an appetizer, salad, or dessert.

Parking is limited. You may park in the marina lot and walk only 0.3 miles to their place.

A Weekend in Williamsburg

by Bob McNeill



On Friday, May 5, eighteen PVSers checked in to the Williamsburg Hospitality House across the street from The College of William and Mary and close to the historic district. It was the beginning of a great weekend hosted by our PVS South members, i.e., the Clarks, Klines, and Sharers.



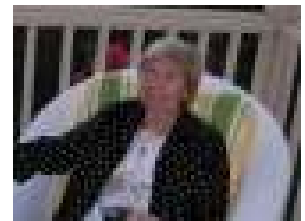
The first event of a very busy schedule was a welcoming reception at the spanking new home of Wilma and Gene Sharer, which faces one of the fairways of the Two Rivers country club. We were joined by two other PVS South members, Marijane and Don Harper. Because of earlier plans, this was the only occasion that the Harpers were able to attend with us. From there we drove a short distance to the Two Rivers Club House for a wonderful dinner

Marilyn, Wilma, Dick at Sharer's



Mary & Jim at Clark's

Saturday was spent in historic Colonial Williamsburg visiting the many unique attractions of this fascinating site. Wilma and Gene graciously guided those in need of assistance, helping us with advice as to how to best use our limited time. Following lunch, Marilyn and Dick Clark met our group for a visit to Old Bruton Parish Church where Marilyn showed us one of her ancestor's names carved on one of the historic church's pews. We were all impressed! The Clarks then escorted us to witness a new feature of Colonial Williamsburg, a reenactment of an early part of the Colonial revolution.



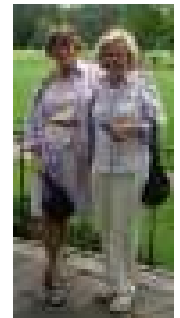
Margaret at Clark's

Next on our Saturday agenda was drinks and dinner at the Clark's new home, newly and beautifully redecorated by Marilyn. Even the guys were impressed with her interior decorating skills! The food was great as was the Clark's hospitality.



Serge, Liz, Nancy at Kline's

Following dinner, we hopped in our cars for a short drive to Jim and Charlotte Kline's new home, and beautiful gardens, for dessert. The Klines barely made it back home in time for the dessert reception since they had to make a scheduled roundtrip that day to the environs of Washington. (Had they not made it back in time, they had set everything up in advance for us.) Jim and Charlotte were gracious hosts, plying us with a variety of delicious dessert offerings.



Suzanne, Betty

There was nothing scheduled for Sunday morning. While the respite allowed many of us to simply rest, the McKinleys were up early and off for a visit to nearby Jamestown.



At noon we met for our final event of a fun-filled weekend, a super champagne brunch at the historic Williamsburg Inn. We feasted not only on the brunch buffet but also on a full meal from a special brunch menu. Wow! Serge Triau was seen trying to discreetly loosen his belt a notch or two.



We then said our thankful goodbyes to our wonderful PVS South hosts and returned to our respective homes in the DC area with fond memories of a fantastic weekend.

Our hosts

memories of a fantastic weekend.

Monthly Meeting at Crites'

by Bob Marx



Alice and Pete Crites, the daughter and son-in-law of Edith Rabinovitz, graciously hosted the May meeting. Their son Ben and daughter Emily were the highly efficient welcoming committee.

And "gracious" the Criteses were, hosting the 39 attendees in their recently and beautifully renovated (by Pete!) recreation room with its well-stocked bar, big screen TV, and crystal clear aquarium holding many colorful fish. The crowning touch was tables set up for the hungry PVS hoard to sit at after piling their plates high with a wide assortment of Alice and Pete's home-made delicacies, which included salmon with a succulent sauce, little dogs in blankets, a scrumptious sausage and cheese dip, heavenly lemon tart wedges, and chocolate mouse with optional raspberry sauce.

Pres. David, after thanking our hosts, called on those among the 34 members present to introduce guests and recent applicants, including Linda Kirkpatrick, who moved to the area recently **from** Colorado (no, she is not crazy, just "following her job"), and Sallie Mullen, who was on the recent McKinley trip to Scandinavia and has attended previous meetings. Pat Vagonis presented PVS pins to new members who had not received one earlier.

Pres. David then talked about how shaky the ski resort business is: That the areas **MUST** sell real estate to make a go of it. A couple of owners of multi resorts are doing OK without this alternative income stream, such as Vail Associates.

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## **PVS-Endorsed Ski Trips for 2006-2007**

### **Steamboat, CO 2006**

Dates: Saturday, **December 9** - Saturday, **December 16, 2006**; Leader: Dick Comerford

### **Snowmass, CO 2007**

Dates: Thursday, **January 18** - Thursday, **January 25, 2007**; Leaders: Carolyn Maurer & Dave DeVilbiss

### **Big Sky, MT 2007** (BRSC-sponsored, PVS led)

Dates: Saturday, **February 3** - Saturday, **February 10, 2007**; Leaders: Marty Rine & Janet Marx

### **Sun Peaks, BC 2007**

Dates: Saturday, **February 17** - Sunday, **February 25, 2007**; Leaders: Ray & Nancy McKinley

### **Schladming, Austria 2007 (Plus Athens, Greece and Vienna, Austria)** (BRSC-sponsored, PVS led)

Dates: Saturday, **March 3** - Saturday, **March 10, 2007** (Actual ski trip); Leaders: Glade Flake & John Smith  
Athens Pre-ski Tour: Monday, **February 26** through Friday, **March 2**  
Vienna Post-ski Tour: Sunday, **March 11** through Tuesday, **March 13**

### **Snowbird/Alta, UT 2007**

Dates: Saturday, **March 17** - Saturday, **March 24, 2007**; Leader: Mike Strand

### **sLas Lenas, Argentina 2007 (Plus Buenos Aires, Argentina and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil)**

Dates: Thursday, **August 9** - Saturday, **August 25, 2007**; Leaders: Ray and Nancy McKinley

January 2007



PVS is again heading to **January 18 through 25, 2007**. Join us for this perennial favorite, for its excellent skiing, and for its many other activities in the Aspen environs. Choose among four entire mountains that share one interchangeable lift ticket with more than 5,000 acres of skiing, and free bus service to Aspen Highlands, Ajax Mountain, and Buttermilk ski areas. Enjoy the convenience of slopeside lodging with direct access to the extensive Snowmass trail system from the Snowmass Mountain Chalet. A stay at this charming Chalet includes a daily family-style breakfast and daily soup lunch, greatly appreciated by trip participants and other guests, many of whom return year after year. Trip will include group dinners, après-ski parties, and other events. This year we are planning an optional excursion to the mountain village of Redstone for lunch and other activities.

Come join us! Approximate trip cost \$1,900, details to be announced when air transport is firm.

For more information:

Contact trip leaders Carolyn Maurer and David DeVilbiss at 703-370-4865 or by e-mail at [carolyn.maurer@verizon.net](mailto:carolyn.maurer@verizon.net).

To reserve:

- Send deposit of \$250 per person to:  
Carolyn Maurer, 4508 Peacock Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22304
- Note "PVS-Snowmass 2007" on the memo line.



BLUE RIDGE SKI COUNCIL AND PVS PRESENTS

## **WESTERN CARNIVAL & BIG SKY**

**February 3-10 2007**

**Big Sky** is famous for its high-elevation terrain, its sleek Euro-style tram, and no waiting around. Aggressive lift expansion plan has added 11 new lifts over the past 10 years, so that today, 18 lifts transport skiers to more skiable acres than any other mountain in Montana. The terrain ranges from the tame, wide beginner slopes of Southern Comfort to the steep chutes, narrow couloirs and wide-open powder fields of Lone Peak – and plenty of intermediate terrain in between.

The setting for **Moonlight Basin** is absolutely gorgeous. Moonlight Basin sits on the northern and western edge of Lone Peak – which is the main peak at Big Sky Resort. In Dec, 2003, Moonlight Basin opened with four lifts, including Montana's only high-speed six-passenger chairlift. Six-Shooter serves 1,850 vertical feet of terrain and long groomed runs; some that measure more than 1 mile in length. Above the lift is the Headwaters area, which offers some of the best hike-to skiing in the region. Two quads and a triple chair serve the remainder of the mountain's 1,500 acres. A 6<sup>th</sup> day ticket (used any day) for \$26 will get you a one ride ticket good on the Big Sky chair lift in order to get to Moonlight Basin. You can ski back to Big Sky from Moonlight at the end of the day.

### **Huntley Lodge**

Recently remodeled, the Huntley Lodge is as elegant as it is convenient. The Huntley complex gives you everything you need for a comfortable stay, all in one place: a fine dining room, ski storage. All rooms feature a wet bar, coffee maker, refrigerator, and more. The lodge offers an outdoor swimming pool, 2 large outdoor Jacuzzis and more.

**Ski-in, ski-out** access to the core base area. [Daily breakfast included.](#)

Included: Round trip airline service from Washington to Bozeman. Round trip transfers from the Bozeman airport to lodging. 7 nights lodging double occupancy at the Huntley Lodge. All taxes included. Baggage handling in and out of hotel. Five out of six-day lift tickets at Big Sky – add \$26 for one day at Moonlight Basin for a 6-day ticket.

Welcome Party & Après Ski Beer Blast & Nastar Race & Farewell Dinner Dance

PVS group dinner, PVS apre ski parties, and optional side trip to Yellowstone, are being researched.

PVS pre- and post-trip parties.

Contact Marty Rine: 703-978-0179 or [mrine@cox.net](mailto:mrine@cox.net)

8 **Approximately \$1,400.**

OR Jan Marx. 703-451-9158 or [Jebbmarx@aol.com](mailto:Jebbmarx@aol.com)



February 17-25, 2007, return with Nancy and Ray McKinley to Ski



Two years ago, we discovered Sun Peaks. Everyone loved it, so PVS is going back. Sun Peaks is a true gem--known for its sun. **Yes, the sun shines at Sun Peaks.** And shines--more sunny hours than any resort in North America! That sun, combined with 220" of snow and an **average mid-winter temperature of 20 to 25 degrees F**, make Sun Peaks a favorite for fair weather ski holidays. You can test your mettle on black diamond screamers. You can kick back on cruising blue runs. Or you can take your time on a five-mile green cleverly called 5 Mile! Sun Peaks is a pedestrian only village, so everything is easy to access.

**Sun Peaks has 3,678 acres, a vertical of 2,891 feet, 87 runs, 10 lifts including 3 high speed quads** and a charming, Tyrolean-style car free village that twinkles under the alpine starlight. Sun Peaks skis like Whistler. It's huge! But, unlike Whistler, it has **no coastal rain or fog!** And great restaurants are everywhere. For non-skiers, there is oodles to do including; sleigh rides, shopping, snowmobiling, snowshoeing, back country snow cat adventures, 30 mi Nordic skiing, a new tube park, sports center, and dog sledding.

**We also have a final day in Vancouver, with lodging at the luxurious Fairmont Hotel Vancouver.**

Lodging at Sun Peaks is at **Olympic Gold Medallist Nancy Greene's Cahilty Lodge.** It includes **heated tile floors**, and a convenient **ski in/ski out** location, **hot tub** and a work-out room. We have **full, hot Canadian Breakfasts daily.** Nancy Greene hosts our welcoming reception and a mountain ski tour. We've selected a combination of hotel rooms (for Singles) and Studios, all featuring queen beds, TV, VCR, some have fireplace and kitchen. We also offer larger rooms.

We fly from Dulles on United's new nonstop to Vancouver. Despite the dollar falling 25% since our 2005 trip, **price will be \$1,825-\$1,900 for our 9 day 8 night trip**--less than \$100 more than 2005, **and this includes three dinners, happy hours, pre & post trip parties, bus & bellman tips, etc.** Wow!

**We have only 30 spaces. This trip sold out quickly in 2005!!!** To reserve, send your check for \$250 per person payable to Ray McKinley (refundable through July when prices will be firm) 2326 N Upton Street, Arlington, VA 22207-4045. Please call us for lots more information at 703 527-7126.



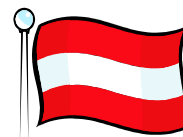
## ATHENS - SCHLADMING - VIENNA

FEB 26, 2007 - MARCH 13, 2007

BRSC and PVS TRIP

Depart Dulles 5:40PM United

Return Dulles 3:25PM United



**ATHENS, GREECE** - Four nights at the Divania Palace Acropolis five star deluxe hotel - 250 rooms all with private balcony - close to shopping & sight seeing, breakfast included.

[www.divanis.gr/hotels/index.php?nav=11&shownav=11](http://www.divanis.gr/hotels/index.php?nav=11&shownav=11)

**SCHLADMING, AUSTRIA** - Seven nights at the Sporthotel Royer a four star hotel, breakfast and dinner included. One of the largest ski areas in Austria with a four mountain ski carousel, 100% of the ski slopes are snow-gunned, 9 ski mountains, 81 cable cars and lifts, 175 kilometers of downhill runs and daily free shuttle bus in the entire area. Dinner dance included. Also, two different day trips - one to Salzburg, one to Salzburgmergut. Five day regular (do not have price for senior) lift ticket in 2006 was \$168.

[www.royer.at/e\\_home.html](http://www.royer.at/e_home.html) and additional info on ski area [www.dachstein-tauern.at](http://www.dachstein-tauern.at)

**VIENNA, AUSTRIA** - Three days at Hotel Regina a four star historic hotel built in 1877, located in the center of the city next to the Votiv Church. Breakfast included.

[www.kremsiennerhotels.at/index.htm](http://www.kremsiennerhotels.at/index.htm)

Total Price \$2,900 includes all of the above plus transfers, buses, and trip insurance. Price based on Euro price of 1.24 to a dollar. Limited to 22 people, double occupancy. Contact Glade Flake

([gladeflake@aol.com](mailto:gladeflake@aol.com)) 301-762-6890 or John Smith ([johnhsmith@juno.com](mailto:johnhsmith@juno.com)) 301-299-8376

# Snowbird/Alta 2007

Utah: March 17-24



We depart Washington/Dulles on Delta #1763 at 3:44 PM **direct** to Salt Lake City 6:26 PM...then a **25-mile bus ride** to **Cliff House** at Snowbird. We will be **ski out/ski in** with a **six-day lift pass to both Snowbird and Alta** slopes. With Alta and Snowbird, we have lots of ski terrain for every level of expertise. At Cliff House we have deluxe accommodations, restaurant selections, and a view of the mountains **from your shower!** Even the ski locker room set-up is elegant. Two gourmet group dinners, three après ski parties, and pre and post trip parties are included. Cliff House will host a continental breakfast on the 18<sup>th</sup> followed by a mountain tour. On March 24 we depart Salt Lake City on Delta #570 at 8:28 AM arriving back to Washington/Dulles at 2:42 PM.

All this for **\$1,895** (per person double occupancy) including transfers and baggage tips. There may be a minor price adjustment based on potential airline fuel surcharges. (Land only = **\$1,496**)

An elective afternoon/evening trip to Salt Lake City on March 22 is possible. You may visit Historic Temple Square, see the city, have dinner at the famous Lamb's Grill Cafe, and observe a rehearsal of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. Estimated transportation costs are under \$35 per person.

The trip leaders made a survey trip to Snowbird/Alta on May 9<sup>th</sup>... **and they were still skiing!** With an average seasonal snowfall of 500 inches (this year they exceeded 600 inches) here are the *Snowbird/Alta* statistics: Vertical = 3,240'/2,020'; Skiable acres = 2,500+/2,200; Snowboarding = *yes/NO!*

A newly constructed Peruvian Express high-speed detachable quad lift will take you from the Snowbird base to Mineral Basin (their back bowl) and green-run connections to Alta.

To reserve, send a deposit (refundable until 8/11/06) of \$250 per person to Michael Strand, 10728 Lady Slipper Terrace, Rockville, MD 20852 (note "PVS Snowbird/Alta 2007" on the memo line). For more information call **Mike or Eloise Strand at 301-468-1535 or 301-881-0812.**

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

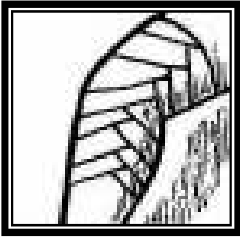
## See & Ski in Argentina, Brazil



**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 10,000 acre, 4,100 ft vertical ski resort, Las Leñas, and 4 days, 3 nights in South America's most cosmopolitan city, the Paris of the Western Hemisphere, Buenos Aires. 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. When it's sultry August in DC, it's winter in the Andes, spring in Buenos Aires, and always summer in Rio.**

**Our spectacular 3-day add-on to Rio will include round trip air to Rio and 4 or 5 star lodging near Copacabana and Ipanema Beaches. We'll tour the city, visit Rio's signature Sugarloaf Mountain, the famous statue of the Christ, and much more. We highly recommend this unique city and the add-on.**

**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 until October 2006 when we will finalize costs of our trip. Call us at 703-527-7126 for more information. Dates and itinerary details are subject to change as we finalize our trip.**



# THE KNEE

By Ray McKinley

It's June, so we are now a mere six months away from what may be a monumental ski event. That's right! December 5 will mark the 215<sup>th</sup> ankneeverary of the death of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. And the Knee expects the Austrians to make a big deal of it—they do use any excuse for a celebration. From what I've read, WAM (as I'm wont to call him) wasn't much of a skier, but that won't deter the Austrians. Expect to see a new line of Mozart skis (aA symphony on the snow), perhaps with WAM's profile on the tip.

They must have a Liszt of other tie-ins. The beginners version will be Bach to Basics. It's dizzying. The concept gives me Verdi-go

At a recent PVS event with wine (which now applies to virtually all PVS events) there was discussion of wine with hot Thai food. Veep Mike Strand serves Riesling. He heard that from Julia Child. That's certainly not childish!

At the May meeting, our newest applicant member, Sallie Mullen, showed photos of her new vacation home. It's on the water on Virginia's Northern Neck. As far as the Knee knows, Virginia has no Southern Neck. Nor does it have other parts of a Northern Anatomy!

Two of you asked if I could explain a fairly weird pun in last month's Knee. Of course I can.

PVS' annual tip to Congressional Night at Hexagon was, as usual, a rollicking ball. At one point, Rachel and David Abraham were talking to their neighbor and their Congressman, Dan Holland. Later, Jessma Blockwick was recounting a story she heard from her friend, Congressman Burton. All agreed that many of the congressional, current legislative goings-on were "in congress."

The Knee's two favorite one-liners from the show (from a set of more than a hundred) were the following:

-> Victoria's Secret is having a Janet Jackson Sale – bra's are ½ off.

-> Ford Motor Company is recalling many late-model Mercurys. They found a trace of swordfish in one. Think about it

The Knee has been saving PVS travel tidbits. (These are tiny portions of a tid.)

Sue Walsh is back from a South American trip to Machu Pichu and then to the Galapagos Islands. She had a great trip and learned a lot. But Sue said that the lengthy bus trip between the two locations was "sporting."

Carolyn Maurer and Dave DeVilbiss really enjoyed their non-skiing trip to British Columbia's Vancouver and Victoria. They also took a bus between the two venues. But it was loaded onto a ferry.

"Cool" was not the word to describe Sally Finan and George Welti's trip to Iceland. They were on an Elderhostel tour. While there George visited 5 and Sally sampled 22 of the island's geothermally-heated swimming pools. Come clean, you thought Iceland only had the Blue Lagoon. No, there are over 100 such pools on the volcanic island.

After visiting China, the Brunellis went back abroad. This time they returned separately, Polli from Amsterdam and John from Italy.

Alaska was "cool" when Marty Rine visited. It always is. And the weather was exceptionally clear. Marty saw my perennially cloud-covered namesake peak on 5 different occasions. In case you didn't know, that's North America's highest peak, Mount McKnee!

After a year in New York, John Pulos has returned. He's once again living in Virginia.

Did you ever wonder about the history of the alpine horns on the TOOT logo? (If the answer is 'no', you can skip the rest of this paragraph. But it's really, really interesting.) In one of Aina Thomas' PVS scrapbooks is an old article by Ron Fett. It shows a PVS telephone tree. (That's now a defunct artifact from the pre-internet email days.) On the side there are PVS'ers calling each other using alpine horns. OK so maybe it was only "really interesting."

Did you know that while it has a brewery, Washington DC has no wineries? All of the 50 states have at least one winery. (Did you care?) Perhaps that's why DC'ers can't vote.

Sadly, another PVSer is moving away. TOOT's former Editor, PVS Secretary and all-around helpful person, Jessma Blockwick, has left and is moving to Boulder, Colorado to be with her children. Jessma thought this was one of her Boulder moves

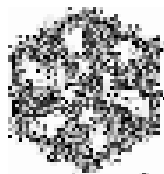
I just discovered that my name is in IndoKneesia. I hope someone goes there soon!

## Calendar 2006

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|---------|--------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| June 15 | Thurs  | Bicycling Gourmet – Vienna / Reston                           |
| June 16 | Friday | <i>Spamalot</i> – National Theatre – wait listed              |
| June 17 | Sat    | Winter Park Post Trip Party at Brockmeyer's –<br>11:30AM      |
| June 20 | Tue    | Monthly Meeting at Ilse Keel's                                |
| June 27 | Tue    | ExCom at Huggins'                                             |
| July 8  | Sat    | Strand's at Wolftrap                                          |
| July 15 | Sat    | All Trips Party at Hines' in Delaplane.                       |
| July 25 | Tue    | ExCom at Beale's                                              |
| Aug 12  | Sat    | Annapolis Bay Picnic at Heitchue's – (1 <sup>st</sup> Annual) |
| Aug 22  | Tue    | ExCom at Schwartzbard's                                       |
| Sept 2  | Sat    | Crab Fest at Betty Lawrence's                                 |

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