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*Greetings PVSers,*

Aha: JUNE! The flowers are out, the days are longer, and the air conditioners (mostly) are not on quite yet. And it is the month for weddings.

*But Mike, why JUNE for weddings?*

It goes back to Ancient Roman times...like most everything else. You see, the Romans placed special attention to JUNE weddings because that month was the time when they paid recognition to Juno, the goddess of marriage. So getting married in June was deemed lucky. On the other hand, it was not all luck and superstition that had it going for JUNE weddings. It also had a practical aspect to it. If a couple got married in JUNE, it meant that if the wife conceived, she would give birth before the next year's harvest time. This translated to the fact that she would be well enough to work the fields come harvest time.

*Sounds sexist to me!*

Hey, that was Rome. What can I say? But today weddings are a wonderful tradition...most of the time. I really mean marriages (as statistics reveal)...are successful half of the time.

*The other half of the time?*

They don't work out...end in divorce. I can do better in Las Vegas. Speaking of Las Vegas, for just \$399 a couple can get a Johnny Cash and JUNE Carter wedding package. For a little extra Johnny and JUNE impersonators can be involved.

*Mike, this sounds like a wedding disaster to me.*

Well Dr. Phil has some tips on preventing wedding disasters: "Don't give others too much power. Don't become a 'Bridezilla.' Love every idea for 15 minutes. Plan the marriage too."

*Sounds like good advice to me...even from Dr. Phil. But what to do if things start to go sour?*

There is always research: "Divorce War! 50 Strategies Every Woman Needs to Know to Win" or "A Man's Guide to a Civilized Divorce." But what do I know. I've gone through only one marriage ceremony...and it was **not** in JUNE.

*So Mike, what's the uplifting message for JUNE?*

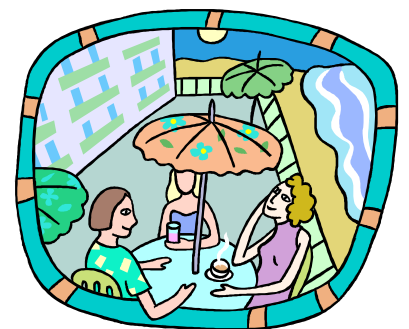
**Sign up for one or more of our three great ski trips coming this winter.**

*Best Wishes and Happy JUNE,*

*Mike*

**Monthly Meeting**

**Dave & Carolyn Callaway's  
Rockville, MD  
Tuesday, June 17  
7:30 PM**





Dave and Carolyn Callaway's

5 Trail House Ct.

Rockville, MD 20850

301-294-2332

**From the Beltway:** take Interstate 270 North toward Rockville, take exit 5, Falls Road (Rt 189) toward South Potomac (the direction is back over 270); turn **right** at the 2nd light onto Wootton Pkwy. At the 2nd light turn **right** again onto Greenplace Terrace and at the 3rd court turn **left**, which is Trail House Ct. Number 5 is on the **right** at the bottom of the hill. You can park on that street or at the top of hill. (cell: 240-441-0237 tele: 301-294-2332.)

### **Changes**

Dave Phillips (work) 240-786-3313



## **BRSC MEETING MAY 17, 2008**

Charles Huggins and David Lerner represented PVS at the spring meeting held at Maggiano's in Tyson's Corner, Virginia. There were 40 participants.

The European coordinator reported that the 2008 Interlaken trip went very well. The participants loved the Royal Saint George four star hotel, and the three day add-on to Istanbul. Judy Burlbaugh reported on the 2008 Western Winter Carnival in Steamboat. The area had six days of snow and an over abundance of powder snow, one flight was cancelled, and the banquet was held in a very cold dining area at the top of the gondola. Steamboat set a new all time record for snowfall while the 411 participants were there.

The European trip March 6-14, 2009 to Davos will have lodging in 4 star and 3 star Sun hotels, and a 4 star Cresta hotel. The 2009 Western Winter Carnival Feb. 7-14 will be at Keystone, Colorado, and has a projected attendance of 400 from the ten clubs that have signed up. It has been suggested that any PVSers interested in going to Keystone in February sign up with Inge Lesjak (Capital Golden Skiers) Tel. 703 913-0759. The price of the trip is \$1,535.



There were 62 sanctioned trips on the BRSC web site this year. Remaining are four summer trips, and a ski trip (\$3,067) to Bariloche, Argentina Aug. 16-27. Any PVSers interested in the ski trip should contact Donna Brother 703 435-8315.

Wayne Homens (Baltimore Ski Club) was elected the new president. The fall meeting will be held Sept. 27th in Richmond, Virginia. The tour operators will be selected for the Western Winter Carnival trip to Lake Tahoe, and the European trip to Bormio or Courchevel in 2010.

by *Charles Huggins*

## Coming Events

Under the Distinguished Patronage of Lady Manning, Wife of the British Ambassador to the United States

### The British Players

Present Their Forty-Fourth Annual

### **OLD TIME MUSIC HALL**

at the

Kensington Town Hall, 3710 Mitchell Street, Kensington, MD 20895

**Thursday, June 12, 2008**

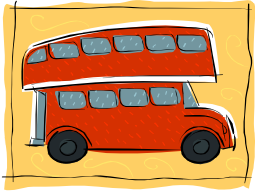
**8:00 pm Curtain, Doors open at 7:30 pm.**

**\$25** – includes beer, wine, soda, snacks, and souvenir programme.

**A few tickets left. Betty may be able to get more if she knows by June 7<sup>th</sup>.**

**CALL Betty Lawrence NOW 703-319-1860** ([lizl@verizon.net](mailto:lizl@verizon.net))

Town Hall is a little ways north of the beltway on Connecticut Ave.



## SUMMER PICNIC AND SHOW AT WOLF TRAP FILENE CENTER

Come join the PVS group for a fun summer evening at **Wolf Trap** on **Friday, August 1**. It will begin with a happy hour and picnic at 6:30 in the Wolf Trap picnic area. Wine, beer, soda, etc. will be provided as well as glasses, plates and utensils.

Recipes for picnic dishes selected from The Wolf Trap Picnic Cookbook

will be available for picnic-goers to make and bring. Please contact Dottie Villers to RSVP and choose what you will bring.

The show that evening is "**Rodgers and Hammerstein at the Movies**" with the National Symphony Orchestra and vocalists. It features the NSO playing songs from The Sound of Music, Carousel, The King and I and other great shows along with film clips from the movies shown on the big screen at the front of the theatre. We have reserved seats in the rear orchestra section (not on the lawn). If 20 or more people go with our group, a group discount is available for each person.

If you would like to go, please contact Dottie Villers: [dottievillers@yahoo.com](mailto:dottievillers@yahoo.com), (703) 476-9259 - home or (703) 217-6986 - cell.

Send a check payable to **Dottie Villers for \$38**. This includes the discounted cost of the ticket (\$34.20) plus expenses for beverages etc. (\$3.80).

The **deadline** for sending the money to Dottie is **July 8**. Please send the

check to: Dottie Villers

2520 Farrier Lane

Reston, VA 20191

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# Strathmore (FREE) Outdoor Concert Series



Come one, come all! Strathmore (Bethesda/Rockville) is again providing free outdoor summer concerts on the lawn most Wednesdays at 7:00 PM. *(For reference, keep this all summer.)*

## Schedule:

**June 18, 7 PM:** Olney Big Band—Swing and big-band jazz from an all-volunteer group from Olney Maryland. Hear sounds from Duke Ellington, Tommy Dorsey, Glenn Miller, and others.



**June 25 7 PM:** Hot Peas ‘N Butter—Family Fun from the folks featured on Sirius Satellite Radio’s “Kids Stuff,” Nickelodeon, and Noggin’s “Jack Big Music Show.”

**July 2, 7 PM:** Jonathan Batiste—New Orleans jazz pianist makes it distinctly his own. An “up-and-coming pianist with an ebullient style.”

**July 9, 7 PM:** Classics on the Rocks—An evening with chamber music with an energetic flair. Dvorak, Bartok and Piazzolla’s Historie du Tango.



**July 16, 7 PM\*:** The Grandsons (WAMMIE award winners)—Finds inspiration in New Orleans to produce hilarious songs about hitchhiking, heartbreak, and more.

**July 23, 7 PM\*:** Christylez Bacon and Strange Fruit—Local hip-hop artist Bacon/guitarist w/jazz guitar, djembe drum, human beat-box, and spoons. Followed by Australian performance artists Strange Fruit. Strange Fruit performs atop 12-foot high flexible poles bending and swaying in the air. **You gotta see this!**



**July 30, 7 PM\*:** Brave Combo featuring Bugs and Balloons (family fun)—This Grammy-winner is America’s premier contemporary polka band. Klezmer surf rock to “mosh pit polka.”

**August 6, 7 PM\*:** The Lovell Sisters—Blend of tight vocal harmonies with country, folk, and contemporary acoustic music.



**August 13, 7 PM\*:** Nen Daiko and Kikuyuki no Kai Japanese Folk Songs and Dance—Dancers and traditional drums pay homage to a Japanese celebration to welcome ancestral spirits.

**\*Performances likely to be attended by Mike and Eloise Strand**

**NOTE:** When inclement weather arrives suddenly, most concerts are moved to the lobby of the concert hall...and bring your food and drink.

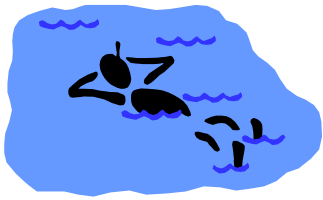
## Directions:

**Take the Metro** to Grosvenor/Strathmore station, or park at the Metro garage off of Tuckerman Lane (need \$4.75 on your SmartTrip card to exit the garage. Card sold in \$5 increments.) or park on the nearby street for quarters. Bring your own food & beverage (wine OK) or buy same at the concert...a blanket or low-slung chair is ideal.

**From the Capital Beltway (I-495):** Exit the Capital Beltway onto Old Georgetown Road (Route 187, Exit 36). Proceed north toward Rockville for about 1.5 miles. Turn right onto Tuckerman Lane. Follow Tuckerman Lane for about 2 miles and cross over Rockville Pike (355), entrance to Metro parking garage is on the right. Take the stairs or elevators to the 4th level of the garage, and walk across the sky bridge into the Music Center’s main entrance.

Contact Strathmore for performance details at 301-581-5100 or [www.strathmore.org](http://www.strathmore.org)





# All Trips Party



Saturday, July 12

4:00 PM

At the home of **Sally Finan & George Welti**

11311 French Horn Lane  
Reston, VA 20191  
703 - 716 - 9023

Please RSVP by **July 8** to **Dottie Villers** at

**703-476-9259** or [dottievillers@yahoo.com](mailto:dottievillers@yahoo.com).



Come for dinner and learn all about the many great trips PVS is offering for the 2009 season. The Finan indoor pool will be available for those who would like to go for a swim, and there will also be a hike on the paved trail through the woods.

Barbecue will be served, but **everyone is asked to bring an appetizer, salad, or dessert**. A small fee will be charged to cover the cost of the drinks and barbecue.



Please contact Dottie Villers to let her know what food you plan to bring.

## Directions:

**From the Beltway** – Take the Dulles Toll Road (Rte 267) west to the Wiehle Ave. exit. Turn left onto Wiehle Ave. Wiehle Ave. ends in a tee at Sunrise Valley Drive. Turn right onto Sunrise Valley. Go 0.4 miles and turn left onto Soapstone. Go 1.5 miles and turn left onto Glade Drive (at stop sign). Go 0.2 miles to first right onto Tumbletree. Take first left onto French Horn Lane. 11311 is at the end of the cul de sac on the right.



Note on your calendars:



**Annapolis Bay Picnic at Heitchue's**

**Sat August 23, 2008**

**3:30 PM**



Enjoy beach and water opportunities before gathering at Jean and Reg's lovely Bay-front home. Main dish will be provided, and participants will bring a salad, appetizer or dessert.

*Stay tuned.*



**AN EXCEPTIONAL CULTURAL OPPORTUNITY**  
**BERNSTEIN'S MASS**  
**Live at the Kennedy Center**

**Mass: A Theatre Piece for Singers, Players and Dancers**

for the 1971 opening of the Kennedy Center. Since the two inaugural performances, only a single live performance at the Center has taken place. In honor of **Bernstein's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday**, the **Baltimore Symphony Orchestra**, under its now highly maestra, Marin Alsop, will reprise this spectacular work at a single performance on **October 26, 2008**.

We sold out of the first block of tickets and were able to secure a few additional tickets. I'm confident that we can do it again. If you wish to participate and have not yet procured your ticket(s) by sending me a check, please do so right away. It's \$55 per ticket (regular price is \$59). I will confirm all successful ticket purchases, and advise by e-mail if we didn't get everyone covered. Kindly note, there will not be any extension to the indicated deadline.

**The absolute deadline for my having your check in hand is Saturday, June 7.**

Please send your check for \$ 55 per ticket to David Abraham at:

**6201 Hollins Drive, Bethesda, MD 20817-0348.**

**Past Event**

**MAY MEETING**



*Ben, Alice, Pete*

Gosh, those of us coming from Virginia had VERY LIGHT TRAFFIC on the beltway; thus, many of us got to the Crites' early.

Never mind, the Welcome Mat was out!

It was a very lively crowd of 37 members talking of the joys of a Segway, all-that-snow found in Colorado, adventures from this year's ski trips, upcoming destinations. We all enjoyed the

Scooper dip made of sausage, cream cheese, salsa and such. Then there was the flan, focaccia, and home made chocolate chip cookies!

Mike called the meeting to order - several times - before he got the attention of those at the bar. Two new summer events were announced (see elsewhere and in the calendar) and we had updates of the 2009 ski trips. Bob Marx pointed out that all three trips were ski OUT/ski IN. Cara Jablon and Dave Lerner have skied Taos for many years and verified that there has been lots of snow in March.



*Edith*



The Reston Four climbed into Louann's car for the return trip and she couldn't get out of Park. Oh my. To the rescue: Bob, Dave, and Dick who rocked her uphill a tad so the safety thingy would let go.

**Thanks oddles**, to Alice, Pete, Ben and Amy for hosting this meeting, and to Edith (Alice's Mom) who volunteered them.

## Past Events

### Tour of Annapolis by Segway

Anticipating a growing fuel shortage and in a patriotic fervor, PVS has begun exploring alternative transportation modes. Toward that end, 16 dedicated explorers, led by Barbara Leonhardt, ventured to Annapolis, MD. on May 3 to



investigate the feasibility of exchanging our various SUV's, sedans and other gas guzzlers for the more fuel efficient Segways, those two wheel wonders that have begun appearing in various venues. We separated into two groups. Fred Leonhardt, Bob and Jan Marx, Ray and Nancy McKinley, Dick and Rosemary Schwartzbard, and Sally Finan testing Segway viability under morning conditions. Barbara Leonhardt, Serge and

Liz Triau, David and Carolyn Callaway, David and Carolyn DeVilbiss and David Lerner performing an afternoon test. Technical discussions were held mid-day over appropriate comestibles at Carroll's Creek Restaurant. In keeping with the theme of investigating alternative transportation modes, various participants used the water taxi across Spa Creek to or from the restaurant.

Weather forecasts leading up to the test date predicted showers and thunderstorms. Frantic e-mails were exchanged seeking an alternate date, but the successful performance of an anti-rain dance produced sunshine and clear skies for our group. We began our adventure with a Segway training session led by Dick and Kathy Segar of Annapolis Segway Tours. Upon achieving mastery we set out on to the streets of Annapolis. Most if not all of the group has visited Annapolis in the past but those visits were usually to Ego Ally, Restaurant Row, or the commercial section of Annapolis. On this day, Kathy Segar led us through less traveled residential sections of Annapolis. Kathy showed us sections of the town that we hadn't seen before and pointed out and described the history of some of those colonial era houses that make Annapolis the special city that it is.



It also was a Festival Day in Annapolis with the dedication of the new City Dock. There were many enactors wandering the city dressed in period garb. A colonial era soldier on a Segway and an 18<sup>th</sup> century sailor talking on a cell phone are some of the ensuing





anachronisms that we saw. There was a contest of Town Criers, many coming from around the country and from Canada. They competed with their booming voices announcing news full of puns and jokes. Fred noted it was the kind of voice Ray uses to call meetings to order and that Ray would make a great Town Crier. It should be noted that the only Segway riders who didn't join in lunch were Ray and Nancy, who

"claimed" they had someplace else to be. Shortly after, some prospective Town Crier started booming out puns that might embarrass even "The Knee" (if that's possible). The contestants were unrecognizable in their extensive costumes. This was all very suspicious.

So is the Segway a viable transportation mode? As the French say, "Sans Doute!" (Don't ask me what that means—I don't speak French.) It's not for every trip or every place but it is a simple to operate convenient method of getting around an urban environment. Attesting to its simplicity is the fact that, even with this group, there were NO mishaps! If you don't think it's a simple device to ride than you missed the look on Carolyn Callaway's face as it changed from that of sheer terror as she approached her machine to one of sheer joy as she quickly mastered the operation and went rocketing to the front of the pack. There is definitely a place for the Segway in our transportation lexicon.



Carolyn says, "Whoa!"

Some Lessons learned:

1. Riding a Segway is like skiing in that you feel it, you don't think about it. As soon as you start to intellectualize what's happening you get in trouble. Just "go with the flow."
2. Sometimes walking is easier on the feet and legs than standing absolutely still on a moving platform for a comparable period of time.
3. Our habits carry over from one activity to another. Bob Marx played "sweep" just like he does on the slopes.
4. Some things turn out to be even more fun than you expect!

Barbara Leonhardt's organization of the tour and the lunch were clearly up to the high standards that are always associated with her. The group was much appreciative of her efforts.

*by Dick Schwartzbard*



## 2009 Ski Trips

# SNOWMASS 2009

January 15 through 22



*We have another year to enjoy the convenience and the ambiance of our favorite Snowmass Mountain Chalet.*

- Join us for this perennial favorite while it still is available -- slopeside skiing at Snowmass, with interchangeable lift tickets and free bus service to Aspen Highlands, Ajax Mountain, and Buttermilk ski areas, offer more than 5,000 acres of skiing. Direct access to 3,100 acres of Snowmass slopes is just outside the door.
- We will again stay at the charming and friendly Snowmass Mountain Chalet to enjoy the convenience of slopeside lodging served by the welcoming Mountain Chalet staff. Lodging 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.
- The trip will include group dinners, après-ski parties, and other activities available in the Aspen environs.
- Approximate trip cost is \$1,960, details to be announced when air transport is arranged.

For more information:

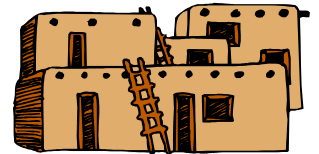
Contact trip leaders Carolyn and David DeVilbiss at 703-370-4865 or [Carolyn.maurer@verizon.net](mailto:Carolyn.maurer@verizon.net).

To reserve:

- Send deposit of \$250 per person to:  
Carolyn DeVilbiss at 4508 Peacock Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22304 Memo = "PVS-Snowmass 2009"

# Taos, New Mexico

March 13 to 21, 2009



Join us for a great week in Taos Ski Valley. Lots of uncrowded trails for beginner, intermediate, and advanced skiers - often with radiant sunshine as well as fresh snow.

- The first day we fly to Albuquerque and spend the night on Santa Fe's downtown plaza at the La Fonda hotel, known for its architecture, décor, and artwork. [www.lafondasantafe.com](http://www.lafondasantafe.com)
- A 1.5-hour bus transfer on Saturday afternoon will bring us to the Inn at Snakedance [www.snakedancecondos.com](http://www.snakedancecondos.com) in Taos Ski Valley for seven nights lodging - just ten yards from the lift. Package includes 5 of 6 day ski pass, welcome reception, breakfast, one group dinner, après ski parties, fleece vest with club logo, and more.
- Enjoy six great ski days with optional morning ski lessons with the best ski instructors in the country. Special senior rates. Snowboarders welcome. [www.skitaos.org](http://www.skitaos.org)
- There are several fine dining opportunities including the legendary St. Bernard Hotel.
- Optional group visit one afternoon/evening for shopping and dinner in the town of Taos - a unique blend of natural beauty, American Indian culture, and Old West history.

**Price per person, approximately \$1,650 (including airfare)**

To reserve, send \$250 deposit per person made out to Elizabeth Warren-Boulton. Send to Liz at 3049 Porter St, NW, Washington, DC 20008. For more information, contact trip leaders Liz Warren-Boulton and Joe Jevcak at [elizawb@starpower.net](mailto:elizawb@starpower.net) or 202-244-5717.

**ATTENTION:** Park City trip is now open for registration through Elderhostel – Program number 7573RJ.

They will confirm but will not give detailed info until two months before the trip when they bill. **All participants must sign up with Elderhostel on their own.** The trip is first-come, first-served. There will be other people besides PVSers on the trip. Last year there were 55 attendees and a waiting list.

If you are interested in the trip, please call **Elderhostel 1-800-454-5768** (easiest way) or visit their web site: <http://elderhostel.org>. The program number is **7573RJ**, which is listed under "winter sports" and "Outdoor Adventures." You will be required to send a \$100 deposit to reserve you space and then they will bill you in December and give you more detailed information. Once you are signed up for the trip, please contact Rosemary Schwartzbard, [rosemaryphd@verizon.net](mailto:rosemaryphd@verizon.net) or **703-598-6150**.



**FEBRUARY 22-28, 2009**  
**PARK CITY MOUNTAIN RESORT**  
**ELDERHOSTEL SKI PROGRAM #7573RJ**

**Ski out/Ski in at the Lodge at Mountain Village, Park City, Utah**

**Program: Includes the following**

- Lodging: Six nights lodging in a studio with queen drop-down Murphy bed. Some studios also have a queen sofa sleeper.
- All Meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner are served in the conference room just steps away from the slopes. All meals are included.
- Lift Pass: Five-out-of-seven day pass, which covers the trip's Monday through Friday skiing schedule.
- Ski Lessons: Two three-hour ski lessons.
- Stretch Class: Easy yoga-based exercise every morning.
- Lectures: Two evenings are devoted to academic lectures, such as avalanche control and mountain geology. One evening consists of the "Off Hill" ski clinic, which includes watching videos of those who took ski lessons on their final run.

One evening (Thursday) is a free evening with optional activities offered, such as attending a play at the Egyptian Theater in Park City or taking a bus trip to Salt Lake City to attend a Mormon Tabernacle Choir rehearsal.

All classes and meals are at the Lodge at Mountain Village. The standard rooms are in adjacent buildings, which are about a 50-yard walk from the Lodge. There may be some rooms available in the Main Lodge. If so, Elderhostel notifies participants and the upgrade fee is paid directly to the Lodge.

**Price: Approximately \$1,394.00 for above**

**Transportation:** Airfare is **not** included. We have air reserved on Delta, non-stop, Dulles round trip to Salt Lake City. Leave am return pm. **Cost \$536**. Or you may make your own arrangements.

Ground is **not** included. We will also have a bus round trip from the airport to the resort. The cost will be **approximately \$50 pp** round trip.

There will also be a **\$25 trip participation fee** for pre and post trip parties and incidentals. Ellie Thayer will be accepting deposits for air, bus and incidentals in July after you receive the information in the 2 page flyer within the July Toot

**Trip Leaders:** **Rosemary Schwartzbard and Ellie Thayer** attended this year's program.

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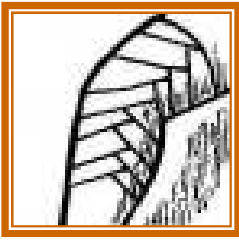
**Ski Vail, CO**

**February 21-28, 2009** 100 yd walk to gondola.

**FOR RENT:** A condo with 4 BR, 4 bath, + sleeping loft; sleeps 10. Full kitchen, LR, dining area, 2-story windows face slopes at **Lionshead**. \$3,200 for week.

Great for big families or groups of friends.

Contact **Barb Leonhardt** at 301-963-8111 or [fbleonhardt@starpower.net](mailto:fbleonhardt@starpower.net) for more info.



# THE KNEE

by Ray McKinley

Early in May, the Knee was preparing for summer. I tried to close out last ski season by including more information on who skied last, who skied the most days, by throwing out last year's SKI Magazine Buyers Guide (its really handy in the middle of January when you need to buy a new left ski binding), and putting away the parkas. Despite cooler than normal weather, the Knee was just about ready for summer.

Then TOOT arrived. And inside was information on not one, but all three ski trips for 2009. Gads, the Knee is still writing 2007 on many checks! As a recovering ski trip leader, I know the deadlines are stringent. It's tough. Everyone wants everything early. But my mittens haven't even dried! The Knee simply isn't ready for 2009 skiing. I can't cope!

By August or early September I'll be ready. We'll have had our great summer events. It will be oppressively hot, hazy and humid and it will be time to think about the cooling joys of skiing and next year's trips.

Then the Knee will get out the flyers, carefully review dates and locations of the various trips and make a decision. Then I'll call the trip leaders. And you know what? The trips will be filled! Ah me, but that's the way the ol' ski cookie crumbles.

Many of us are now (at least) Grandparents. Janet and Bob Marx have found a ukneeque way of showing pictures of their grandkids. They have created a room divider embedded with some dozen 8 x 10 photos of theirs. It's a great idea.

Retirement. Carolyn Maurer-DeVilbiss has now been retired for about a year. She was contemplating going back to work on a part time basis. But as of now, Carolyn has decided against it. "It interferes too much with my ongoing leisure plans!" Right on!

As summer approaches, many of us are traveling. Pres Mike and Eloise Strand will be on a tour to Ireland in mid-June. Their trip will overlap (which is much better than under lapping) by two days with new ExComer Kerry and Marianne Hines who are leading a small

group to the southern part of Ireland. Please do have a Guinness—or two—for the Knee.

Edith Rabinovitz plans to take her grandkids to Prague this summer. They will have a ball, the Kneepraguenosticates. And, as mentioned last month, in early June Sally Finan will spend 18 days in Turkey, culminating in a three-day cruise on a 14-passenger yacht. She will cruise Turkey's unparalleled Mediterranean coast. (That means there is nothing running parallel to it.) Kneet!

Africa seems to be the new PVS destination. The latest visitors were Charles and Genee Boykin. Amongst countries, they visited Zambia and Kneemibia. They loved their visit to Africa. They returned and are now out of Africa.

Ski Holland? Yup. While biking thru the tulips this spring Marvin Hass and Betty Byrne came across a ski area! *il Primo* has one lift and about a 100' vertical. But it was closed in May!

This will quack you up! Boater John Smith didn't lay an egg on this one. He notes that all sailors who live in this area must cover their boats and put them away for the winter. In early April, the weather was warm and dry so John decided it was time to remove his boat's winter cover and get things ready to go.

When he started to remove the cover - lo and behold! - he discovered that a duck had crawled under the cover and made a very comfortable nest which held several eggs. It was a good safe and warm place to make a nest. John decided that the only decent thing to do was to leave the winter cover on the boat and let the ducks hatch. The Knee could make a yoke about that, but it would likely get scrambled.

He checked on the ducks frequently. After a few weeks the mother duck was gone and there was only a single duckling trying to get out of the boat--which had very high and vertical sides. John made a small ramp, and few hours later, the little duck was gone from the boat. Now I ask you, isn't that a ducky tale? Kneet!

It's with great sadness that I report long time PVSer and million-vertical-foot skier at Jackson Hole, Malda Elrod, was buried at Arlington National Cemetery at the end of May. Husband Roy sends his best to all of PVS.

Blue Ridge Ski Council news: The current president chose not to run again. This was a surprise to the members. So the previous President, Wayne Homans, was re-elected. OK.

Cara and Bob Jablon spent the spring planting. Now their NW home is a picture of greenness. They say it may simply be mold.11

## Calendar 2008

June 12	Thur	British Players Music Hall
June 17	Tue	Monthly Meeting at Callaway's - 7:30
June 24	Tue	ExCom Meeting at Powers - 7:30
July 12	Sat	All Trips Party at Finan's - 4:00
July 22	Tue	ExCom via teleconference - 7:30
Aug 1	Fri	Wolf Trap -- Rogers & Hammerstein
Aug 23	Sat	Picnic at Heitchues in Annapolis
Oct 26	Sun	Leonard Bernstein's "Mass" at Kennedy Center



## Ski Trips 2009

Snowmass - January 15 - 22  
Park City - February 22 - 28  
Taos - March 13 - 21



Betty and Marvin biking in Holland's tulip fields.



Jan and Bob Marx  
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