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**Fellow PVSers,**

*If only we had a decent vertical drop right here; we sure have the snow for it!*

*We trust that the snow and skiing will be great for the Whistler and Crested Butte trips coming up this month.*

*Among the hobbling wounded are Betty Lawrence and Sue Walsh with broken legs/ankles, both acquired, yes, by skiing. Also wounded but far from being able to hobble is Penny Hanshaw who fell at her home and must have surgery.*

*We all wish them speedy recovery.*

*Reg*



**Monthly Meeting**  
**March 18, 7:30 PM**

**At the Vagonis'**  
**11925 Ledger Rock Ct.**  
**Potomac, MD**  
**301 - 838 - 5545**

**Directions to Vagonis'**

**From Virginia** - From 495 N., take River Road exit towards Potomac. Proceed 3 miles turn right at light onto Falls Road. Go another 2.3 miles and turn Left onto *(see almost there...)*

**From Silver Spring** - From 495 N, bear right towards 270 N. Take 1st exit and turn right onto Old Georgetown Road. Make left at next light onto Tuckerman Lane, proceed 3.7 miles. Turn left at light onto Falls road, proceed 0.3 mi, turn right onto *(see almost there...)*

**From Gaithersburg** - From 270 S. take Falls Road exit towards Potomac. Proceed 2.3 miles and turn right onto *(see almost there...)*

**...Almost there:** Glen Road (not S.Glen Rd), go another 0.7 mi. and turn right onto Gregerscroft. Make 3rd right onto Ledgerrock Ct. We're towards the end of the court on the right.



IMPORTANT



**Reminder: Proposals for 2003/2004 Ski Trips are Due March 15**

The deadline for the receipt of ski trip proposals is March 15, 2003. The Ski Trip Committee is hoping that potential trip leaders are doing their initial planning for ski trips in the 2003/2004 ski season. Please email or mail your proposals to [fbleonhardt@starpower.net](mailto:fbleonhardt@starpower.net) or to Barbara Leonhardt at 606 Firehouse Lane, Gaithersburg, MD 20878. Please include the following information in your proposal: Destination, Preferred dates, Identity of trip leaders (please provide a short statement of qualifications for running a trip), Best indication of price, Maximum number of participants planned, Details about the trip as available, e.g. lodging choice (ski in/ski out?), any optional activities or add-ons, and name of tour operator if known.

Thus far, the Ski Trip Committee has no indication that a December trip is in the planning phase. Perhaps a Sun. to Sat. early December trip to Keystone or Copper Mountain with 5 ski days might be an inexpensive trip and one that might be well received. If anyone is interested in leading such a trip or any other trip, please contact a member of the Ski Trip Committee. (Barbara Leonhardt will be off skiing until Mar. 9.)

Call any of the following with questions: Bob Marx, Jim Slack, Mike Hatanaka or Eloise Strand.



**SKI TRIPS**

**SKI TRIPS - 2002 - 2003**

Whistler, BC

Leaders: Nancy & Ray McKinley  
Mar. 1 to Mar 9, 2003  
703-527-7126

Crested Butte, CO

Leaders: David Lerner & Bob Marx  
Mar 19 to 26, 2003  
703-281-6923

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**DISCOUNTS to Crested Butte**

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Unfortunately there have been cancellations due to illness, accidents, and surgery. (Opportunity awaits!) This started as an inexpensive trip.

Discounts can be negotiated for open space on the Crested Butte trip. There are multiple openings available for both singles and couples.

Interested parties can call Dave Lerner (703-281-6923),  
Reg Heitchue (703-860-9190), or Bob Marx (703-451-9158)

if they wish further information  
or if they want to negotiate a deal to join the trip.

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SLATE OF OFFICERS For ELECTION APRIL, 2003

The following slate was presented to and approved by ExCom.

<u>President</u>	Reg Heitchue	<u>ExCom</u>	Ray McKinley
<u>Vice President</u>	David Abraham	(2 yr term)	John Brunelli
		Fill in for David	Dottie Villers
			Mike Strand

The PVS bylaws state that additional nominations may be made by signatures of any five active members in good standing and be presented by the March 18<sup>th</sup> Monthly Meeting.

*Nominating Committee: Marilyn Clark (Chair), Bill Anderson, Lu Beale, Gene Sharer, and Jan Marx.*

Applicant Members to be voted on for Full Membership.

Kerry Hines	Marianne Hines
David Phillips	Pat Vagonis

***PROFILE of David Abraham... who is on the election slate for Vice President. The following is David's response to my questions. I'm glad I asked. Jan (More profiles next month)***

"I grew up in Germany and Palestine from where I joined the British Army in WW II. I was educated in various institutions: Milan, Italy, Haifa, Israel, London the UK, and Washington, DC (technology, industrial engineering, business economics and management). As a child I first skied in the German Riesengebirge, a mountain then called Zugspitze I have been participating in PVS events exactly 42 year. My favorite ski area is Stowe, VT. My worst skiing experience happened on a Christmas-New Year's vacation in Park City, UT where there wasn't a speck of snow and I was compelled to drive daily to such as Snowbird, Alta, and Solitude which had sufficient coverage. The most I've ever skied in a season is 30 days. During all of the last 40 skiing years, excepting only 2, we've skied in Europe at least for a week, often for 2 weeks."

"Hobbies and other interests: I'm known as an opera buff and classical music aficionado. I love the outdoors with emphasis on the mountains. Since retiring from my almost life-long position in the management consulting industry, a little over a year ago, I've been spending much of my time mentoring young, budding entrepreneurs, helping them to raise venture capital for their novel, high-tech enterprises. Additionally I'm involved with the performing arts both in the DC area and the Metropolitan Opera, and I volunteer with social service agency and its vocational services unit."

# Wine Tasting and Dinner

When: Saturday, April 26      Time: 6:30 until approx. 11:00 PM

Where: at Pat and Don Cope's house at the Lake

The Wine Tasting has evolved to include a full dinner. For those who have not attended recently, last year's menu follows as an example of what to expect. The Italian influence is not the rule but reflects a carry over from a recent vacation.

White wine courses:

- Goat cheese flavored with garlic and olive oil served on sesame rice crackers and Kalamata Olives
- This was served with a simple Italian Pinot Grigio
- Asparagus served chilled with raspberry vinaigrette
- The accompanying wine was a complex Italian Pinot Grigio
- Shrimp & salmon in a Cognac cream sauce served with peas
- The paired wine was '94 Calif. creamy style Chardonnay from Marcassin

Red wine courses:

- Bruschetta 3 ways (combinations of caramelized onions, roasted peppers, tomatoes and eggplant)
- Accompanying was a Umbrian wine, a blend of Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, and Sangiovese
- Pasta Pomodoro, pasta with a classic sauce where diced tomatoes are cooked to reduce water and concentrate the flavors
- Served with a lovely Chianti from Antinori
- Roasted leg of lamb, butterflied & marinated and served with buttered Leeks
- Served with Vieux Telegraphe, a Chateauneuf du Pape

Dessert:

- Stilton and Pears with Vintage Port
- Sweets and coffee

The Cost is \$75 per person. For those who wish to enjoy the wines and not worry about driving afterwards, they may make their own reservations at the Hampton Inn (540-371-0330) at Rt. 95 & 3. Roundtrip transportation from Inn to the Cope's and back to the Inn is included as part of the cost.

For those staying over until Sunday, there is some great sightseeing. The Civil War battlefields of Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, and Wilderness are all located between the Cope's and Fredericksburg. Montpelier, Madison's home is just a half-hour to the south and Monticello is an other half-hour beyond. Also, for shops and antiques, a pleasant several hours can be spent in downtown Fredericksburg (no parking meters).

Those who sign up should mail a check for \$75 per person made out to **Don Cope**. Mail it to **216 Mt Pleasant Dr, Locust Grove, VA 22508, phone 540-972-9838**. Directions to the Cope's and the Hampton Inn will follow. Space is limited to the first 20 to sign up, so don't delay.



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	<p><b>BICYCLING GOURMET</b>  <b>Glen Echo to Georgetown</b>  <b>Thursday, March 27, 2003 10:30 AM</b>  <b>Starting Point: Glen Echo/Clara Barton Parking Lot.</b></p>	
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**Route:** Seventeen mile round trip primarily along bike paths from Glen Echo to Georgetown and return. Will involve one mile each way on Q St (from Rock Creek Bike Path to Wisconsin Ave), but using sidewalk OK for this stretch.

**Lunch** at the Patisserie Poupon, a friendly little spot in Georgetown serving soups, salads, quiches, pizzas, and baguette sandwiches in addition to scrumptious pastries.

**Directions to Starting Point:** Proceed to Glen Echo/Clara Barton Parking Lot. Closest major intersection: MacArthur Boulevard and Goldsboro Road.

**Weather:** Check with leaders in event of uncertain weather conditions.

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

Note: Starting time listed above is when cyclists actually depart; please arrive earlier to allow sufficient time to set up your equipment. Rest room available at Glen Echo.

**Next ride:** Thursday, April 17, 2003 -- W&OD Trail -- Leesburg to Purcellville



[www.potomacvalleyskiers.org](http://www.potomacvalleyskiers.org)

**Web Site:** Many photos taken during various PVS ski trips and other events this season have been posted on the web site.

**PVS Roster:** Those with email who wish to obtain an updated roster of PVS members should send an email message to

[info@potomacvalleyskiers.org](mailto:info@potomacvalleyskiers.org) with your request. This roster will reflect information on file including telephone numbers, postal

and email addresses. This roster displays reasonably well on the screen and can be printed out on seven pages or kept in a computer file. Requests will be honored only from current PVS members.

**SNOWMASS POST-TRIP PARTY**

Sally Finan and George Welti are hosting the post-trip party for Snowmass on Sat. Mar. 15th at 5:00 pm. The main meal item will be provided, (probably bar-B-que pork for sandwiches) and participants are asked to bring either an appetizer, salad, or dessert or possible beer or wine. **Please call Sally at 703-716-9023**

**to indicate that you are or are not coming and to sign up for your food contribution.** There might be a small per person charge for the beverages, etc RSVP even if you cannot attend. Remember spouses/significant others who were not on the trip are very much invited. Please bring your pictures.

The **directions** to Sally's house were in the Oct. TOOT

**Disabled Sports' SPRING FLING**

**Sunday April 27, 2003**

**Silent Auction and Cocktails 5 - 6:45 PM**

**Bethesda Marriott Hotel**

**Live Auction and Dinner - 7:00 PM**

# PAST EVENTS

Ice Skating  
At Pentagon Row

Gourmet  
At Lebanese Taverna

Here is Shirley Rettig "doing her thing" at the Pentagon Row Ice Rink.

Also attending were Marvin Hass and Sheldon Drews who could get around, but lacked the style of Shirley by a long shot.

After the skating session, the participants adjourned to the Lebanese Taverna overlooking the ice rink for lunch.



**Shirley Rettig at  
Pentagon Row Ice Rink  
January 30, 2003**

## Mid Week Ski

### ...At Liberty Glacier

We have had a lot of snow in the last couple of weeks, so three PVSers took advantage of it and ventured forth to Ski Liberty on Monday, February 24<sup>th</sup>. Shirley Rettig volunteered to be a contact person and the PVS Hot Line put out the word.

Tom Anguilar and Charlie Huggins joined Shirley for a few good hours on good snow. Shirley reported that the hardest part for her was getting from the I-270 split to Rt 28. They ate lunch, not with the masses, but in the golf clubhouse lounge; then enjoyed more of the slopes before heading home.

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### **CORRECTIONS & ADDITIONS:**

email address for Geoff Wadey: [Geoffwadey@aol.com](mailto:Geoffwadey@aol.com)

email address for Sally Finan and George Welti: [geosally528@aol.com](mailto:geosally528@aol.com)

email address for Barbara Wilson: [bwilsonmd@adelphia.net](mailto:bwilsonmd@adelphia.net)

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### **UNDELIVERABLE EMAIL ADDRESSES:**

Brockmeyer  
Rosen

Macaluso  
Shafer – mailbox is often full.

Poon

Riley  
Ufolz

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**For mid-week skiing**, call Ruth Powers, Mid-Week Event Chairman at 703-821-2431  
-----[ruthpowers@starpower.net](mailto:ruthpowers@starpower.net)-----

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# THE KNEE

by

Ray McKinley

This is a special Blizzard of 2003 Knee. This Blizzard didn't really get

a name. So we shall call it Rory. There was so much snow from Rory that there were snowboarders (wretched beings that they are) doing their thing on the street outside our front door. Nancy and the Knee opted not to ski. We tried it in '96, had a ball for a run but then discovered that Arlington does not have ski lifts—and going uphill in ski boots and carrying skis isn't exactly fun. One run!

After shoveling snow for three straight days, Ray and Judy Jones headed north for Whitetail on Tuesday. Ray claimed it was the best local conditions he had ever seen. It most certainly was on our street!

The same Tuesday was the February PVS meeting. When word came that it had been canceled because of the snow, the Knee was appalled. We are a ski club, not wimps! But there were some mitigating circumstances. Our hosts (or is that ho-persons?) Dick and Rosemary Schwartzbard had been skiing at Wintergreen when Rory struck. And they were snowed out!

During the height of the storm, Alice Swalm and the Knee received "Thank You Again" calls from Jim Slack and Mary Ward. Seems that exactly 24 years ago, the three of them—and many others were returning from a Bob and Margaret Wyckoff trip to Europe. They reached New York when the biggest snow storm of the Century hit. I believe it was called Tyrone. All DC airports were closed, so they came by train. Jim and Mary's car was at Alice's. I met them at Union Station and drove them to pick up their car in the blizzard. Alice put them up for the night. If we could do our skiing in summer, we wouldn't have these problems!

This will slay you. Janet and Bob Marx went dog sledding whilst on the Snowmass Trip. Nat Seeman came along for the ride also. But two of his dogs escaped from their

harnesses. Perhaps they got a considerably huskier offer? Arf, Arf!

Spell check is for those of us making congenital spelling mistakes. The Knee's decided that "Jessma" Blockwick should be "Jetsam," and that "Myron" Marquardt should be "Moron." Marked "Sauce Unknown," Irene Farrell provided the following some time ago. I just found it:

Eye halve a spelling chequer  
It came with my pea sea  
It plainly marques four my revue  
Miss steaks eye kin knot sea.  
Eye have run this poem threw  
I am shore your pleased two no  
Its letter perfect awl the weigh  
My chequer tolled me sew!

Our Pres Reg Heitchue Veep David Abraham and David Lerner were skiing at Steamboat. Reg had just bought new skis. He was in the trees, took a big fall and separated his shoulder (again). He has had to cancel two other ski trips. Bummer!

Two weeks later, Betty Lawrence was skiing in Vail in mashed potatoes. (Even though the run was marked "Groomed.") She fell and broke her ankle—in two places. She just returned, on crutches. Bummer, Bummer!

Sally Finan, George Welti and Kirk Burns were at Copper and Keystone and skied with now locals Nancy Lewis and Gladie Youngblood. They all had lunch one day at Gladie's. And the following week, now retired Dick Comerford was out and skied with the same two locals—just before heading to Europe with also retired spouse, Betty

A tip of the ol' Knee cap to Polly Brunelli. Of some 125 entrants, Polly finished first and won the Excellence in Government Award. It was for her work in providing a new internet voting capability for US troops stationed abroad. And no hanging chad

Gorman Young was a week from leaving for San Juan, Puerto Rico. He was irked by the cost of the "Single Supplement." Bill Anderson heard about it and joined Gorman on the trip. Both had a ball.

As they say in France, *je suis finKnee*.

**CALENDAR**

- Mar. 15...Snowmass Post-trip party at Finan/Welti's - 5 PM
- Mar. 18...Monthly Meeting at Vagonis'
- Mar. 25...ExCom at Wyckoff's
- Mar. 27...Bicycling Gourmet - Glen Echo/Georgetown
- Apr. 15...Monthly Meeting at Kline's
- Apr. 22...ExCom at "tbd"
- Apr. 26...Annual Wine Tasting at Cope's
- Apr. 27...Disabled Sports Spring Fling
- May 17...Blue Ridge Ski Council meeting - delegates go to Annapolis
- May 20...Monthly Meeting at Leonhardt's
- May 27...ExCom at Abraham's
- May 31...Spring Dinner at the Colonnade
- June 1-4...Cabin Trip to Cacapon, WV



**Answer for last month:** Tiehack Run at Buttermilk get it's name because tiehackers cut trees down to make railroad ties and they got those trees off Buttermilk Mountain. (Buttermilk got its name from the tiehachers' wives who would haul milk up to the men, and by the time they got there the milk was "churned" into buttermilk.)

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