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Monthly Meeting

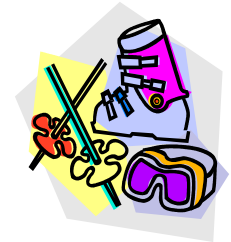
November 17 --- 7:30

Brian Eardley will tell us "What's New in Equipment and the Ski Industry"

At the *Ski Center* in DC

4300 Fordham Road NW

**Washington, DC 20016
(202) 966-4474**



Snacks start at 7:30 and Brian will begin about 8:15

Parking is free with validation of the parking lot ticket in the Ski Center. The shop normally closes at 6:00 PM, but it will reopen at 7:00 PM for our 7:30 meeting. Take a ticket from the machine as you enter the parking lot. Enter the Ski Center from this lot. There also is parking on the street and in an open lot on 49th Street. <http://www.skicenter.com/hours.aspx>

Directions from I-495 inner loop and American Legion Bridge.

From Beltway and River Road –

Take River Rd. southeast toward Washington, DC for 3.5 miles, then right at Little Falls Pkwy (traffic light at end of commercial section, just past a Citgo gas station), left at 1st light (Massachusetts Ave.), then right at 3rd light (49th St), 1/2 block and left into the gated parking lot.

Directions from I-495 outer loop. From Beltway and Connecticut Ave. –

Take Connecticut Ave. south toward Washington, DC for 2.6 miles to Chevy Chase Circle. Take 3rd right off of circle (Western Ave) and go 2 miles to the next traffic circle (Westmoreland Circle). Go 3/4 of the way around and get off on Massachusetts Ave. toward Washington, DC. Go right at 2nd light (49th St), 1/2 block and left into the gated parking lot.

Directions from Key Bridge (Take GW Parkway to Key Bridge, if coming from I-395).

From Key Bridge - Go left onto M Street. After 1/2 mile, keep to the right where the street name changes to Foxhall Rd. Go 2 miles until it ends at Nebraska Ave. Go right, take Nebraska Ave to Ward Circle (at American Univ). Get into the outer part of the circle and go 3/4 of the way around, taking Massachusetts Ave. headed northwest. Go 3/4 of a mile until you see Crate & Barrel on your left. Make the next left at 49th St. then 1/2 block and left into the gated parking lot.

Past Event



*October 15, 2015
Fall Hike*



Thursday, October 15, was a perfect day for the PVS fall hike: sunny and cool, but not *too* cool. So six PVS members and two guests met at the Old Angler's Inn parking area on MacArthur Boulevard for a four mile trek to Great Falls and return. The turnaround point was the observation deck overlooking the falls where we watched a group of kayakers frolicking in the rapids below. They all seemed to be equal to the challenge since we did not see anyone do a 360.

After retracing our steps back to our cars, five of us voted to cross the road to the Old Angler's Inn. Herb Bennett had other obligations, but there were four "ladies who lunch" and one gentleman who also lunched: leader, Ruth Healey, Jan Marx, Shirley Rettig, Carolyn DeVilbiss and Dave DeVilbiss. We had a pleasant lunch on the terrace in the warm sunshine. The Old Angler's Inn is under new management and welcomes hikers, bikers, and kayakers from the towpath. No more ejecting Supreme Court Justice Douglas and Interior Secretary Udall for improper attire!

It was a great day, and we offer a big thank you to Ruth Healey for organizing the excursion.

Submitted by Shirley Rettig



OCTOBER 17, 2015
MEETING AT THE HOME OF BING AND BETTY VAN NUYS



Betty and Bing

The October PVS monthly meeting was held on Saturday, October 17, at 2pm, at the wonderful home of Bing and Betty Van Nuy in Fairfax, Virginia. Our gracious hosts provided terrific food and beverages for all of us. Twenty-nine PVS members attended, including our two hosts. Among those attending were the amazing Suzanne Boisclair, who recently turned 96 and is still skiing, as well as Margaret Wyckoff, who is 91 -- that is indeed terrific. Ray and Nancy McKinley were unusually absent because they were traveling in Spain. Our best wishes and prayers are with our dear friend, Bill Sweeney, who is scheduled to have surgery.

The business discussion, led by our President, Carolyn DeVilbiss, who had just returned from a trip to Japan, addressed our upcoming November 1st Jubilee celebration-- 100 members have signed up. Three ski trips were also discussed: Snowmass, January 13-22; Snow Bird, January 30-February 6; and the Dolomites in Italy, February 22-March 8, with a 3-day optional trip to Venice. A visit to the Black History Museum in Alexandria is being planned for this coming spring.

All in all, a good time was had by everyone.

Submitted by Phil Ufholz



Charlotte Eddy, Mike Strand

Rosemary Schwartzbard,

Eloise Strand,

June Reed





Potomac Valley Skiers

2016 Snowmass, Colorado Ski Trip
Wednesday, January 13–Wednesday, January 20

Trip Details

There still are spaces available but not for long! However, we are looking especially for one male and one female to share a room (not together but with a nice person of the same sex!)

We will again be staying [slope-side](#) at the Snowmass Mountain Chalet (SMC), just below the Snowmass Mall and from where you can ski directly to the lifts. Check the web site at <https://mountainchalet.com>. The total package is: United Airlines from Dulles to Denver and Denver to Aspen and return plus the land transfer from Aspen airport to SMC and return; 5 day lift ticket ([good for all four ski areas in the Aspen complex, free shuttle bus](#)) with option for extra days; 7 nights lodging (double occupancy); daily breakfasts; daily soup lunch; luggage handling; a welcome wine & cheese party, an “all guest” hotel sponsored party, a “pizza” party and a farewell group dinner to celebrate our trip. Trip insurance is available through Encompasse Tours.com and is [highly suggested](#). Additional nights at Snowmass are an option; air flight changes can be accommodated. All alternate air will be quoted on an individual basis. For trail information check <https://www.aspensnowmass.com>.

Costs:		Price
Full Snowmass Package		\$2045
Land only	subtract	\$ 525
Single Supplement	add	\$ 935
Non-skiers	subtract	\$ 287
Add extra ski days	add	\$ 79 per day

NOTE: The Silver Escape Pass has been discontinued. The Premier pass is available for skiers 70 and older for \$449 and becomes reasonably priced if you plan to ski 8 or more days.

Airline Schedule (as in the past, subject to changes in United schedules):

Jan. 13: United flight at 7:00 AM Dulles to Chicago (arrive at 8:03 AM); then depart Chicago at 9:05 AM to Aspen (arrive at 10:55 AM).

Jan. 20: United flight departing Aspen at 8:00 AM to Denver (arrive at 8:55 AM); depart Denver at 9:45 AM to Dulles (arrive 2:53 PM)).

Check United Airlines website for baggage requirements and fees (<http://www.united.com>).

Payment Schedule

Final payment is due now.

To sign up: Please send these forms, available on the PVS web site:

- (1) the [Application form](#) -- one per person or one per couple residing at the same address
- (2) your [payment due](#), and
- (3) the [signed Waiver of Liability Agreement](#) by each party taking the trip
to Marianne Sponis at 3513 Quebec St NW, Washington, DC 20016 (put [PVS Snowmass 2016](#) on the check memo line).

For more information, please call Marianne Sponis at 202-363-5250 or 301-332-3039 cell; or, via email at Marianne.sponis@gmail.com. The co-leader is Nancy Pigman at 202-363-5252.

Thank you skier!

Potomac Valley Skiers



**SNOWBIRD, UTAH
BRSC WESTERN CARNIVAL
January 30 - February 6, 2016**



Join us for the BRSC Western Carnival and stay at the beautiful CLIFF LODGE in Snowbird, Utah. This is a hotel with all amenities: swimming pools, multiple hot tubs, many restaurants, the renowned Cliff Spa and, most important, ski-in, ski-out. It has 2,500 skiable acres, 3,240' vertical drop, and usually 500" of annual snowfall.

The trip will include:

- Round trip airfare (or just land package); transportation to and from hotel;
- 7 nights lodging double occupancy at Cliff Lodge; ski-in/ski-out;
- 4 dinner events (hotel, BRSC, PVS, and pre-trip party);
- Après ski events; option to go to Salt Lake City to see Mormon Tabernacle Choir;
- Snowbird lift tickets, with optional Alta ticket upgrade (no snow boarders at Alta);
- Non-skiers: Cliff Spa \$270 credit; Daily transportation available to Salt Lake City.

Costs:

Full Snowbird Package: \$1,970 Double Occupancy; Land Only: \$1,420 Per-Person
Single Supplement: \$750; Alta Ski Upgrade; \$117; Non-ski Spa Credit: \$270

Payments Per-Person	Deposit	Aug 1	Sep 1	Oct 1	Nov 15	Total
Land Only	\$250	\$200	\$300	\$300	\$370	\$1,420
Land & Air	\$250	\$200	\$450	\$500	\$570	\$1,970

Send to: Michael Strand, 5225 Pooks Hill Road, #1412N, Bethesda, MD 20814

For more information contact Mike and Eloise Strand: 240-800-4194 or hrdyna@aol.com

NEED 1 MALE TO SHARE A ROOM

APPLICATION FORM

Potomac Valley Skiers Trip to Snowbird, Utah, January 30 to February 6, 2016

Name (Print both names, if a couple, as on your Official ID:

_____ Date of Birth _____
 _____ Date of Birth _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

Emergency Contact & Phone: _____

Check All That Apply:

- Land & Air; Land Only; Alta Ski Upgrade; Single Supplement; Non-Ski Spa Credit

come and travel with us

to Madonna di Campiglio, Italia

Blue Ridge Ski Council Eurofest 2016

- Options:** A. February 26 - March 6, 2016 Madonna only + last night in Venice \$2,550
B. February 23 - March 5, 2016 **3 days Florence** + 7 days Madonna \$3,550
C. February 26 - March 8, 2016 Madonna + 3 days in Venice-Mestre \$2,800

Features to be Included for Skiing and/or Sightseeing:

- Current round trip airfare from Dulles to Venice with all current taxes and fuel surcharges included (taxes and fuel surcharges are subject to change).
- Round trip luxury charter coach from the airport to the hotel.
- At Madonna: 7 nights lodging, double occupancy at the 4 star Hotel Carlo Magno, ski-in ski-out party headquarters with breakfast buffet, and full dinner daily.
- Service charge, local tax and VAT are included.
- Trip Insurance with TravelSafe. Color-coded baggage tags, neck valets.
- Welcome Party: Refreshments, familiarization of ski areas, town and logistics.
- Mid week Après Ski Party and DJ for dancing on Thursday night after dinner.
- Optional day trips and trip extension are available at your choice.

Optional pre-ski-trip to Florence - Feb 23-27: includes three nights at the 4-Star-Plus Hotel Plaza-Lucchesi with daily full buffet breakfast. Located on the right bank of the Arno river, between Santa Croce Place and Piazzale Michelangelo, the Plaza-Lucchesi is close to the Uffizi Gallery, the Ponte Vecchio, the Duomo (Cathedral), the Accademia, and the main Florence railroad station of Santa Maria Novella.

Post-ski-trip to Venice 1 night at HOTEL PLAZA at **Venice-Mestre** **** incl. breakfast. **This hotel is located across from bus- and train station with 10 min rides to Venice Island.**

Please note: Vaporetto tickets in Venice ARE NOT included in price. There are different multi day vaporetto tickets to consider. Vaporetto tickets can be purchased at the kiosks at the airport on arrival by credit card.

Planned Flight Itinerary with Air France from Washington Dulles via Paris to Venice. Connections from and to other US cities are available.

SKI RENTAL, SKI SCHOOL and GUIDES – booking available in the hotel.

The cost of a 3-days Superskirama SKI-PASS with access to 380 km of slopes is approx. Euro 125,00 for 3 days

How to sign up: send email to Lesjak.inge@gmail.com or call 703-869-7248 c for more detailed information; or send down payment check for \$800 to Inge Lesjak and mail to Inge Lesjak, 8123 Kingsview Ct., Springfield, VA 22152 **no later than 10 November 2015**

Members' Corner



By J. David Warthen, Jr.
dwarthen@verizon.net

2015-2017 PVS Membership Drive:

On October 31, 2015, the 120-day grace period of the biennial Membership Drive ended, and we have dropped members from the roster who have chosen not to renew or who have not responded to the invitation to renew. Thanks go to Sue Lyon for follow ups. Please note the NEW PVS roster which was distributed today.

We will miss the ex-members, but life moves on with different priorities. Many have left with gracious comments:

Jane Dealy -

Three years ago I fell and broke the neck of my femur. I have completely recovered and have no after effects. However, at age 76, I'm being prudent in not taking up skiing again. I had an amazing time skiing with PVS on a trip to Snowmass 2012 (if my memory serves me correctly), and I loved every minute; the challenge, the friends, the lodge right on the slope and the thrill of pushing myself beyond what I thought I was capable of doing.

Best to you and the members of PVS.

Nester & Pat Delevaux -

I regret to tell you that Pat and I will not be renewing our PVS membership. My old knees have told me very clearly that I must not ski any more, We have truly enjoyed the many ski weeks with all the PVS members. We have especially enjoyed the trips led by Ray and Nancy McKinley to Europe, South America, and other ski areas. Please thank them for us. Also thank all the PVS members that we met for being so friendly to us even though we only saw each other occasionally. PVS is a great club with great people and we are sad to stop our membership.

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Mary Ellena Ward is the new PVS Webmaster and is doing a fantastic job on a prototype website for us. However, Mary has many other talents, including skiing. She writes, I'm pretty excited to share the news that one of my horses, Bella, has placed in the Top Ten at the National Arabian Sport Horse Show held last month in Raleigh, NC. I've attached a picture of the two of us getting the presentation. The class that I showed her in was "Sport Horse in Hand, Amateur to Handle," for



hunter-type Arabian mares. She placed 4th, which makes her one of the best in the nation. Our next goal will be to do as well in the performance arena. Congratulations to Mary & Bella!

Bob McNeill Autobiography, 119 pages

Bob McNeill has penned and self-published "A Wonderful Life," the story of Robert L. McNeill, 2014, at the insistence of his son Tim. Bob lives in Amherst, New Hampshire and has been an Absentee PVS member for almost 30 years. Bob's profile can be found on the PVS website at: <http://pvskiers.org/TOOT/archive/Mar91.pdf#page=9>

The Huggins have a copy of his book, as well as J. Marx, B. Leonhardt, B. Lawrence, and R. McKinley. If you are interested, one of these members might lend a copy of the book to you for perusal.

The book characterizes Bob's childhood through his adult life and is very interesting to see in print. From '549' to a successful businessman on the Emergency Committee on American Trade, the book stirs within the reader a desire to pen one's own story, since each of us has a fascinating story to tell. You also may be interested to know that Bob is "The Most Experienced EpicSkier." - <http://www.epicski.com/a/the-most-experienced-epicskier-bob-mcneill>

PVS Calendar 2015:

- Nov 01 Sun PVS Golden Jubilee at Top of the Town <<http://topofthetown.net>>, 6-10:00 PM, Arlington, VA
- Nov 17 Tue Monthly Meeting, 7:30, Ski Center, DC, with Brian Eardley
- Dec 01 Tue ExCom Meeting, telephonic
- Dec 15 Tue Holiday Meeting, 7:30, John & Blanca Hotaling, Arlington, VA



PVS Ski Trips 2016:



- January 13-20, 2016: PVS Snowmass, CO (Marianne Soponis)
- January 30-February 6, 2016: PVS/BRSC Western Carnival - Snowbird, UT (Strands)
- February 26-March 6, 2016: PVS/BRSC Eurofest 2016 Italy, Madonna Di Campiglio (Inge Lesjak)

Useful Ski "Links"

- Potomac Valley Skiers.....www.potomacvalleyskiers.org
- BRSC Sanctioned Trips.....www.skicouncil.com/tripsbydate.htm
- DC Ski Online Newswww.dcski.com
- Best of Times Ski Clubwww.bestoftimeskiclub.org>Ski Trips

ExCom

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