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Greetings PVS Members and Applicant Members,

Ah, where do I start this month? Having just returned from a fabulous Snowmass trip, with just a bit of jet lag, that's a good question. Hopefully your homes will be warm and well lit by the time you receive this issue of the TOOT. Having heard some of the horror stories of the commutes home from work this past Wednesday caused by the horrific snowstorm, I'm glad United made other plans for some of us on the Snowmass trip. Forty-three skiers participated in our Snowmass trip this year—read John Brunelli's write-up for all the details. The two mid-day Whitetail trips had the best participation in several years. Steamboat is just around the corner (2/17-2/23), and there's also a Wisp mid-week ski getaway in the works for this month as well. For those of you who plan ahead, there's the BRSC trip to Andorra in March of 2012.

On another note, since it's that time of the year, I thought I would do an annual State of the Club message. So, in looking over the last year of our club's 45-year history, I note first of all that membership has changed for the positive. Per Dave Warthen's monthly membership reports, we actually now have 11 more members this January than we did the previous January. The total number of 157 includes 11 applicant members (thanks to their sponsors) eight of whom were on our Snowmass ski trip. Not bad for a club whose numbers were thought to be "dwindling." There were three weeklong ski trips during 2010, which included Snowmass, Jackson Hole and Bormio (BRSC contingent), each of which had pre and post trip parties. We had a variety of other activities after ski season. They included the Segway tour of National Harbor, the All Trips Party, the Annapolis Boat Tour, the Finger Lakes Wine Tour, the Lunch at Culinaire Restaurant/School, the Frank Shelburne Hike at Seneca Creek State Park, Oktoberfest, the 45th Anniversary Gala and our annual Holiday Party. We continue to be a unique club in that our membership still opens up their homes for our monthly meetings, which are very well attended. Our "professional" monthly newsletter, TOOT, is published 11 months of the year, and now distributed mostly electronically, saving the club money and volunteers' time. Our Executive Committee (ExCom) meets in person or via telephone conference 10 months a year to keep our club running smoothly. The ski trip committee helps identify new leaders and trips for our club. The nominating committee diligently "hunts" down new leaders for our club to keep all of the above fresh, new and ongoing.

In closing I ask each of you again to keep in mind the following goals for our club so it will continue to flourish:

1. Ask at least one person/couple to attend a monthly meeting and/or consider joining our club
2. Volunteer to lead or co-lead an activity or trip
3. Consider opening up your home for a monthly meeting

Fondly,
Sharon

PVS AFTERNOON, Monthly Meeting
Sunday, 27 February 2:00 PM, at the
Jablons
Directions, next page

***Directions to the Home of Cara & Robert Jablon
4573 Indian Rock Terrace, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20007***



From Northwest D.C.: Take Nebraska Avenue to the beginning of Foxhall Road. Go south on Foxhall Road one traffic light past the intersection of Foxhall and Reservoir to Q Street. Right on Q Street. Continue on Q Street for 1 block to the stop sign (45th St.) and make a right on 45th. Go two blocks and make a left (Q Lane). The street will dead end into Indian Rock Terrace. Make a right and go up the hill. The Jablons' house is the fourth house up the hill on the right (a red brick and frame contemporary house).

From Potomac/Rockville/Gaithersburg: Take 270 South to 495 towards Virginia. Exit at Cabin John Parkway and continue south on the parkway until Arizona Avenue (1st traffic light after light at Chain Bridge).

Make a left on Arizona and a right on MacArthur Boulevard (1st light). Continue on MacArthur Boulevard for about 1.5 - 2 miles past the Safeway on the left. Shortly after passing the Safeway, MacArthur forks to the right and Reservoir Road goes to the left. Continue on MacArthur to Q Street (the next light after the light at the fork).

Make a left on Q Street. Go 1 block to the stop sign (45th St.), and make a left on 45th. Go 2 blocks and make a left (Q Lane). The street will dead end into Indian Rock Terrace. Make a right and go up the hill. The Jablons' house is the fourth house up the hill on the right (a red brick and frame contemporary house).

From Virginia (Chain Bridge): At the end of the Chain Bridge, make a right. Continue to the first light (Arizona Avenue). Make a left on Arizona. Go up the hill – the main street at the top of the hill is MacArthur Boulevard. Make a right on MacArthur. Continue on MacArthur for about 1.5 miles past the Safeway (on the left). Shortly after passing the Safeway, MacArthur forks to the right and Reservoir Road goes to the left. Continue on MacArthur to Q Street (the next light after the light at the fork).

Make a left on Q Street. Go 1 block to the stop sign (45th St.), and make a left on 45th. Go 2 blocks and make a left (Q Lane). The street will dead end into Indian Rock Terrace. Make a right and go up the hill. Cara's house is the fourth house up the hill on the right (a red brick and frame contemporary house). The street will dead end into Indian Rock Terrace. Make a right and go up the hill. The Jablons' house is the fourth house up the hill on the right (a red brick and frame contemporary house).

From Virginia (Key Bridge): Stay in one of the left lanes at the end of the Key Bridge. Make a left at the end of the bridge to M Street (may be called Canal Road at that point). Get in the right lane and continue up the hill to the light at the beginning of Foxhall Road. Continue on Foxhall to the next light (Q Street). Make a left on Q Street. Go one block to the stop sign (45th St.) and make a right. Go 2 blocks and make a left (Q Lane). The street will dead end into Indian Rock Terrace. Make a right and go up the hill. The Jablons' house is the fourth house up the hill on the right (a red brick and frame contemporary house).



Ski Trips:



Steamboat Springs

February 17 - 23, 2011

Pre-trip lunch: Sunday, February 13 at 1:00 at Jablons' house

A hardy bunch of sixteen skiers is going to Steamboat. The trip is now closed.
Cara Jablon, 4573 Indian Rock Terrace, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20007
202-333-5332 or rcjablon@aol.com

The [Potomac Valley Skiers](#) week of skiing in Steamboat Springs, Colorado, is going to be a grand time. We are staying in the **STEAMBOAT GRAND**, a premier hotel a short 100-yard walk from the high-speed gondola, with complimentary ski storage slope side. It has an outdoor heated pool and two hot tubs, sauna, full service spa and fitness center, in-room coffee makers and flat screen TVs, and wireless internet.



SKI TALK

by Rosemary Schwartzbard

Forty-three PVSers have just returned from another spectacular trip to Snowmass. The conditions were fantastic with blue skies and powder. In a couple weeks, sixteen people will leave for Steamboat.

Also, many of our members have been taking advantage of the excellent local ski conditions at Liberty, Whitetail, Seven Springs, and Timberline.

SKI TRIP COMMITTEE

Our Ski Trip Committee (STC) is now busy planning for the **2012** ski season. Members of the STC are: Rosemary Schwartzbard, Chair; Polli Brunelli, David Lerner, Jan Marx, and Eloise Strand. We look forward to hearing from you with ideas, questions or proposals for the 2012 ski season.

BRSC Eurofest will be held in **Andorra, March 4-12, 2012**, with a four-day add on to Madrid. Ray and Nancy McKinley have been approved to lead this trip for PVS. There should be great skiing and sightseeing opportunities. It sounds like an exciting trip and you will be hearing more about the details in a couple months.

Snowmass: We are also hoping to go back to Snowmass next January.

We are looking for a proposal for a trip that would leave mid-February. The timeline is as follows: preliminary proposals are due by early March; more detailed proposals are due by late April; proposals are to be presented to ExCom at the May meeting. The approved trips will be published in the June TOOT. Please send questions, ideas and/or proposals to me.

Useful Ski "Links"

- Potomac Valley Skiers <http://www.potomacvalleyskiers.org>
- Capital Golden Skiers <http://www.capitalgoldenskiers.com>
- BRSC Sanctioned Trips <http://www.skicouncil.com/tripsbydate.htm>
- DC Ski Online News <http://www.dcski.com>



LOCAL SKIING

LIBERTY MOUNTAIN RESORT

As mentioned, we are having an active local ski year due to the great conditions resulting from the continued cold weather and snowfall. Anyone interested in skiing at Liberty Mountain should contact Charlie Huggins (301-424-5725) rowhugb@juno.com or John Smith johnhsmith@juno.com. John says he often goes Monday, Wednesday and/or Friday.

WISP MIDWEEK MADNESS February 9-11

Join PVS for a two-night mid-week ski adventure at WISP Wednesday, February 9, through Friday, February 11. Come and experience the new ski area on the back side of WISP.

Vertical drop of 700 ft.; 2417 ft. at base; 3115 ft. at summit.
Slope Difficulty: 41% beginner, 28% intermediate, 31% advanced.
Trails: 32 slopes and trails totaling 10.5 miles on 132 acres of skiable terrain.
Lifts: Two quad chairs, five triple chairs, three ski carpets, four surface tows.

WISP offers a great mid-week deal —

\$59.00 per person which includes double room and lift ticket.

Please call WISP at 301-387-4911 and make your own reservations. Visit their website at www.wispresort.com

The hotel offers smoke-free ski-in/ski-out convenience, Wi-Fi access, fitness center, heated indoor pool and Jacuzzi, and a restaurant. All rooms have a refrigerator.

Meals will be paid individually. There are several restaurants nearby in addition to those in the hotel. In fact, I hear that on Wednesday nights UNO has half-price pizzas.

Apres-ski: We are asking that everyone bring a snack or two and whatever you would like to drink at après ski. Sue Lyon will organize a place to meet.

CONTACT: Sue Lyon 703-690-3851 suejlyon@cox.net. Please call or email Sue to tell her you are going; if you want to try to car pool; and if you need a roommate. Let's work together to try to make this 'A la Carte' trip work.

rosemaryphd@verizon.net

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**SNOWMASS CHAMPAGNE POWDER TOUR, Jan 19-27, 2011**  
*by John Brunelli*



It's official! This year's Snowmass trip is dubbed "The Champagne Powder Tour." An impressive snowfall the day of our arrival, which necessitated a bus trip from Denver to Snowmass, gave us absolutely ideal conditions for our first day. Snow seemed to fall every second day, all of which was of the light and fluffy variety. A relatively light number of skiers on the mountain preserved the conditions for most of the week. The Skiers' Dictionary defines powder as the snow that falls the week before you arrive or the day after you leave, but our experience is the exception that proves the rule.

A number of "firsts" occurred on the trip, but by far the most popular was the first tracks that many of us made on near ideal days. Also a first, the Chalet breakfast is now a buffet that got everyone to the slopes faster than before. We had entertainment nights (another first) beyond games. Trip co-leader Sharon Mulholland and skier Annie Cummins (aka The Shenanigans) lugged guitars through airports, planes & buses, entertained at two sing-alongs, printed song books, and led harmonizers (who say they're not giving up their day jobs) Nancy Cammarata, Louann Eadie, and Melissa Fitzgerald in harmonizing through favorite folk and country songs. Sharon and Annie also participated in a



line dance session led by Eloise Strand and Nancy McKinley that ended with the hokey pokey (wouldn't it be sad if the hokey pokey were what it's all about?). We had a first dining experience at Brothers Grille, which substituted for the temporarily closed Steakhouse - great food, service, and ambiance at a remarkable price. Our departure dinner at the Snowmass Club was equally memorable and included the presentation of gifts to the leaders and the honoring of two long-time members, Suzanne Boisclair and Sheldon Drews, who have been mainstays of the club for many seasons. Suzanne was honored as the only nonagenarian skier on the trip. Sheldon was similarly honored for achieving his goal of skiing at 80. In a somewhat odd first, a number of our members have decided that work is interfering too much with their skiing and announced their upcoming retirements. Congrats to Nancy

McKinley, Linda Sloan, and Bob Gleeson (and by association Ray McKinley, Jack Sloan, and Kathy Felme.)

Our symbiotic relationship with Capital Golden Skiers continued with Gerda Picco, Nancy Pigman, and Betsy Stephens seemingly skiing from dawn to dusk every single day. Our BRSC connection was further strengthened with a member of Columbia Ski Club, John Rastatter, proving the mettle of the association's expertise. And the aforementioned Annie Cummins is from Frederick Ski Club.



A number of members from around the country came



together this week and we skied with Susan and David Payne, now of Sarasota FL, Bonnie and Bill Sweeney from Indiana, and Dottie Villers, now residing in NC. From far off Lexington VA, Jim Slack and Mary Ward joined us and renewed old friendships. First timers who were in attendance were Colin & Laurie Church and Kathy Felme & Bob Gleeson. Laurie bought a new helmet and Colin agreed that maybe it was time for him to get one too since he's a senior executive with the Consumer Safety Board. Kathy and Bob also bought new skis as did Carolyn and Dave DeVilbiss.

Barbara Leonhardt led a Saturday luncheon party of 12 to Krabloonik where everyone enjoyed the food and frolicking with the pups. Jan Gibson was so impressed she has decided to come back later in the season and do the dog sled ride. Of course the de rigueur trip to Susie's consignment shop was led by Rosemary and Eloise. Ray McKinley even bought a "new" pair of ski pants. Not to be outdone, Dick Schwartzbard got a new pair of mittens. Perennial slope leaders Dave Warthen and Dave DeVilbiss led many skiers over many runs morning and afternoon. Seemingly, Jean van der Tak and Bing Van Nuys were always there. The business of PVS, of course, does not stop even while skiing. Case in point, Sue Lyon was busy between runs coordinating the upcoming mid-week PVS overnight trip to Wisp.

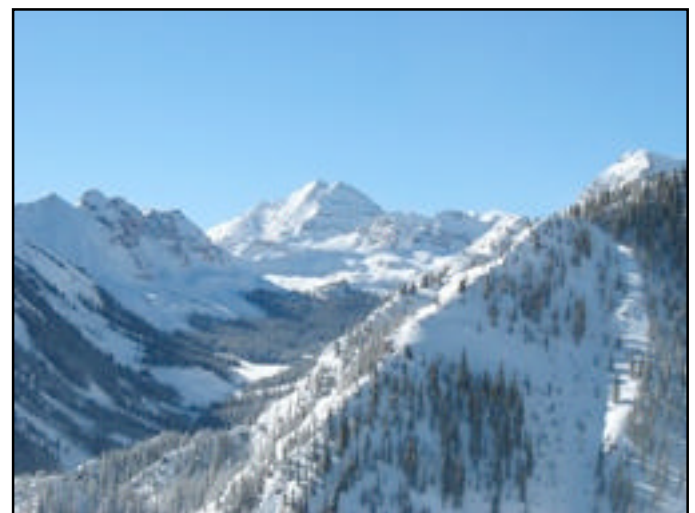


Football Sunday was a big favorite in the lounge but no one was more enthusiastic than Dick Laeser, who was decked out in Packers colors. He and Barbara Leonhardt were the most ecstatic over the win. The ever diplomatic Sandy Laeser simply said it was an exciting game.

As the week progressed and conditions remained perfect, everyone drew comfort from two announcements. First, Carolyn and Sharon announced that they would propose a return trip next season and, second, Lee and Sal Mahallati volunteered to host a post trip party to continue the good time. Although not strictly

speaking part of the trip proper, the pre trip party at Ruth Powers was highlighted by a visit from Mr. Omelet who awed us with his ability to keep three pans going simultaneously (no waiting).

Several of us were awakened at 4:30am on departure day by a robocall telling us our flight into Dulles had been cancelled due to snow. We left Aspen on schedule and Doug Horstman booked us into an airport hotel. As of this writing, we're hoping to get home only a day late - a small price to pay for so glorious a week.



As a postscript, most of us did arrive home a day late. As a post-postscript, congratulations go out to Kathy Felman and Bob Gleeson. As far as can be determined, they were the only members who left on Wednesday and got home on Wednesday.

Thanks to Carolyn and Sharon for a memorable week.

Mary Ward's summation & pics of the trip: [http://termineigh.com/album\\_pages/2011\\_snowmass.html](http://termineigh.com/album_pages/2011_snowmass.html)

Watch for other Snowmass 2011 photos to be posted on the PVS Website: [http://www.potomacvalleyski.org/photo\\_links.html](http://www.potomacvalleyski.org/photo_links.html)



***Ski Center Demo Day @ Whitetail Ski Resort, Jan. 5, 2011***



A large group of PVSers had a great time skiing at the local Whitetail Ski Resort, Mercersburg, PA. This group included Ingrid Dallaire, Sharon Mulholland, Shirley Rettig, Jan Marx, Jean van der Tak, Charlie Huggins, John Smith, Marianne Hines, Kerry Hines, Cara Jablon,



and Dorian Janney. We arrived fairly early and had the slopes to ourselves for the first hour. Although it wasn't Snowmass, we found that it took as long to get up the mountain as it did to ski down - a great time was had by all! Many of the group even tested the new models, as it was Ski Chalet's Demo Day.

--Dorian Janney



***Ski Chalet Appreciation Day, Whitetail, Jan. 19, 2011***

Nine people signed up for the appreciation day at Whitetail. Freezing rain the day before, and one case of the flu caused three PVSers to cancel. Six PVSers arrived at Whitetail finding all trails but Exhibition perfectly groomed. Charles Huggins and Shirley Rettig checked out the new trail opened this year. John Smith experienced unexpected trouble with his new boots, and returned to the Washington Ski Center after skiing for boot adjustment by Brian Eardley. Marianne Gustafson rented skis and stayed on the intermediate slopes. Marianne and Kerry Hines spent most of their time on the expert slopes. The temperature warmed up to 42°, but the soft snow held up very well. After 11 a.m., we had periods of sunshine, and we had a great day of spring skiing.

--Charles Huggins



**Nominating Committee Report :**

**Candidates for PVS Officers for 2011-2012**

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| <p><b>President:</b> Cara Jablon<br/> <b>Vice President:</b> Janet Marx<br/> <b>ExCom :</b> Melissa FitzGerald<br/> <b>Excom :</b> Reg Heitcuae<br/> <b>ExCom:</b> John Holt<br/> <b>ExCom:</b> Dick Schwartzbard (1 year, to replace John Brunelli)</p> | <p>Submitted by the Nominating Committee:<br/>         Nancy McKinley (Chair)<br/>         Rosemary Schwartzbard<br/>         Mike Strand<br/>         Mary Beale<br/>         Kerry Hines<br/>         Dottie Villers</p> |
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Additional nominations may be made the by the signatures of any five active members in good standing and must be presented at a business meeting at least one month prior to the election, which will be held on April 19, 2011.

# Members Corner



By J. David Warthen, Jr.  
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## **80th Year Hike in Glacier National Park**

- John Burgess

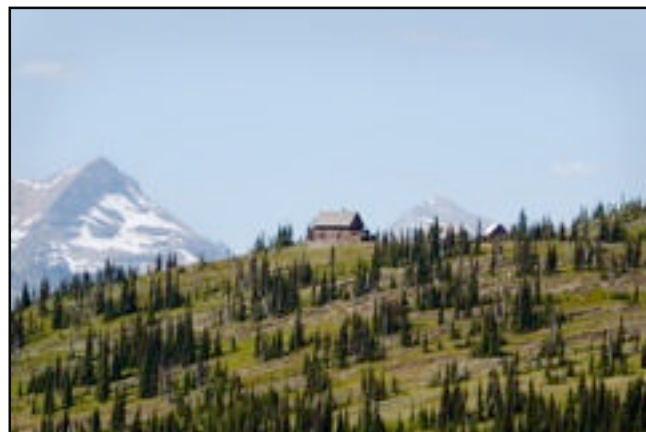
While hiking the 5-mile Iceberg Lake Trail in Glacier National Park in 1997, I made a promise to myself that I would return in my 80th year, 2010, and hike to the Granite Park Chalet, and overnight there. Ellen and I were then on a lengthy western trip to Alaska, and Glacier Park was on our itinerary. The Granite Park Chalet ([www.graniteparkchalet.com](http://www.graniteparkchalet.com)) had caught my eye because it is in a remote and beautiful location in the Rocky Mountains. I began in 2009 to make the necessary reservations and plans to get the members of my family to Glacier and the Chalet for the hike.

And so, on August 20, 2010, we found ourselves at the Continental Divide at Logan Pass, 6,600 feet elevation, and ready to hike the Highline Trail to the Chalet. There were seven of us on the Trail: my grandchildren Kate (10) and John Paul (12), daughters Erin and Katie, son John, son-in-law Steve, and myself.



Off we went on the 7.5-mile hike on a beautiful 65° sunny day along the cliffs of the Continental Divide and the several mile drop-off down the mountain side to the west over the Going-to-the-Sun road. The Highline Trail is a beautiful hike, showing Glacier Park at its finest—wonderful views of the Rockies and their glaciers, the Continental Divide, and mountain goats and

bighorn sheep along the way. We arrived at the Chalet, built in 1910 by the Northern Pacific Railroad and without electricity and running water, at 2pm after a 5-hour hike and found all of our arrangements in place by a very welcoming and competent crew. We had 2 very clean bunkrooms looking out to the west to the mountains and an assigned 15 minutes in the kitchen for preparing our dinner; there were some 10 other groups at the Chalet that evening. There was a lecture about wolverines in the Park that night, and then a very restful sleep to prepare for the arduous hike down Swiftcurrent Mountain the next day.



We were up and on the Swiftcurrent Pass Trail by 7:30am after a hearty breakfast and word of a mama grizzly and her cub just a few hundred yards from the Chalet. We climbed about 800 feet on a gentle grade to the Divide, and then went east and down 2,500 feet on the very steep head-wall of Swiftcurrent Mountain for some 2.5 miles, all the while gazing out at three beautiful lakes, like hanging jewels in the morning sun, that are drained by the remnants of several glaciers still clinging to the surrounding mountains. After reaching the lakes, the remainder of the hike was a gentle downhill grade to the Swiftcurrent Hotel, where we met Ellen and the other members of our party.

This very strenuous 8-mile hike over Swiftcurrent Pass took us 5 hours to complete and left us all with a great feeling of accomplishment: two days, 15 miles, 10 hours on the trail, and the overnight at the Chalet in the very beautiful Rocky Mountains in Glacier National Park. I especially enjoyed the accompaniment of my family on the hike, which made our bonding even stronger. My grandkids were fine trekkers, leading the way with few complaints; John Paul announced that he would be back to Glacier when he got to be 80 to redo the hike in honor of his grandfather. And I might try it again, if I make it to 90.

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January PVS General Meeting @ the Holts, McLean, VA



The turnout at our January 16<sup>th</sup> meeting validated the decision to hold winter meetings on Sunday afternoons vice Tuesday evenings. Twenty-four members, one guest, two birds and one dog attended the gathering at the lovely McLean home of John and Barbara Holt. This was a particularly large group for an event only four days before so many of our members were about to leave for Snowmass. The sun was shining and the weather, which had been threatening all week, warmed up enough for us to enjoy the lovely in-the-woods setting of the Holts' home. A delicious array of comestibles was highlighted by chili, both vegetarian and carnivorous, and topped off with a selection of desserts with cranberry tart featured. We were offered a variety of grape types, vintners and colors of wines, including mulled wine, rather than only the standard "red or white". Coffee and soft drinks were available for the faint of heart. And speaking of the non-faint of heart, Dave Lerner told us about his recent ski

activities. It is encouraging to hear that he has recovered so well after his injuries last year at Jackson Hole. You can't keep a good man down! Joe Jevcak, who just returned from Chile, told us about the domestic disturbances there and how they may be affecting Liz Warren-Boulton and Reg Heitchue, who are currently there to climb in Patagonia. Our fingers are crossed that they return home safely by the time you read this in the Toot.

--Dick Schwartzbard



IN MEMORY

Jeanne Dupont Strickland, 82 years old.

Jeanne died in Gainesville, GA at the age of 82. Jeanne was a member of the Class of 1949 at American International College in Springfield, MA. She worked at the David Taylor Model Basin and was an active member of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE). She lived in an apartment in Bethesda., then moved to Gainesville to be near relatives.

Jeanne was a PVS member from 1979-2003 (24 years). She, Lu Beale and Bette Walker were pals and called themselves "The Three Graces." They carpoled often to PVS events. Jeanne went on several of the Fun Runs at Lake Accotink, followed by brunch at the Clarks. Marilyn recalls that Jeanne was on Marilyn's last ski trip, which was to Whistler/Blackcomb, run by the McKinleys. She was smart and funny and always good company.

--notes from Marilyn Clark, Dave Warthen, Bill Anderson, and Jan Marx



# THE KNEE

by Ray McKinley  
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As I write this, the **Knee** is in *Absentia* (that's a small town near Snowmass) skiing on Carolyn DeVilbiss' trip. I am skiing—unless you are reading this in the evening, and then I am most likely eating or drinking.

Several of you have told me that you enjoyed reading this column. Several years ago, I coined a name for you. You're **kneeophiles**. And if you've just started reading it, you are **kneeophytes**.

Despite having an early deadline for this month's **Knee**, I still have oodles of new information for you. The **Knee** loves the word oodles. And other words beginning with "oo." However, most of these "oo" words, such as oology, only come up once in a bird's age.

**Bob McNeill** e-mailed to tell that he had just got off the phone with a friend living in North Dakota near the Canadian border. She said that it had been snowing since early morning, the snow was nearly waist high and was still falling. The temperature was way below zero and the north wind was increasing to near gale force. Her husband had done nothing but look through the kitchen window and stare. She said that if it got much worse, she'd have to let him in.

In mid February, Dick and Sandy Laeser head for Peru for a small boat trip down the Amazon near the headwaters. They found it through Amazon.riv.

This spring, Karen Felker will be selling her South Carolina home and returning to her native Denmark. We'll miss you, Karen.

Not so cool. The day before leaving for Snowmass, Suzanne Boisclair awoke with no heat in her house. It would take three days to get the part—totally unacceptable! With some help from Betty Lawrence playing good cop, bad cop, Suzanne got the work done in time. Right on—and heat on.

There is an old Buddhist saying: **Wherever you go, there you are. But your luggage and skis are another story.**

In order to get in some temperate weather trekking, Reg Heitchue and Liz Warren-Boulton traveled to Southern Chile's lake country and its incomparable scenery.

Everything was super until Liz and Reg attempted to return from Patagonia. They were caught up in a strike and blockades. Their return was delayed three days. Ouch!

As we age, our foibles simply provide additional **Knee** fodder. And being non-sexist, also more **Knee** modder! You **kneed** to think about that. Maybe not.

This is the 34<sup>th</sup> year of the **Knee**. Initially my logo was a knee with a brace on it. But 24 years ago this month, then VEEP, now sometime TOOT editor, Janet Marx designed this logo. It's based on the Ski Patrol Manual's instructions "How to Tie One on the **Knee**." In the far east it's "How to Taiwan on..." The particular tie is called the Bunch Braid E. Isn't that really more than you ever wanted to know about a logo? BTW (that's By The Way for those of you who don't text message), only for the last 6 years has the logo been in **color**—for those getting TOOT electronically. I like **color**.

Last month Bill Anderson had a visit to Colonial Williamsburg. Aside from visiting friends, Bill went to tour the Masonic Hall, which was open for tours. Da Vinci wasn't there.

The **Knee** asked nonagenarian Suzanne Boisclair for the secret of her longevity. She quickly replied, "Aqua Fresh toothpaste - I brush with it at least once a day, always to the left on the uppers and to the right on the lowers." Suzanne also uses Aqua Fresh on her skis. "The distinctive **green** and **red** pattern is like racing stripes."

Applicant Betsy Stevens is also a member of Capitol Golden Skiers. She is really pleased that at her age, she is in TWO ski clubs!

Former President Dottie Villers is also in two clubs. She just joined the Cape Fear Ski Club, where she is taking up kayaking. It's dangerous, but Dottie has no Fear.

Membership guru and occasional TOOT editor Dave Warthen had a "wardrobe malfunction" using an on slope restroom at Snowmass. On leaving, he pulled up his ski pants, but not his long johns. **Kneenuf** said...

**Louann Eadie** was wearing a beautiful gold pendant of one of my favorite Egyptians, **Kneefertiti**. She bought it on a trip to Egypt.

We all had a ball on Carolyn DeVilbiss' trip to Snowmass. Sal and Lee Mahallati really had a ball. It was their first time on skis in 14 years. Like riding a bicycle, but with long wheels—covered with Aqua Fresh.

**2011 Calendar**

- Feb 9 **Wed** ExCom Meeting, 7:30 PM (Schwartzbards, VA, or Conference Call)
- Feb 13 **Sun** Steamboat Pre-trip Brunch, 1:00 PM (Jablons, DC)
- Feb 27 **Sun** PVS Monthly AFTERNOON Meeting, **2:00 PM** (Jablons, DC)
- Mar 15 Tue PVS Monthly Meeting, 7:30 PM (Marx, VA)
- Mar 22 Tue ExCom Meeting, 7:30 PM (Mulholland, Gaithersburg, MD)
- Apr 19 Tue PVS Annual Meeting 7:30 PM (Heitchue, Reston, VA)
- Apr 26 Tue ExCom Meeting, 7:30 PM (TBA)
- May 17 Tue PVS Monthly Meeting, 7:30 PM (Knopes, VA)
- May 24 Tue ExCom Meeting, 7:30 PM (TBA)



**Ski Trips**

February 17-23 Steamboat, CO (Jablons)

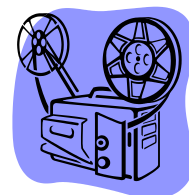
February 9-11 Wisp Midweek Madness, MD (S. Lyon)



**Free:**

Movie projector: 16 mm, assorted spools, spare bulb, sound.  
 Owned by PVS and is not needed anymore unless someone can think of a creative idea.

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