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**President's
Message:**

Dear PVSers:

As I write this, David and I are cruising down the Rhone River in southern France. We are reading about the June 16 meeting at Julie Perlman's home, and regret having missed the fun time, good food, and Bob Kramer's unusual "call to meeting" with his well-tuned wine bottle. Bob, perhaps we will enlist your talent at other events. Thanks to you and Julie for hosting this month.



With this July TOOT you will find the complete fliers and applications for next year's PVS-sponsored ski trips to Snowmass, Snowbird, and Madonna di Campiglio. Contact the trip leaders and send in your deposits now to reserve your space in these exciting trips. Come to the "Summer Fest" all-trips party at the Jablons' home on July 11 to hear more information and make your choices—or just come to share the food and fun.

Although the monthly PVS meeting/parties are suspended during the months of July and August, we will enjoy a number of summer events together, including a golfing event at Massanutten with Inge and Sam Lesjak, the annual "Steak & Swim" at Marianne and Kerry Hines' home in Delaplane, VA, and a new sailing activity with John Smith. See the details elsewhere in the TOOT.

This is the time for renewal of our biennial PVS membership. On July 1, Dave Warthen will be sending you your renewal notice. Look for it, and please send in your dues and updated contact information right away, so we can replenish the treasury and update the files. Thank you, Dave, for paying such careful attention to this necessary work on behalf of our club. It is tedious, and we appreciate your taking it on.

Lastly, remember to sign up for the November 1, 2015 PVS Golden Jubilee Gala. Plans are moving forward, and invitations have been sent to many long-time and former members as well as our newer members. It will be a grand reunion and celebration. Sign up early and save \$10.

Have a great summer and bring back memories to share from your adventures!

Carolyn

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SUMMER FEST

Saturday, July 11, 3:00 PM

AT THE HOME OF CARA & BOB JABLON

Come for dinner and learn all about the trips PVS is offering for the 2016 season.

PVS will provide hamburgers and hot dogs at Summer Fest, our annual summer fun event where we talk about next year's ski trips. We ask that members and guests bring an appetizer, salad, or dessert. When you RSVP to Cara, please let her know what you intend to bring. Like all PVS events, there will be wine, beer, and soft drinks too. Further, the Jablon pool will be inviting all to jump in. So, bring your suit and a towel if you have a yen to cause a splash. The usual \$3.00 fee will be collected at the door.

In addition to a great summer get-together, we will be talking about the 2016 ski trips i.e., Snowmass, Snowbird, and Madonna di Campiglio. There will be charts, there will be flyers, and there will be enthusiasm. On the attendees' part, there should be questions, there should be excitement, and there should be checkbooks in hand.... A final thought - the ski trips are not for skiers only, the trips are as much fun for nonskiers as for skiers.

We ask those who plan to attend to RSVP by the 7th of July. It is important to know approximately how many will attend so that we can assure that we have the appropriate amount and variety of food. If you miss the RSVP deadline, then we still welcome you, but please call or email Cara (see number and email address below) that you are coming.

Please RSVP by Tuesday, July 7, rcjablon@aol.com or 202-333-5332.

Directions to the home of Cara and Robert Jablon, 4573 Indian Rock Terrace, N.W., Washington, D.C.

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 1½ 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 and follow the directions immediately above from that point on.

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).

Coming Event



Special Event !!!

Join us at the 25th (*not* annual) PVS



STEAK AND SWIM



At the residence and pool of Marianne and Kerry Hines
Saturday, August 15, 2015, at 3pm, Rain or Shine
11019 John Marshall Highway, Delaplane, VA

This is PVS' oldest annual (or almost annual) club event! Celebrate summer at the Hines' beautiful Delaplane, VA home where the livin' is good --- and the steaks - oh my! Limited to 30. Reserve now! Deadline to sign up or cancel: August 7.

BRING: Your own bathing suit and towel and either an **appetizer, salad, or dessert.**

INCLUDED: steaks, baked potatoes and fixings, beverages and lots of fun!!

COST: Approximately \$15 per person.

NOTE: Because of the cost outlay to our hosts, "no-shows" will be responsible for price of steak, potatoes and beverages supplied by our hosts if reservations are not cancelled by August 7.

To sign up, phone Kerry or Marianne 540 364-4810, or email mchines@erols.com to tell them what you'll bring



INTERESTED IN SUMMER SAILING?



If anyone is interested in sailing this summer, we can meet up to go day sailing in Annapolis during the week or on weekends. My sailboat is called the "POCAHONTAS" and is kept on Back Creek in Annapolis. The sailboat is a Pearson Commander that is 26 feet long. I have had this boat for 45 years and have sailed extensively on the Great Lakes and on the Chesapeake Bay.

For anyone interested in sailing, it would be helpful to set up a contact list by e-mail and phone like we have done for local skiing.

THE LOGISTICS:

Sailing depends completely on the weather - we no longer do hurricanes, thunderstorms, and prefer not to start out in the rain. It is usually possible to choose a good day or days at the beginning of the week and to let everyone know what day(s) are suitable (always subject to cancellation if the weather changes).

Learners as well as experienced sailors are welcome. Most of the people who have come sailing with me have not been sailing previously.

I would propose to keep a contact list of interested people and then send out an e-mail notice at the beginning of the week to see who is available and to make the final arrangements.

If interested please send your e-mail address and phone number to: John Smith at johnsmith@juno.com - Phone: 301-299-8376.

Coming Event

Join

Us!



The PVS Jubilee

50 Years of Skiing and Enjoying Life Together

Sunday, November 1, 2015

6 to 10 p.m.

At the Top of the Town

1400 14th Street North, Arlington, Virginia 22209

(Free parking is available)

The Program

Cocktail Hour followed by a Buffet Dinner,

Music and Dancing, and...

Some stories, a few speeches and fun!

The Details

- **Black Tie Optional**
- **Cost:** \$85 per person for this fabulous event!
(\$75 if paid by September 1, 2015)
- **Send payment to:** Nancy McKinley (Registration sheet attached)



PVS Jubilee Registration

Sunday, November 1, 2015

at Top of the Town

1400 14th Street North, Arlington, Virginia 22209

6 to 10 p.m.

Name (s):

Address:

Phone: _____ e-Mail: _____

Number of Reservations: _____

Check, *made out to Potomac Valley Skiers*, enclosed for: _____

(\$85 per person or \$75 if paid by September 1, 2015)

Do you need a ride? _____(yes) _____ (no)

Are you willing to "give" a ride? _____(yes) _____ (no)

NOTE: Arrangements for lodging have been made at the Holiday Inn, 1900 N. Fort Myer Drive, Arlington, VA, under the name of Potomac Valley Skiers. Guests may call 703-807-2000 to make their own arrangements. The hotel is well situated for a quick drive or taxi to the Top of the Town.

Please send registration and check to: Nancy McKinley, 1805 Crystal Drive,
Unit 813, Arlington, VA 22202-4406

SKI TALK – JULY 2015

As you know, when you go on a PVS ski trip, you are asked to fill out an emergency medical form that is kept by the Ski Trip Leader (STL).



If you are injured, the STL can give medical information to the clinic and call your emergency contact person. While this is a good system, the STL may not be

immediately available with this information if you are injured on the slopes. Here are some suggestions about using technology to keep your medical information with you.

Those of you with iPhones have a **Health App** that is standard on iPhones 5 and 6. This app has a Medical ID feature that is most helpful. First, you have to open the Health App and go to the Medical ID section. Fill it out with your name, age, emergency contact information and anything else you think is important. If you have a medical emergency anyone can go to your phone and get this information even if your phone is locked. When you open your screen, you will see the word “Emergency” on the lower left of your screen. When you touch that word, the next screen comes on enabling you to make a phone call (without opening the phone). Also, in the lower left side, you will see “Medical ID.” When you touch Medical ID, the emergency information you put in the phone will open. This will give emergency personnel or anyone who is with you information on your medical conditions and emergency contacts.

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VAIL (December 2015) and ASPEN (February 2016)

***THE BEST OF TIMES SKI CLUB** is going back to the VAIL MARRIOTT MOUNTAIN RESORT – December 8-16, 2015. Lodge room per person, double: \$805.00. Does not include air or lift ticket but does include three happy hours and farewell dinner at the Left Bank plus ski valet! In February 2016, BOT is going to Aspen. See link for more details or call Eileen Fishkin. **Questions and reservations: Eileen Fishkin, 737-617-2438 www.bestoftimeskiclub.org**

If you don't have an iPhone, you might want to explore other emergency apps such as **ICE-BlueButton app** which is free and lets you use your smartphone to store information that



would be helpful if you have some type of medical emergency. Just like the Health App described above, you can include your

doctor's name, emergency contacts, allergies, medications and medical conditions. Emergency responders can access this information by scanning a bar code on the lock screen of your phone.

While this may sound complicated, once you go to your phone and use the apps, you will see how useful they are. Of course, you can always keep your emergency information the old-fashioned way. Just get a 3x5 index card and put your emergency information on it and carry it with you. I would be glad to show you these apps. Catch me at the next meeting and we can discuss it.

We strongly recommend that when you are skiing, you carry your smartphone, medical cards and ID. Also, as soon as you get to the resort, find the Ski Patrol number and put that in your smartphone, in addition to the STL's cell and the number of your hotel.

Rosemary Schwartzbard

2016 SKI TRIP FLYERS IN SEPARATE ATTACHMENT

Members' Corner



By J. David Warthen, Jr.
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Thank You!

To those of you who inquired about Marsha's 2nd knee replacement on 22 June 2015, I express my deepest thanks for your concerns, prayers, and thoughts. She reached 'rock star' status also, by the same PT I had. She was released from the hospital Thursday 25 June.

--J. D. Warthen

Balkan Adventure:

In our ongoing search for places we've not explored, Ray and I took a 17-day tour with Road Scholar to five of the countries that used to be Yugoslavia: Montenegro, Croatia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Serbia, and Slovenia. Lectures, tours and just strolling around made up our sojourn to this gorgeous part of the world that has been beset by so much turmoil. The beauty of this region, the rugged mountains, lush rolling hills and the spectacular scenery along the Adriatic coast made this a trip to remember.

Along with the tremendous beauty, everywhere are signs of the conflicts over the centuries. The most recent conflict, of course, was in the 1990s – a time that horrified the world with its bombing of historic sites including the ancient walled city of Dubrovnik and the terrifying murders and "ethnic cleansing" that took place in the region. We found the cross-country ethnic divisions complicated and the recently created nations to be a work in progress and too new to definitively declare what the future holds for these people who've seen so much fighting. Only Slovenia was spared most of the latest war.

Yet, everyone we met in the whole region was friendly, and we felt very welcome - especially as tourism is a way out of the recent worldwide economic insecurity. Each country is proud of its heritage and its famous sights. As well it should be – the spectacular coastline of Croatia and mountainous Montenegro (and the few miles belonging to Bosnia-Herzegovina) call out for more time by the Caribbean-blue water of the Adriatic. (Maybe next trip?) In the town of Split the Roman buildings are exquisite and still lived in and enjoyed by locals and tourists alike. In the evenings, we sat outside in a square dominated by ancient buildings created by the Roman Diocletian as we sipped wine and

listened to a local guitarist play... Crosby Stills and Nash – what a kick!

In Bosnia-Herzegovina, the famous town of Mostar with its 600-year old Ottoman bridge is a mecca for tourists (a lot of tourists!) even though the original now-meticulously-restored bridge was destroyed during what the locals all call "the last war." After the long siege against the little town, parks have been turned into cemeteries with row after row of headstones with dates all, sadly, ending in 1992 and 1993. In the lush rolling countryside, we saw many dozens of burned-out houses that had been abandoned by those driven out during the ethnic strife. Neighbor was often pitted against neighbor and only sometimes have those relationships been repaired and families returned.

In Sarajevo (as well as in Belgrade and other cities) buildings with bullet holes remain on many street corners and a visit to the famous mile-long supply tunnel dug by citizens under the Sarajevo airport gave us a bit of an appreciation for the desperation felt by those who experienced months of bombing and deprivation. From older times, we saw the corner where Archduke Ferdinand was shot, setting off the series of events that led to the long and bloody WWI.

In Zagreb we enjoyed a thrilling symphony concert in a gorgeous new hall, and in Slovenia we wandered the always-beautiful old town of Ljubljana. While in Croatia we crept perilously along on (never-in-the-litigious-USA!) narrow, water-soaked planks perched on the edges of numerous spectacular lakes and waterfalls of the World Heritage Site Plitvice Lakes.

The wines and beers of the region were uniformly good and the comfortable, un-fussy food always delicious whether Italian (a result of centuries-old takeover by Italy) and seafood along the coast or *cevapcici* (beef and pork "fingers"), potatoes and silky soups inland.

Altogether this trip was fascinating on so many levels – while we learned about the ancient and recent conflicts, we loved the unparalleled sea views and countryside and the welcoming, friendly people who have seen so much and yet look forward to the future. We highly recommend this area for your next adventure!

Pics on next page.

--Nancy McKinley

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*Ray & Nancy in the
Balkans*



*A beautiful seaside
town in the Balkans*

Past Event

PVS June 16, 2015 Meeting

At the Home of Julie Perlman

As skiers have their skills in navigation tested when mountain conditions and terrain change quickly, many of us PVSers had our navigation skills tested on the drive to the June PVS meeting. The miles-long diversion around the accident at the intersection of Brickyard Road and MacArthur Boulevard offered us an opportunity to view the beauty of the Great Falls area and Old Angler's Inn, and to recall "walking" along the nearby Billy Goat Trail. After the scenic detour, we arrived a few minutes later than planned at the manicured



Dorothy and Ron Baum.

We first enjoyed a delicious assortment of food and diverse beverages. The challenge of selecting what to eat and drink was similar to the challenge of selecting which runs to ski on a blue-sky powder day on the slopes. But, as PVSers, we handle both challenges well.

After we chatted and emptied the food trays, Vice President Bob Kramer creatively called the meeting to order with a well-tuned wine bottle. Bob, have you considered a solo performance with one of our local symphony orchestras or rock bands? Strathmore is waiting. Our president, Carolyn DeVilbiss, sent her regrets from France. After the two guests were introduced, Ray McKinley's booming voice announced upcoming events and

home of our hostess, Julie Perlman. Bob Kramer, Julie's able co-host, greeted us as we signed in.

Attendees included 30 PVS members and two guests,



Rosemary Schwartzbard directed our attention to next season's ski trips. The 2016 ski trip leaders, Marianne Sponis, Mike and Eloise Strand, and Inge Lesjak, briefly summarized their trips to Snowmass, Snowbird, and Madonna di Campiglio,

respectively. Also announced were Best of Times trips to Vail in December 2015 and Aspen in February 2016. It was announced that Summer Fest would be held at the home of Cara and Bob Jablon on Saturday, July 11, at 3:00pm. At that event, the ski trips will be discussed in greater detail and all will have an opportunity to sign up for a trip.

Other events that were announced were the annual 4th of July golf outing in Massanutten hosted by the Lesjaks and the "almost" annual August 15 Steak & Swim in Delaplane, VA, hosted by the Hines. "Captain" John Smith explained that he was willing to organize summer sailing much like local winter skiing is organized. For more information about all of these events, see their dedicated articles in this TOOT.

Rosemary spoke about the very important upcoming event, the club's Golden Jubilee Gala, on November 1, 2015. The event will be black tie optional and will include appetizers, a buffet dinner, an open bar, and a DJ. It will be held at The Top of the Town in Arlington, VA, which boasts of fantastic views of Washington. Rosemary requested that members sign up early.



THE KNEE

By Ray McKinley
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It's the middle of ski season. Whoopee! Yup, that's correct. It just depends on where you are. In the Southern Hemisphere it's now the equivalent of early February. Ski season is now well underway. So let's move way south to Chile or **Knee** Zealand and cut some new moguls!

We are certainly quixotic. Six months ago we were ruing winter. Boston had a deep freeze with three 50+” snow storms and we had a record snow season for the Washington DC area. We longed for non-icy pavements and warm temperatures. Now, it's summer. Cold became warm. Warm became hot; and the dreaded “Bermuda High” has appeared. June had 17 days over 90 deg.—compared to 2 days last year, and it made it to 100 deg twice. We've had lots of hot, humid, hazy days followed by hot, humid nights.

As you know, [Bill Sweeney](#), now living in Indianapolis has esophageal cancer. According to his wife, [Bonnie](#), [Bill](#) has completed 5/6 weeks of treatment, pretty much maintained his weight, and is working out and walking 1-2 miles/day. If you go to [CarePages.com](#) and [Detour](#) (his site for his cancelled plans to circumnavigate the eastern US), you'll see his "Off piste musings."

The June meeting was run by Veep [Bob Kramer](#), as President [Carolyn DeVilbiss](#) and hubby [Dave](#) were on a river cruise in Europe and Asia. Our June meeting was held at the beautifully landscaped Potomac home of [Julie Perlman](#). Aside from being an accomplished skier, [Julie](#) is also an active member of the Potomac Village Garden Club. She showed us the ongoing landscaping effort the garden club has done at the Potomac Library. Kneat!

This is the time of year when many of us are traveling. [Dick and Rosemary Schwartzbard](#) are on a bike and barge tour in the Baltic. The **Knee** will not further comment on the “coincidence” that the [Schwartzbards'](#) trip was arranged suddenly after [Dick](#) took over as the PVS Treasurer.

[Susan and David Payne](#) have escaped from the heat of their Florida digs to their second home in northwest Pennsylvania for the summer. There they are enjoying hiking and touring in the hills. Also the **Knee** and [Nancy](#) will soon be off with friends on a twelve-person chartered barge trip on the waterways of Southern France. We plan to do

some serious wine drinking and eating (with an open bar and on-board, gourmet meals prepared by the barge's full time chef)



Wine tasting in southern France

It's June, so we are now a mere six months away from what may be a monumental ski event. That's right! We will soon mark the 225th ankneeverary of the death of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. And the **Knee** expects the Austrians to make a big deal of it—they do use any excuse for a celebration. From what I've read, WAM (as I'm wont to call him) wasn't much of a skier; but that shouldn't deter the Austrians. Expect to see a new line of Mozart products (including skis “A Symphony on Snow - The Perfect Marriage of Figaro and Powder”), perhaps with WAM's profile on the tip.

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

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

We all missed a ukneeque chance for late season skiing according to [Marvin Hass](#). For the first time, the top of Aspen Mountain opened for skiing on Memorial Day weekend. This was after four feet of snow since closing for the season; 90 acres were open on the mountain.

[Mary Ward](#) and [Jim Slack](#) had been planning a cruise to the eastern Mediterranean. But, with stops in places like Tunisia, and Egypt, it somehow just didn't seem the right year for that itinerary! So [Jim](#) and [Mary](#) are going to the Grand Canyon—where no one has been overthrown (or thrown over!).

PVS Calendar 2015:



- Jul 04 Sat Woodstone Meadows Golf Course
Massanutten, VA, Tee Time-10:00 AM
- Jul 11 Sat Summer Fest "all-trips-party" Jablons, DC 3:00 PM
- Aug 15 Sat Steak & Swim at Kerry & Marianne Hines, Delaplane, VA, 3:00 PM
- Aug 25 Tue ExCom Meeting, 7:30 PM, Telephonic
- Nov 01 Sun PVS Golden Jubilee at Top of the Town, Arlington, VA, 6-10:00 PM,
<http://topofthetown.net>

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 Skierswww.potomacvalleyski.org
PVS Website login: Username = Member, member, or MEMBER; Password = TOOT
- BRSC Sanctioned Tripswww.skicouncil.com/tripsbydate.htm
- DC Ski Online Newswww.dcski.com
- Best of Times Ski Clubwww.bestoftimeskiclub.org >Ski Trips

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Potomac Valley Skiers

2016 Snowmass, Colorado Ski Trip

Wednesday, January 13 to Wednesday, January 20

Trip Details

We will again be staying [slope-side](#) at our favorite [Snowmass Mountain Chalet \(SMC\)](#), just below the Snowmass Mall and from where you can ski directly to the slopes.

The total package includes: United Airlines from Dulles to Chicago and Chicago to Aspen and return via Denver 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; an "après-ski" party; and a farewell group dinner to celebrate our trip. Trip insurance is available through Encompasse Tours and is [highly suggested](#). Additional nights at Snowmass are an option. Air flight changes can be accommodated for a \$25 fee, based on airline availability, and will be quoted on an individual basis. For trail information, please check www.aspensnowmass.com

<u>Costs:</u>		<u>Price</u>
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 numerous changes in United schedules):

Jan. 13: United flight at 6:00 AM Dulles to Chicago (arrive at 7:13 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 10:25 AM to Dulles (arrive 10:25 AM)).

Please check United Airlines website for baggage requirements and fees (www.united.com).

Payment Schedule

\$300 deposit is due with application.

Second payment of \$750 is due **August 15th.**

Final payment is due **September 15.**

"Land only" price includes a surcharge to cover costs.

To sign up: Please send

(1) the [application form](#) -- one per person or one per couple residing at the same address.

(2) a [deposit of \\$300 per person](#) and/or 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 2015](#) on the check memo line).

For more info, 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.



[The Snowmass Mountain Chalet \(www.mountainchalet.com\)](http://www.mountainchalet.com)

The Snowmass Mountain Chalet is an independent lodge, managed on-site, with easy access to the slopes. Each of the 64 rooms has either 2 queen beds or 1 king bed, depending on availability. All rooms have the basics: hair dryer, TV, small refrigerator, etc. The lodge has a nice lounge on the main floor with chairs, game tables, fireplace, and large windows overlooking the slopes. There is an elevator, exercise room, outdoor pool, a hot tub and laundry facilities. A full breakfast is served family style each morning. A complimentary soup lunch is served from noon to 1:30 p.m. The lodge has no restaurant for dinner. However, the Snowmass Mall, on the level above, and hotel area below (via the small gondolas) have diverse restaurants at all price levels. Bus service stops are nearby for trips to a nearby grocery store, into the town of Aspen, to other Aspen ski areas, and to Glenwood Springs.

Trip Insurance

Trip insurance is recommended. Travel Guard is available through our travel agent, Encompasse Tours at Encompasse.com. (The insurance link will connect you to Travel Guard.) The insurance provides coverage for accident, illness, injury, or death to attendee or immediate family member and will refund all expenses associated with PVS Snowmass 2016 in these circumstances alone. There are several options available, depending on your situation. Please read carefully before choosing. **And, be sure to save all receipts concerning your trip!**

Cancellation Policy and Fees

If it becomes necessary for you to cancel your trip, the trip leaders will try to minimize your losses, although some fees are mandated by the airline, hotel and tour operator. All cancellations must be in writing. [We strongly urge you to purchase trip insurance see above](#)).

NOTE: Name changes and itinerary changes will incur additional fees after ticketing of airline seats. Therefore, please take the time to ensure the information you provide is correct, and take note of deadline dates!

Cancellation fees are as follows: *Dates and costs are consistent with requirements and penalties imposed by vendors per contracted agreements.* LAND: \$300 after September 28 until November 30; after that, cost is entirely non-refundable. AIR: \$100 after November 1. Tickets will be issued by November 14. Name or itinerary changes after that will cost: \$100 up to 8 days prior to departure: \$300 if 7 days before departure. Tickets are non-refundable and non-transferrable once issued.

If you are a “single” participant requesting space on a PVS-endorsed ski trip and need a roommate, we recommend that each of you purchase insurance to cover both of you if one of the roommates cancels. Otherwise, you will be offered the choice of one of the following three options:

- 1) [Helping the trip leader find a replacement trip participant who will fill the space vacated; **or**](#)
- 2) [Staying on the ski trip by paying the “single supplement” **or**](#)
- 3) [Canceling from the ski trip and paying all currently due penalties.](#)

APPLICATION FORM

Potomac Valley Skiers Trip to Snowmass, Colorado

January 13-20, 2016

Name (List both names if a couple) as on your Official ID:

_____ Date of Birth _____

_____ Date of Birth _____

Address: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

Email: _____

Emergency Contact and Phone: _____

NOTE: Please let trip leader know of any special medical issues that may affect your trip.

Roommate (if a separate person) - Official name as on ID: _____

Bedding choice (if available): _____ 1 king or _____ 2 queens

		<u>Price per person</u>
Full Snowmass Package		\$2045
Land only	subtract	\$ 525
Single Supplement	add	\$ 935
Non-skiers	subtract	\$ 287
Add extra ski days	add	\$ 79/each day

Please check all appropriate spaces:

Cost (will be filled in by trip leader):

____ Total package with standard air _____

____ or alternate air (different city or dates) _____

____ or land only _____

____ single supplement _____

____ non-skier _____

____ extra day(s) of skiing? _____ days @ \$79/day: _____

Total price of trip (without extra nights at SMC) \$ _____

Additional nights at SMC: yes _____ no _____ if yes, what dates? _____

Additional comments? _____

Potomac Valley Skiers

2016 Snowbird, Utah Ski Trip

Saturday January 30 to Saturday February 6



Trip Details:

We will be staying at CLIFF LODGE with updated rooms and modern facilities where you can ski-out/ski-in. Check the website at www.snowbird.com for details on the lodge, dining, ski conditions, Cliff Spa, and more. The total package cost is \$1,970 per person including air travel (option for ground-only package); 7 nights lodging (double occupancy) two queen beds; 4 dinners (PVS; BRSC; Cliff Lodge); lift tickets for 6 days of skiing; bus transportation to and from the Salt Lake City airport (29 miles away from Snowbird); non-ski \$270 Cliff Spa credit; Apres Ski; and pre-trip party. This is a Blue Ridge Ski Council trip that should be very popular. We have an initial allocation of 10 rooms so we urge your prompt consideration.

Costs:

Full Snowbird Package: \$1,970 Per-Person Double Occupancy
Land Only: \$1,420 Per-Person
Alta Ski Upgrade: \$115
Single Supplement: \$750

Airline Schedule Possibilities (subject to change in United or Delta schedules)

Jan 30:

Dulles (IAD) 7:15 AM to Salt Lake City (SLC) 9:50 AM
Dulles (IAD) 9:45 AM to Atlanta (ATL); 12:10 PM Atlanta to Salt Lake City 2:10 PM
Dulles (IAD) 8:30 AM to Denver (DEN); 11:25 AM Denver to Salt Lake City 12:46 PM
Other potential departures from Reagan (DCA); Baltimore (BWI); Norfolk (ORF); and Richmond (RIC)

Feb 6:

Salt Lake City 4:45 PM to Dulles 10:51 PM
Salt Lake City 8:30 AM to Atlanta 2:13 PM; 4:05 Atlanta to Dulles 5:51 PM
Salt Lake City 9:20 AM to Denver 10:50 AM; 11:30 Denver to Dulles 4:40 PM
Salt Lake City 8:30 AM to Atlanta 2:13 PM; 3:20 Atlanta to Reagan 5:10 PM

Payment Schedule

\$250 deposit per-person is due with application. Full per-person payment schedule:

	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

To sign up send:

1. Application Form (one per person or one per couple staying at the same address.
2. Deposit of \$250 per person payable to Michael Strand (note in memo line: "Snowbird 2016)
3. Signed Waiver of Liability Agreement by each individual taking the trip.

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

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

PVS – Snowbird Utah Trip
Jan 30 to Feb 6, 2016

Trip Insurance

Trip insurance is recommended. Travel Guard is available directly at www.travelguard.com. The insurance provides coverage for accident, illness, injury, or death to attendees or immediate family members and will refund all expenses associated with PVS Snowbird 2016 in these circumstances alone. There are several options available, depending on your situation. Please read carefully before choosing.

NOTE: Please let trip leader know of any special medical issues which may affect your trip.

Cancellation Policy

If it becomes necessary for you to cancel your trip, the trip leaders will try to minimize your losses, although some fees are mandated by the airline, hotel and tour operator. All cancellations must be in writing. We strongly urge you to purchase trip insurance. (see above)

NOTE: Name changes and itinerary changes will incur additional fees after ticketing of airline seats. The name you print on your application should correspond to your photo ID.

Cancellation Fees

- \$25 per person if cancellation is after Sept 1 but before Nov 1.
- \$300 per person if cancellation is after Nov 1 but before Dec 1.
- All land payments if cancellation is after Dec 1.
- Air payments are cancellable up to November 15.

Single Participants

If you are a single participant and looking for a roommate the trip leaders will do their best to match you with another to avoid your paying the \$750 single supplement fee. We do recommend that each paired participant purchase trip insurance that includes the \$750 potential liability.

Your Own Air Arrangements:

If you make your own air transportation arrangements, ground transportation from the SLC Airport to the Cliff Lodge will be available by bus up until 12:00 noon on January 30.

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 Venice + 7 days Madonna | \$2,950 |
| 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.

Pre-trip to Venice includes 3 nights at HOTEL PESARO PALACE**** including fabulous breakfast daily. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1OJggicu5to> located at the Grand Canal with easy access to tourist attractions, train station and bus terminal, either on foot or by using the regular water bus or Vaporetto.

Post-trip to Venice - 1 night or 3 nights at HOTEL PLAZA in mainland *Venice-Mestre* **** incl. breakfast. **This hotel is located across from bus- and train station with 10 minute ride 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:

Depart	AF 055	Dep Washington Dulles Int.	6:50 PM	Arr Paris, Charles de Gaulle	8:25 AM
	AF 1426	Dep Paris Charles de Gaulle	10:15 AM	Arr Venice, Marco Polo	11:55 AM
Return	AF 1127	Dep Venice, Marco Polo	9:55 AM	Arr Paris, Charles de Gaulle	11:45 AM
	AF 054	Dep Paris, Charles de Gaulle	1:45 PM	Arr Washington Dulles Int.	4:00 PM

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 check for \$300 deposit amount to Inge Lesjak and mail to Inge Lesjak, 8123 Kingsview Ct., Springfield, VA 22152 **no later than 5 July 2015** or send email to Lesjak.inge@gmail.com or call 703-869-7248 c for more detailed information.

PVS TRIP SIGN UP FORM for the 2016 BRSC Eurofest

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|--------------------------------|--|---------|--------------------------|
| A. February 26 - March 6, 2016 | 7 days Madonna + last night in Venice | \$2,550 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| B. February 23 - March 5, 2016 | 3 days Venice + 7 days Madonna | \$2,950 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| C. February 26 - March 8, 2016 | 7 days Madonna + 3 days in Venice-Mestre | \$2,800 | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Member of PVS ___ Member of other BRSC club ___ Would like to join PVS ___

Name (same as on passport): _____ Passport No.*: _____

Address: _____

Date of Birth*: _____ Place*: _____ Tel #: _____ E-mail _____

Emergency Contact Information. Name: _____ Tel #: _____

Address: _____ Relationship: _____

!!! RECOMMENDATIONS FOR EMERGENCIES: 1. Become more familiar with apps on smart phones such as ICE-BlueButton app where you can carry medical information on your phone. 2. Add local ski patrol number on phone. 3. Carry medical insurance cards, ID and Emergency Information with you when you ski; plus a list with any medical conditions, allergies and important medications!!!

Preferred Lodging: Single Room (surcharge applies) ___ Double Occupancy/Bed Type: king-size ___ or 2 beds ___

Skiing Ability: Beginner ___ Intermediate ___ Advanced ___ Non-Skier ___

Options: Rentals ___ Lessons ___ 5-Day Lift Pass ___ 6-Day Lift Pass ___ Other: _____

**RELEASE, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY
AGREEMENT PERTAINING TO ALL SKI TRIPS**

(1) I acknowledge that there are inherent risks in the sport of skiing and other sports or activities in which I might participate during this trip, and in the process of traveling. There may be bodily injury, illness, accident, death, property loss or damage, and unanticipated additional costs or other economic losses. I fully and willingly accept the responsibility and liability for all such risks, dangers, costs, and losses.

(2) I agree not to sue or hold responsible the trip leaders, Potomac Valley Skiers, Inc. (hereafter PVS), its officers and members of the Executive Committee, or its members for: (1) any accident, personal injury, illness, or death occurring to me or to any other trip participant, arising directly or indirectly from this trip; (2) any loss of deposit or payment, any other property or economic loss, or unanticipated additional costs, delay, or change of itinerary arising out of any action or inaction of any hotel, airline, tour operator, land transportation operator, or other entity or person providing services on this trip; and (3) any trip cancellation, delay, early termination or extension due to acts of God, forces of nature, or other force majeure events or situations. I willingly and with full knowledge assume these risks.

(3) I understand and agree that the trip leaders, and the tour operators or agents with whom the trip leaders have contracted, have the right to substitute accommodations of similar or better quality, to change transportation arrangements and providers, and to modify other services. In the event of such changes, no refund or credit will be provided if the accommodations, transportation, or services are of comparable or better quality and cover the same approximate time period.

(4) I agree that I am not entitled to a credit or refund for any included trip service that is not used by me.

I have read and I fully understand this "Release, Assumption of Risk, and Waiver of Liability Agreement," the final trip flyer, and the trip application, and I agree to all of the specified terms and conditions.

Signature of Participant 1: _____ Date _____

Printed Name of Participant 1: _____

Signature of Participant 2 (if any): _____ Date _____

Printed Name of Participant 2: _____

Trip Location: _____ **Dates of Trip** _____

Address:

Home Phone: _____ Other Phone: _____

Email Address:

Roommate (if not listed above) _____