

Greetings PVS Members and Applicants,

Well, this has to be the first Memorial Day vacation that I can remember in years where it's been so warm. Do you, like me, remember all those cool, rainy, windy Memorial Day Beach/Family Get-Aways where there was nothing to do but eat boardwalk fries and fudge, try to play miniature golf, go bowling, or play tennis, board games, or cards ---but with no Dave DeVilbiss? Hopefully, you were somewhere enjoying these three warm lazy days of "summer" that just seemed to slip into the Washington area from nowhere.

So it's a little hard to think skiing maybe, but you could still send in your deposit for either Steamboat or Snowmass and know that you reserved your spot. Attend the All Trips Party on July 17^{th} to find out about these and the December Keystone trip. You could also be thinking about enjoying a nice cool Finger Lakes wine vacation with gourmet dining and daily wine tasting, including a tasting at the first bonded winery in the US. Or, consider jumping on a Segway to tour the National Harbor the end of June or taking a boat ride from Annapolis to tour three lighthouses of the Chesapeake Bay in August. Read on for more details and how to sign up – it is all inside.

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Please remember to:

- 1. Ask at least one person/couple you know to come to one of our monthly meetings or events to possibly join
- 2. Volunteer to lead or help with an activity, event or trip
- 3. Open up your home for a monthly meeting or activity.

In particular, we need a leader/chair person for our 45th Anniversary Committee. The place, date and time have already been arranged, and we have some committee members working on ideas. We need a master organizer. If you are interested please contact me personally at 301 704-4999.

See you all at the All Trips Party!

Fondly,



Ruth Powers' home McLean, VA Tuesday, June 15 7:30 PM



Directions

Ruth Powers 7580 Potomac Fall Road McLean, VA 22102

703-821-2431



From Beltway, take Exit 44 (Georgetown Pike, Rte. 193). Go west on Georgetown Pike for one mile, turn right on Potomac River Road (just after crossing small stone bridgethe Betty Cooke Memorial Bridge). Entrance wall says Potomac Overlook Subdivision. Go to end of Potomac River Road (about 1/2 mile) and turn right on Potomac Fall Road. No. 7580 is first house on the left after turn. Driveway goes down hill to the house.

You might want to bring a flashlight to help find your way up the driveway after dark.

New User Names and Passwords for the PVS Web Site



mportant PVS maintains a web site at www.potomacvalleyskiers.org. Most of the content of the web site is available without logging in. However, the Toot newsletter and the ExCom minutes require a login. The user name is the name as listed in the PVS roster (up to 12 characters) while the password is the first 8 characters of the email address. The login information has not been updated for several years even though many members have new email addresses. A few members have changed some part of their name. The May 1, 2010 roster will be used to update all user names and passwords on June 15. You will probably receive an email notice if you are affected by this change.

There is no way for a member to make on-line changes to his or her password or user name. The webmasters (Dave Lerner and Ruth Powers) can make changes if you really want a change. Please contact the webmasters by email at: webmaster@pvskiers.org if you have any problems using the web site.



Capital Golden Skiers/ Potomac Valley Skiers Luncheon – Saturday, June 12 Normandie Farm Restaurant 10710 Falls Rd., Potomac, MD E-mail or call Dottie Villers by Sunday 6 June: dottievillers@yahoo.com 703-476-9259



Directions: From Northern Virginia: take Beltway (495) to River Rd. (Exit 39). Follow River Rd. west toward Potomac for about 3.3 miles. Turn right on Falls Rd. (Rt. 189) and go about 0.8 mile. After crossing intersection of Falls Rd. and Democracy Blvd, when you see Bullis School grounds on the right, prepare to turn LEFT into the restaurant parking lot.

From Maryland areas near Rt. 270: take I-270 to Democracy Blvd. exit. Go west on Democracy Blvd. for 3.4 miles and turn right on Falls Rd. (Rt. 189). Go 0.3 mile and, when you see Bullis School grounds on the right, prepare to turn LEFT into parking lot.

From DC: take River Rd. past the Beltway and follow Northern Virginia directions above.

Past Event

May Meeting at the Ufholz's

Gee, it was good to see them --- Eugenia and Phil. They are as great as always and their daughter, Christina, is well into her college career. I remember when she was born. Lu Beale did a special drawing in honor of her for the Toot.

A good sized crowd came to enjoy Eugenia's traditional recipes, as well as some good ole' favorites, and Phil's great choice of wines and beer.

Sharon conducted her first meeting as President with her admirable composure and good humor. Rosemary announced our three (3) approved ski trips, then we heard more detail about them. The line-up of events is filling in with NEW ideas, and Ray encouraged members to be creative with ideas. This metropolitan area does NOT run out of fun/educational/inspiring things to do.



Welcome to baby Christian Ufhelz February 1988

Thanks, Ufholz's for sharing your home.



Report on BRSC MEETING—SOLOMONS ISLAND MAY 15-16

Ski Council The Blue Ridge Ski Council (BRSC) is an organization of member ski clubs throughout the Metropolitan area, Richmond and Virginia Beach. BRSC sanctions ski trips that member clubs have opened to skiers from all the other BRSC clubs. It also sponsors two ski trips each year. In 2011 its Western Carnival will be held at Park City, February 5, and Eurofest in the Aosta Valley, Italy, February 25. You may want to peruse the website which can be accessed through our own website: pvskiers.org then click onto BRSC.

BRSC holds meetings twice a year. The spring meeting was held at Solomons Island on May 16. Attending were Rosemary Schwartzbard, Sharon Mulholland and Dick Comerford. There was also an informal luncheon meeting held on May 15, which Rosemary and Dick Schwartzbard attended. During the informal meeting discussion focused on how clubs are communicating with their members. Most clubs are now primarily electronic and trying to get away from "snail mail" which is expensive and inefficient.

The formal meeting on Sunday covered discussions on the following: the importance of having competent trip leaders who are able to handle injured members, airline delays and cancellations. This past winter was a challenge for many clubs because of these matters.

In order to get trips filled many clubs are getting trips sanctioned by BRSC as soon as they are approved rather than delaying in order to give their own club members priority.

For 2012 the Western Carnival will be either Snowmass or Vail. Eurofest will be either Andorra or La Plagne, France. Final selections will be decided at the fall meeting.

A new president was elected: Pat Crowley from the Richmond Ski Club.

The fall meeting will be Oct. 17 at Maggiano's at Tysons Corner.

Coming Events

Let's Go "Segwaying" Again Optional Lunch to Follow Monday, June 28, 2010 At National Harbor, MD 10:00 AM

If you missed our previous Segway tours, now is your chance to join in the fun of riding these easy-to-ride machines. We will meet at National Harbor for individual instruction. No one has had a bit of trouble riding a Segway on previous tours!

In smaller groups, we will tour National Harbor, go by Smoot Cove, over

Rosalie Island, and then over the Wilson Bridge via its 12 ft. wide bike path. We will then tour historic Old Town Alexandria. Our guides will be explaining the unique history of the area as we tour. Upon return ca. 12:30, those who wish will have lunch at *McCormick & Schmick's* at the Harbor.

The tour price is \$68.25. Lunch is extra. We are limited to 20 riders and payment is due by June 19th. In case of rain, the tour will be Tues. July 6. Those who are unable to make the rain date will get a full refund. Tour info can be found at <u>www.harborsegs.com</u>.

Call **Barbara Leonhardt at 301-963-8111 or cell at 301-996-2338** for more info or to sign up for the tour and/or lunch. <u>Reservations for lunch only are also accepted.</u>

Chesapeake Bay Lighthouses Cruise Monday, Aug. 23, 2010 11:15 AM - 2:15 PM

We're going cruising on the Chesapeake Bay on a high-speed catamaran for a 3 hr. tour that takes us under the Bay Bridges and on to see the Sandy Point Shoal,

Baltimore Harbor and Thomas Point Lighthouses. A "lighthouse keeper" on board will keep us entertained and informed. More info is at: <u>www.watermarkcruises.com/cruisesBayLighthouse.htm</u>. We will board the cruise at 10:45 AM at the Annapolis City Dock. Bring your lunch if you wish; drinks will be available to buy. Call **Barbara Leonhardt at 301-963-8111 (home) or 301-996-2338 (cell)** or email to: <u>fbleonhardt@starpower.net</u> if you wish to join us. Cost is \$40/person and pre-payment and reservations are required. Total is due by Aug. 10.

Saturday evening, November 6, 2010

Save the date. This special event will be held at the **Bolger Center in Potomac**, Maryland and will involve a cocktail party, dinner, and special program. It is a premier event and an occasion where you might be able to see some of your fellow PVSers in their (optional) formal attire. Those wishing to stay overnight at the Bolger Center will be able to do so at a special rate.









PVS Finger Lakes Extravaganza 2010

Thursday, August 26, 2010 – Sunday, August 29, 2010

Enjoy the beautiful Finger Lakes Wine Country with your hosts and vintners David & Susan Payne. Act now as participation is Limited to 20 participants!!

The total package is \$300 per person. It includes:

- Visits to 8 wineries and distilleries
- A behind the scenes tour of a vineyard and winery
- Two (2) group dinners and two (2) group lunches
- Chartered bus transportation to wineries/distilleries and meals
- A boat excursion on Seneca Lake with refreshments

The two items below are not included in the package. Participants will make their own arrangements for:

- Transportation to and from Watkins Glen
- Lodging: After submitting a deposit, you will be provided with a list of inns/B&Bs located in the Watkins Glen area. Three (3) nights (August 26, 27, 28) lodging is estimated at \$210 - \$300 per person (based on double occupancy, including tax on the B&B or inn selected). B&B list will be provided after deposit is received.

For more info and to get an application, call Susan Payne at 607-727-1190 or e-mail her at vineyard100@frontiernet.net. You can also send your \$100 deposit payable to: Susan Payne (put PVS FLWC 2010 on the memo line) and mail to: Susan Payne at 5598 Dutch Street, Dundee, NY 14837.

Full flyers in July Toot Ski Trips



Keystone



Wedel Week - A good relaxing way to start the new ski season

At Keystone, Colorado you'll find everything that makes a perfect vacation all in one place. From lodging, dining and activities. Keystone offers great skiing on 3 mountains, along with unique activities like night skiing, KAT snow cat skiing, dog sledding, and dinner sleigh rides. Accommodations:

River Run Village is the most popular place to stay at Keystone. With great shopping, dining, nightlife, swimming pools and even a Starbucks close by, these units are in a perfect location for those who want to be close to the slopes and in the middle of the action. From River Run, you have a short walk to the River Run Gondola and the Summit Express lift. The accommodations in River Run are all newly designed, mountain-theme suites. The 2 bedroom condominiums have a living room, kitchen and bedrooms that have either a king size bed or twin beds (we can decide configuration later-there is sufficient inventory).

Included in cost:

- Lodging at the River Run Deluxe Condominiums •
- Dailv Breakfast •
- Three Dinners Wolf Rock Steak House, Summit Seafood Company, and Der Fondue . Chessel at Keystone Mountain at the top of North Peak (with Bavarian Dancing)
- Private Après ski in Trip Leader's Room •
- Transportation to Keystone via Colorado Mountain Express
- NOT included in the cost:
- Ski tickets Ski 4 Packs (4 days) for Keystone were sold last year for \$139. Ski 4 Packs at Copper Mountain were \$ 129.
- Airfare Note: Southwest now flies from Dulles to Denver non-stop Cost: \$825.

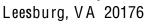
Contact me if interested: Dick Comerford(H) 703-777-9374 (C) 571-426-3098

Send \$220 deposit to me - memo on check should say "Keystone 2011" 307 Lounsbury Ct dick.comerford@verizon.net















Early Alert! PVS returns to our "Old Faithful" Colorado ski resort with reduced pricing in 2011. We will again stay at Snowmass Mountain Chalet with its ski-in ski-out convenience, the welcoming staff, and the many amenities of the Aspen environ. Join us for this PVS favorite!

Check out the lower rates this year!

Full package, including air: \$1938 Land only: \$1494 Single Supplement: +\$886

- Snowmass offers the creme de la creme of ski-in ski-out experience with direct access to 3,100 acres of slope-side skiing just outside the door. The skiing terrain totals more than 5,000 acres with interchangeable lift tickets and free bus service to Aspen Highlands, Ajax Mountain, and Buttermilk ski areas.
- Slopeside lodging at Snowmass Mountain Chalet includes a daily family-style hot breakfast and soup lunch. greatly appreciated by trip participants and other guests, many of whom return year after year. The reunions in the hot tub guickly refresh the memories. The spacious, welcoming lobby with oversized stone fireplace. flat screen TV and card table for "Dave's" games also provides the setting for the weekly apres-ski party given by the hotel.
- The trip will include group dinners, our own apres-ski parties, games, and other activities available in the Aspen environs. Many participants take a day off to "do" the town of Aspen. Historical restaurants and hotels, shops with the Western flair including consignments (just ask Rosemary and Eloise about the deals) nightly live music, opera house theater and other cultural activities can be included in your city tour.

Carolyn at 703-370-4865 (Carolyn.maurer@verizon.net)

Sharon at 301-330-2953 (shank@mris.com)

To lock in your reservation, send deposit (fully refundable until Aug. 1) of \$250 per person to:

Carolyn DeVilbiss 4508 Peacock Ave. Alexandria VA 22304 (NOTE "PVS 2011" on the memo line)

www.mountainchalet.com www.aspensnowmass.com









Now that all old editions of the Toot are on line you can read through them and find gems like these to remind you of skiing and PVS in bygone days.

From March 1966: "Our March 26 trip to Manchester, VT., is shaping up. The consensus favors a twoday trip. We depart Friday night and return Sunday eve giving us two full days of skiing. Bus fare will approximate \$25 round trip. Accommodations at the Worthy Inn include lodging, two breakfasts and one dinner for \$12.50 plus \$1.25 (tip) plus \$.37 (room and meal tax). Thus the whole trip will cost approximately \$40. Thus far we have 34 signups for a 38 passenger bus."

The November, 1966, Toot has a lengthy and interesting article predicting what skiing will be like in the George Orwellian year of 1984. Perhaps the most startling prediction is that

"many PVSers will be past 40."

Steamboat Springs

February 17-23, 2011



The <u>Potomac Valley Skiers</u> invites you to attend a week of skiing in Steamboat Springs, Colorado. <u>Steamboat Springs, Ski Town USA</u>, has a base elevation of 6900 feet, ideal for anyone who has difficulty adapting to high altitude (sleeping below 7500 feet keeps the headaches away).

Besides offering 2965 acres of trails and glades with a large variety for all levels of downhill skiers, Steamboat has a wealth of other activities. These activities include cross-country skiing, snowshoe tours, snowmobile tours, ice skating, soaking in the natural mineral hot springs, winter fly fishing, the winter driving school center, hot balloon rides, winter horseback riding, dinner sleigh rides, day spas and shopping in Steamboat Springs.

ACCOMMODATIONS: The STEAMBOAT GRAND is 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. Restaurants/cafes in the hotel: The Cabin Restaurant specializes in organic, natural and local fare; Chops, a Western theme mountain bar, Grand Cafe, coffee shop and Bistro Bar open pool side.

THE COST IS \$1775 PER PERSON. Based on double occupancy (seniors 65 and older deduct \$45), which includes:

Lodging at the Steamboat Grand for six Nights Daily Breakfasts Welcome Pizza dinner the first night One Group Dinner Private Après ski parties Pre-trip party Five-day lift ticket Round trip air from Dulles to Hayden, Colorado



Round trip air from Dulles to Hayden, Colorado Round trip ground transfer on AlpineTaxi van service from Hayden to Steamboat

To reserve a place, please send a deposit of \$200 per person to: Cara Jablon, 4573 Indian Rock Terrace, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20007. 202-333-5332 or rcjablon@aol.com



Gems from the Past

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4573 **Also from November, 1966:** "The <u>(October) lobster fest</u> brought together some 55 members and guest who collectively consumed 72 lobsters, 350 steamer clams, 10 pounds of butter, and undetermined amounts of Maine seaweed, assorted salads, desserts, and really too many cans of prepared malt and hops. ... A special bow to Brook Armat who picked up all 160 pounds of those succulent fruits of the sea at the airport."

From Feb. 1967: "Congratulations are in order for <u>Sue Lyon</u> who added a potential junior (Keith Michael Lyon, 6 pounds, 2 0z.) to the PVS racing roster for 1977."

From Oct. 1967: "This year the <u>official Swiss ski instructor courses</u> will be held in Gstaad and Villars. ... Cost for the full two week period starts at \$426 per person, and includes round trip transportation from new York to Geneva, twin-bedded room in standard hotel, three meals daily, twelve days of instruction, lifts, tips and taxes, and air transfers."

Over 40 more years of Toot remain for you to peruse at your leisure.



By J. David Warthen, Jr. <u>dwarthen@verizon.net</u> 301-774-2653

Getting to Know You:

Colin & Laurie Church (New Applicant Couple) -Colin was born in Cleveland, OH, and grew up in FL and WV. He attended college in Cambridge, MA, and grad school in PA. His college roommate taught him to ski at Killington, VT. He and Laurie have skied several times a year (usually in the Western US) for the past 30 years. Favorite spots include Crested Butte, CO, Big Sky, MT and Banff/Lake Louise, Canada. Colin is also an avid basketball player; he coaches and is a team member of the Maryland Senior Olympics team, which has represented MD in the National Senior Games in his age group for the past 10 years. He was also head of the tenor 2 section of the Washington Cathedral Choral Society for 27 years, and now sings with the New Dominion Chorale. Colin works as Voluntary Standards Coordinator in the Office of the Executive Director at the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. In 1979, a mutual friend introduced Colin to Laurie. They live in Bethesda, MD.

Laurie grew up in the Chicago suburbs and attended college and grad school in the upper mid west. She learned to ski while in college (husband #1 was from Denver). She and Colin have enjoyed skiing most of the major areas in the Western U.S. and Canada in the 30 years they've been married. They now prefer "blue cruising," leaving the chutes and moguls for those with younger knees! Laurie has been a member of the alto 2 section of the Cathedral Choral Society for 28 years. She is an erstwhile piano student and book club member. She has served as an assistant in the professional course at L'Academie de Cuisine in Bethesda, and is a member of a gourmet club. She and Colin love to travel; among the most interesting places recently visited are Egypt, Ethiopia, Bolivia and Argentina. Laurie is an avid folk art collector. She retired as

Executive Director of the Society of Professionals in Dispute Resolution and, before moving to Bethesda to marry Colin, was Director of the Division of Child and Adolescent Health of the American Academy of Pediatrics in Evanston, IL. She and Colin have a soft spot for yellow Labrador retrievers. Sadly, they just lost their beloved Daisy (age 10 years) several days ago. No doubt they'll find another rescued dog to adopt before too long.

Laurie and Colin are delighted that their friend, Eloise Strand, invited them to join PVS, and are excited about touring together and getting to know PVS members!

Remember When Moments:

On 15 May, the May '90 TOOT was distributed for a bit of nostalgia. If you were not signed up for Hot Line e-mails, you did not receive it. Access it at: http://www.potomacvalleyskiers.org/TOOT/archive /May90.pdf.

Remember to login with Username & Password: <u>http://www.potomacvalleyskiers.org/login_instructions.html</u>.

PVS Cookbook 1981:

http://www.potomacvalleyskiers.org/cookbook/

TOOTS 1965-2010 with Index-Links:

http://www.potomacvalleyskiers.org/toot_index.html

Congratulations to the Warthens:

Their 4th grandchild, Caroline MacNair W., arrived 26 April, 6 lbs. 7 oz., 19.5", reddish auburn hair. Dave & Marsha got to hold her, minutes after birth.

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Roster Changes & Additions:

Karen Felker (Roster e-mail address correction) karknox@charter.net

<u>Thanks</u>:

- To Editor, Jan Marx, for creating this month's TOOT edition.

- To Barbara Leonhardt for doing the USPS distribution of this month's TOOT.



THE KNEE by Ray McKinley RaysKnee@gmail.com

Another day goes by, another week, another month. Now the entire ski season is gone. This issue of TOOT lists three trips for the 2010-2011 ski season which many of us are contemplating. Can it be possible? The Knee hasn't recovered from last season. And my mittens are still damp and parkas need to be cleaned and put away.

Yet the world simply keeps whizzing by. Albert Einstein understood it perfectly. Time is relative (not like your mother-in-law). The older you get the faster time moves (also not like your mother-in-law). But patience is essential. After all, nine women can't make a baby in one month.

Two of you asked if I could explain a fairly weird pun which was in last month's Knee. Of course I can.

Bummer: The annual fall ski planning show is typically attended by ski areas worldwide as well as 10-15 PVSers. This year's contingent was headed by <u>Rosemary Schwartzbard</u>. To encourage attendees to spend time at the show, they have a prize give away at the end. And you have to be present to win. Prizes range from logo vests to full ski trips. This year's big prize was a ski trip for two to Innsbruck. And the name they drew was <u>Glade</u> <u>Flake</u>. Most unfortunately, <u>Glade</u> had left the show an hour earlier. As I said, bummer!

I just discovered that my name is in IndonKneesia. I now just hope someone goes there soon! Hmmm...

Half the world away from IndonKneesia, we do have travelers. Veep <u>Ellie Thayer and hubby</u> <u>Jack Chapman</u> are back from a European_River Cruise.

Recently, new ExComer <u>Mary Beale</u> was on the phone and lost the connection. No it wasn't bad cell service. Rather, one of <u>Mary's</u> pet dachshunds had chewed through her land line cord. For a while the situation was "ruff."

Movers and Shakers—or at least the Movers part: <u>Carolyn and David Callaway</u> are in the process of selling their Rockville home and moving to a nearby condo. The time was right—or left noted <u>Carolyn</u>. The Knee concurs!

The <u>Knee and Nancy</u> are in the process of selling our Arlington home and moving to a nearby condo. Our move was driven by the December 19,

2009 blizzard. We were in Arlington's "No plow zone." While streets on both sides of us were plowed, we weren't. On our steep street, we were trapped for 7 days. Life's too damned short. So we sold, and in June move to our 3 BR condo in Crystal City. Snow joke noted <u>Nancy</u>. I feel certain it will be a "moving" experience. YipKnee!!!

My favorite Egyptian queen is Kneefertiti.

The Knee received an e-mail from Jim Slack and Mary Ward asking if I knew of an- Knee PVS who had been to Bhutan—which isn't really all that far from IndonKneesia. Yes I do.

<u>Jim and Mary</u> are thinking of a trip to northwest India (Kolkata to Sikkim) and then into Bhutan, and are looking for information. <u>Jim</u>, if you search the Knee in the TOOTS that <u>Dave Warthen</u> has put onto the PVS web page, on Bhutan, I believe that you will find that <u>Carolyn Maurer-DeVilbiss</u> was there two or three years ago.

Jim and Mary's previous trip was 21 days. The trip was from the tip of South America to the Falklands to South Georgia to Tristan da Cunha to the tip of South Africa. What made this trip challenging is that it was by bicycle

Joining lots of other PVSers, including <u>Serge Triau and the Knee</u>, to name two, <u>Fred</u> <u>Leonhardt</u> is about to have cataract surgery. It's a piece of cake, <u>Fred</u>. Eye see.

Some things the Knee doesn't make up. My G-Mail account is free, but based on content of the text, they add advertisements at the margins. I finally clicked on an ad titled "Rent a Knee Walker." This is legit. *In lieu* of crutches, you can rent this 4 wheeled contraption with handlebars and a pad to set your Knee on. You can then scoot along. Kneet.

According to <u>Marvin Hass</u>, visits to U.S. ski resorts rose 4.2 percent to 59.7 million last season. Figures show the 2009-10 season was the secondbest on record, after 60.5 million visits in the 2007-08 season. Resorts in the northeast had a 2.7 percent decrease. Visits in all other regions increased by 3.2 to 7.2 percent.

FinalKnee. A tip of the ol' Kneecap to <u>Margaret Wyckoff.</u> On a recent Caribbean Cruise with her grandchildren, <u>Margaret</u> went parasailing. She was flying high.

2010 Calendar





<u>Ski Trips</u>

December 11-18, 2010 January 19-26, 2011 February 17-23, 2011 Keystone (Comerford) Snowmass (DeVilbiss) Steamboat (Jablon)