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### President's Message:

I hope February was a good month for you. It was for me. After our PVS week at Snowmass, I flew directly to Salt Lake City for two more weeks of skiing. Salt Lake City is a good place to stay because eight ski areas can be reached within about an hour drive. This year, I skied Alta, Brighton, Deer Valley, Park City, Snowbasin, and Solitude. It is difficult to choose which ski area is the best since all have their respective merits and challenges. While I was there, three avalanches (on the same day) slammed down into the Little Cottonwood Canyon dumping 12 to 15 feet of snow into the parking lots of Alta and Snowbird. Little Cottonwood Canyon and the two ski areas were closed for 2-1/2 days until the snow was cleared. The residents of the hotels had to stay in the hotels until the parking lots and grounds were sufficiently cleared to be safe. Since this closing occurred on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, the normal skiers (local and others) who would travel to these two areas moved to the other resorts around Salt Lake City. In addition, Big Cottonwood Canyon, where Brighton and Solitude are located, closed on Saturday because they could not accommodate any more skiers. Only service vehicles were allowed up the canyon; it was closed to skiers. I skied Snow Basin in Ogden Utah that Saturday. It was extremely crowded with more skiers than I had seen there in 18 years.

There is another factor affecting the number of skiers at the Salt Lake City mountains, especially on weekends and holidays. The IKON season pass has allowed more skiers to ski more places at affordable prices. It is accepted at Deer Valley, Brighton, Solitude, Alta and Snowbird. The result is that there are more skiers at these areas and, so, longer queues at the lifts. This has placed an added burden on the resorts, their parking lots, and the roads leading to them. Consequently, some of the areas have implemented new procedures. For example, Solitude has instituted paid parking with fees dependent upon the number of riders in each car. A single rider pays \$20, two and three riders pay \$10, and four or more riders pay \$5 for parking a car. Nevertheless, the Solitude parking lot becomes full early. Some have been parking on the canyon roads and walking into the ski area to avoid parking fees. It can be a long hike with skis and boots. Also, more people are riding the buses to these resorts. Others have parked at Brighton and taken the bus to Solitude to avoid the fee.

### **Monthly Meeting**

March 28, Saturday

At 2:00 PM

The Van Nuys'

3904 Ridgelea Dr.

Fairfax, VA 22031

703-323-9322

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The Van Nuys'  
3904 Ridgelea Drive  
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**Directions**

We live about two miles outside the Beltway just off Little River Turnpike – Route 236. This same road is called Main Street in Fairfax City.

From the Beltway

Take the Beltway I-495 to Little River Turnpike – Route 236, Exit 52, and take the exit towards Fairfax outside the Beltway. Go past five stoplights. The fifth stoplight is Guinea Road where the Jewish Community Center is located. Go another 100 yards (past a fire station and the Bethlehem Lutheran Church) and take the first right into Ridgelea Drive where a red brick wall and the “Ridgelea Hills” sign is located. We are the third house on the left.

From the Fairfax City Area.

Take Main Street – Little River Turnpike – Route 236 (same road, three names), east towards the Beltway I-495 to the stoplight at Guinea Road where the Jewish Community Center is located. Make a U-Turn at the stoplight and head back towards Fairfax City. Go another 100 yards (past a fire station and the Bethlehem Lutheran Church) and take the first right into Ridgelea Drive where a red brick wall and the “Ridgelea Hills” sign is located. We are the third house on the left.



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This latter activity was relayed to me by the bus driver one snowy morning as I used the bus to avoid driving up the canyon road in a two-wheel drive vehicle, when the canyon was only open to four-wheel drive vehicles or ones with chains. In any event, the IKON pass and, I assume, the EPIC pass, are allowing more skiers on the slopes with unintended consequences on the abilities of the ski areas and roads to accommodate them. There are other innovative ways that ski areas are using to address these issues. For example, Deer Valley is recommending that IKON pass holders reserve a space on-line beforehand for busy days since Deer Valley will limit the maximum number of skiers allowed on their trails. So, it is best to continue to check on-line for any limitations or new requirements to ski in an area, especially on weekends and holiday periods, when crowds can be expected.

In any event, I enjoyed some great skiing. I look forward to hearing about your adventures on the slopes in March.

**ELECTION OF EXCOM MEMBERS**

The April PVS meeting is the Annual Meeting to elect new EXCOM members. Please come to the annual meeting to participate in the election. I refer you to the “Nominating Committee Report for PVS Officers (2020-2022)” section in this TOOT. I extend my sincere thanks to Nominating Committee Chair Inge Lesjak, and committee members Carolyn DeVilbiss, Melissa FitzGerald, Kerry Hines, Bob Jablon, and Jan Marx for their excellent work in identifying and nominating the candidates for EXCOM positions.

Enjoy the rest of the ski season whenever and wherever you can!

*Tom Tycz*  
*President*

## ***Election Nominations***

***Elections take place at the Annual Meeting in April.***



### ***Nominating Committee Report for PVS Officers (2020-2022)***

<p><b>PVS Officers continuing for the completion of their two-year term in 2020-2021:</b> President: Tom Tycz Vice-President: Kal Nossuli Candidates of PVS Board Members for 2020-2022: ExCom: Cara Jablon ExCom: Kathy Lake ExCom: Don Vierimaa Additional nominations may be made 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 21, 2020.</p>	<p>Submitted by the Nominating Committee: Inge Lesjak (Chair)  Carolyn DeVilbiss  Melissa FitzGerald  Kerry Hines  Bob Jablon  Jan Marx</p>
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### ***Candidates of PVS Board Members for 2020-2022***

#### **CARA JABLON - CANDIDATE FOR EXCOM**

I have been a skier for more than 55 years. My initial ski experience was at Mount Holyoke College (in South Hadley, Massachusetts) at a no longer extant ski area called Mt. Tom. After a single ski experience, I went home for Christmas vacation and bought my first pair of skis – long wooden skis - and lace-up boots. For years, I have enjoyed the challenge of the moguls and worked on improving my bump technique. This year, the biggest challenge to this type of skiing was the loss of strength that comes with aging.

After graduating from Mount Holyoke with a major in chemistry, and a minor in philosophy, I headed to New York City to attend Columbia University in a doctorate program in Biochemistry. Although I eventually finished the doctorate, I decided that I was not destined to be a scientist. What else to do but go to law school! After marrying Robert Jablon, and several months after our first child, Stephen, was born, I started law school in Albany, New York. During that year, Robert joined a law firm in Washington, D.C., and I dropped out of law school. I resumed law school at George Washington University the following year, and also finished writing my doctoral dissertation that year. Halfway through law school, I had another child, Lara.

After finishing law school, I started work in the Office of General Counsel of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, where I practiced pesticide law for thirteen years and was involved in limiting the use of wood preservative chemicals and Compound 1080, and taking arsenic ant baits off the market. Our third child, Joel, was born in 1984.

Near the end of my time at EPA, I did a detail at the U.S. Attorney's Office in D.C. Over the course of 4 months, I tried numerous misdemeanor drug cases. My subsequent legal career, extending over a period of about twelve years, was at three different law firms, where I wrote countless briefs and memoranda in the area of chemical regulatory law.

I retired early from law – despite my father's advice never to retire – and turned my attention in a different direction to beading. I have a small jewelry business and make necklaces, earrings, and bracelets that I sell at local craft shows. I am currently the president of the Northern Virginia Handcrafters Guild and co-chair of the Guild's Thanksgiving weekend arts and craft show in Vienna, Virginia. I am also the vendor chair for a holiday show at Temple Sinai in D.C.

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I enjoy spending time with my dog Tila, going to dance aerobics three times a week, swimming regularly in the summer, working in my garden, and attending concerts, opera, and theatre events. I am also a member of a Toastmasters Speaking Club, and have been the club treasurer for many years. My husband and I enjoy collecting art, particularly folk art, and have not been able to resist the sand paintings sold on the square in Santa Fe and other art objects from western ski trips.

Stephen, our oldest son, lives with us in D.C. and is running a chess business. Our daughter, Lara, and her husband live on a 40-acre farm in southern Washington State, replete with goats, sheep, llamas, alpacas, chickens, dogs and cats. Lara runs a wedding business and does landscaping and carpentry when not taking care of five year old Nathan. Our other son, Joel, teaches high school English in Portland Oregon.

A number of years ago, I served as president of PVS. I have participated in the PVS Snowmass trip for many years, and have also been on many other club trips, including trips to Sun Valley, Sun Peaks, Andorra, Austria and France. Along with my husband Robert, who also served as the club's president, I have run ski trips to Mt. Bachelor and Steamboat, and we are running a trip to Park City this year.

### **KATHY LAKE – CANDIDATE FOR EXCOM**

I was born in Cheverly, Maryland. Most of my childhood was spent in Massachusetts, outside of Boston, which is where I first learned to ski. My high school and college days were in Ohio where I graduated from Miami University. After college I moved back to the DC area to work on Capitol Hill. After a few years there, I started selling real estate, which is still keeping me busy today.

While originally learning to ski as a kid, I didn't take up skiing in earnest until Barry and I met. Both of us have enjoyed skiing together for over 30 years. We started out skiing mostly on the east coast, but after our first trip out west to Colorado, we pretty much gave up on east coast skiing. Over the years, we have been lucky enough to be able to take at least one to two ski trips a year, mostly to Colorado and Utah. We have also skied in Switzerland and Austria, as well as two trips to Canada. Since joining PVS in 2015, we have thoroughly enjoyed six trips to Snowmass, having led four of the trips. We have also enjoyed PVS trips to Steamboat, Big Sky, Sun Valley, and Snowbird/Alta. We are looking forward to many more PVS trips.

Barry and I currently live in Oakton, Virginia with our collie girl, Vail. When not skiing or working, we also enjoy time at the beach.

Thank you for the nomination to be an ExCom member.

### **DONALD VIERIMAA – CANDIDATE FOR EXCOM**

I have been skiing off and on since 1954 growing up in Minnesota using rope tows at a ski resort in Wisconsin. I really learned to ski in 1963 while working for Boeing in Washington State. I then skied little between the years 1965 to 1990. Since my sister lived in Denver in the 1990s, I would ski with my sister and brother in-law and my brother from New Orleans. Around 2003 I joined the Chesapeake Chapter of the Over-The-Hill Gang and began skiing with them.

The Chesapeake Chapter dissolved and members formed the Capital Golden Skiers with myself as its president for eight years. Capital Golden Skiers dissolved and most members, including me, joined the Potomac Valley Skiers. My favorite ski resort is Snowmass. I cross-country ski whenever there is four inches or more of snow in the DC area.

My passions are family and friends, outdoors, music, travel, and science. I have a Bachelor of Physics degree from the University of Minnesota and worked in aerospace, education, railroad, and trucking industries. I retired January 1, 2000.



## Ski Trip

### **PARK CITY – DEER VALLEY, March 7-14, 2020**



**Park City and Deer Valley are premier ski destinations. We invite PVS skiers and their friends to a unique PVS Park City – Deer Valley trip.**

PARK CITY has varied terrain for all skiers. It has 348 trails, close to half of which are suited for intermediate skiers, 13 bowls and a 3,200-foot vertical drop with advanced and expert terrain. It now incorporates the Canyons ski area. *Park City has extensive skiing opportunities for everybody.* Known for its upscale amenities, including its fine mountain dining and shopping, DEER VALLEY claims to be the nation's premier ski resort. It has an uphill lift capacity of 50,470 skiers per hour. Notably, *Deer Valley does not allow snowboards* and limits ticket sales to prevent overcrowding.

PARK CITY's Main Street is on the National Register of Historic Places and is home to dozens of fine restaurants, bars, unique shopping experiences and art galleries.

#### TRIP INCLUSIONS:

- Seven nights' lodging at the Peaks Hotel Park City (two to a room), including lodging taxes and baggage handling. *The Peaks is a full-service hotel with pools, a sauna, fitness center and ski storage.* **WE HAVE RESERVED HOTEL SPACE FOR UP TO SIX ADDITIONAL PERSONS; SOME SPACES ARE PRE-PAID.**
- Daily breakfasts.
- Welcoming dinner – Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Departing dinner – Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>.
- At least 3 Après Ski events.

**SLOPES TRANSPORTATION:** A city ski bus stops 21 steps from the hotel entrance. Busses come every 20 minutes. Also, the Peaks has a private Park City shuttle every hour on the hour and a Deer Valley shuttle every hour on the half hour.

**AIR:** Because of different travel and payment preferences, we do not include air transportation and airport shuttles. Doug Horstman of [Encompasse Tours](#) recommends [Canyon Transportation](#), which can be booked online, for transportation between the airport and hotel.

**LIFT TICKETS:** Trip participants may want to ski four days at Park City and two at Deer Valley, but they can vary lift ticket purchases to meet preferences. Lift ticket prices vary with skier ages, the number of days of ski tickets purchased, ski areas, ski pass arrangements and the like. There are price discounts for 20 tickets, which need not necessarily be for the same day or person. Doug Horstman will package participants' lift tickets for convenience and will get the best available prices. We shall charge separately for ski lift tickets when they are purchased closer to the trip.

**SIGN-UPS:** The trip should be during a good ski weather week. We shall try to maximize trip cohesion and provide for coordinated group-participant skiing, good restaurants and other desired, joint activities. Prices for included items - \$1,260 per person; single hotel room, use supplement - \$930 additional). **WE HAVE AVAILABLE HOTEL SPACE.**

For answers to questions and additional trip details, please contact us ([rcjablon@aol.com](mailto:rcjablon@aol.com); [robert.jablon@spiegelmc.com](mailto:robert.jablon@spiegelmc.com)) and see [Application Form](#) and [Waiver](#).

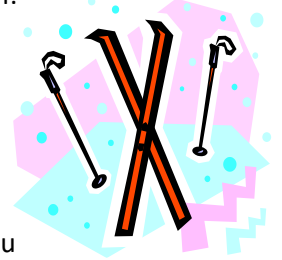
[BRSC Airport Lodging & Parking Program for 2020](#)

**BOB AND CARA JABLON**

## SKI TALK

### MARCH 2020

This has been a particularly bad year for injuries to club members, both on the slope and off. We've had an injury to the hip, the shoulder, the head, the stomach, and even the eye. All of these, as well as family member sickness, caused unplanned cancellations of trips. I can't emphasize enough how important it is to have trip insurance. I started taking out trip insurance about five or so years ago and it has certainly paid off. No matter how healthy you are, consider taking out insurance. Accidents happen and you never know when a health problem will appear. Most important, especially, if you are leaving the country, be sure you have medical evacuation and catastrophic injury coverage.



Dick and I were looking forward to the Snowmass trip this year. Dick even bought new boots. I was in Vail for four days prior to the Snowmass trip skiing with my friend, Kay, who is a club member living in Colorado. I was going to take a van from Vail to Snowmass on Saturday, January 25 and meet Dick and the group. He called on Friday saying plans have changed. His retina detached and he needed to have eye surgery. I flew back home on Saturday instead of going to Snowmass. He had surgery early in the week. The good news is that he was home when it happened and not in Colorado. After retina surgery you cannot fly for a number of weeks. The other good news is that it is fixable and his eyesight is slowly coming back. Although a detached retina is supposed to be rare, just about everyone I talked to has either had the surgery or knew someone who did.

You will read about the Snowmass trip elsewhere in this TOOT. This year's trip was part of the Blue Ridge Ski Council's (BRSC) Western Carnival. Several other ski clubs from the metropolitan area participated and there were lots of activities including a Nastar Race. Many of our members were reluctant to sign up for Nastar saying they never race. With some encouragement from many of us who have done Nastar in the past, a good number of our members signed up. Several won medals and, surprisingly, PVS got a plaque from BRSC for second place in club participation in the race. This is only the second time PVS got an award from BRSC. We have a plaque for fourth place in 1994. Charlie Huggins has been keeping that award safe. It was a trip to Lake Louise-Banff, Canada and Charlie said it was an extremely cold, blustery day. See pictures of the plaques below.



I am looking forward to going to Park City next week. Unfortunately, Dick will be unable to go with me because his eye is still healing. When I get back from Utah, we will start planning for 2021. We are happy to announce that we will be going back to Snowmass next January. Kathy and Barry Lake have agreed to lead the trip. We are also hoping to join the BRSC Eurofest to Davos, Switzerland and have potential trip leaders. BRSC is also going to Telluride and we are looking for someone to come forward to lead the trip. Let me know if you would consider leading a trip to Telluride or some other resort.

Rosemary Schwartzbard, [rosemaryschw@gmail.com](mailto:rosemaryschw@gmail.com)

## Past Event



On Friday, February 14, Valentine's Day, nine Potomac Valley Skiers joined Inge Lesjak and Liz Stutz at the Yosaku Japanese restaurant in Washington, D.C. to enjoy delicious food and talk about their upcoming trip to Japan.

Inge is leading a PVS contingent "trip for two" to the Hakuba ski area in Japan as part of the Blue Ridge Ski Council's Asia Fest. She and Liz will leave on February 20 for this new adventure. We look forward to hearing their tales upon their return!



*Submitted by Marianne Sponis*



## Past Event

### **February Meeting, February 22, 2020**

#### **Jan Marx Hostess**

Once again, our February meeting was held at the lovely home of Jan Marx on February 22. President Tom Tycz opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and thanking Jan for kindly hosting the meeting and Bing Van Nuys for hosting next month's meeting. It was a beautiful afternoon and Jan provided refreshments of wine, soft drinks, coffee, and delicious goodies. There were no guests present.



Marianne Sponis discussed upcoming PVS meeting venues: the PVS meeting on March 28, 2020 at the Van Nuys' home and the April meeting at Reg Heitchue and Susan Sinclair's common room. She also noted we need volunteers to host the May and potentially June meetings. Marianne also raised the possibility of having the SummerFest meeting in June near Winchester, VA at Kathi Daylor's home and a summer event in Lexington, VA at Mary Ellena Ward and Jim Slack's home.

Marianne also reminded everyone of the Hexagon performance on March 15, 2020 at Syntetic Theater in Crystal City as the next PVS outing. Details will be in the TOOT.

Jan Marx discussed the opening of the "Time Capsule" that is filled with club mementoes contributed by PVS members 20 years ago. The plan is to open the Time Capsule in September at a possible luncheon in conjunction with celebrating the 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary of PVS. Marianne Sponis, Jan Marx, Nancy McKinley, Rosemary Schwartzbard and Carolyn DeVilbiss are working on this event.





Rosemary Schwartzbard provided the Ski Committee report as follows. PVS won second place for NASTAR participation at the Blue Ridge Ski Council (BRSC) Snowmass Ski trip. She noted that PVS last won a fourth place NASTAR participation award in 1994. She also congratulated John Holt for winning second place in his age category and Bob Jablon for receiving a special award, as described by Bob, for the longest distance and greatest time. This is the last year the NASTAR races will be held during BRSC ski trips. Rosemary will bring the two participation awards to the annual April Meeting. The Japan BRSC Ski Trip began on the 21th, and we understand that it is underway.



Bob Jablon reported on the status of the Park City trip of March 7-14, 2020. He noted that there are several vacancies owing to health issues. He requested that anyone who might be interested in this trip contact him or Cara.

John Smith noted that local skiing had challenges this year of rain and warm weather in the past and the near forecasted future. He noted that the daily senior Vail Ski ticket is \$60 at Ski Liberty and Whitetail.

Rosemary noted that BRSC is planning ski trips for 2021 to Telluride, Colorado (Western Carnival), and Davos, Switzerland (Eurofest). John Hotaling and Inge Lesjak are considering coordinating the Davos Ski trip. Rosemary is seeking a volunteer to coordinate the Telluride ski trip.



Tom noted that the Nominating committee has recommended candidates for the election of three ExCom members at the April Annual Meeting. He encouraged member attendance at the Annual Meeting for this election.

Tom mentioned the alarming number of recent club member injuries (some from skiing) and suggested remembering them with a call, a card or an email.

Bill Burr presented flowers to hostess Jan Marx. Tom thanked Jan Marx for graciously hosting the meeting, which he adjourned so that members could enjoy the delicious desserts that Jan provided along with more socializing.

*Submitted by Tom Tycz*

## Completed Ski Trip

## *Snowmass 2020 PVS Ski Trip*

From January 25 to February 1, thirty-four PVS members and guests attended the BRSC Western Winter Carnival at Snowmass, Colorado. We stayed at the Mountain Chalet, which is conveniently located trailside just above the gondola and base chairlift. The week began with a welcoming reception Saturday evening. Our trip hosts, Kathy and Barry Lake, arranged for beer and wine and lots of nice finger food. It was so nice to meet and greet old friends from years past and to meet new attendees as well.

The X Games were going on just down the road at the Buttermilk area that was reachable by free shuttle buses. At least three of our group went over to view the events. Sharon Mulholland, her granddaughter Abby, and Dorian Janney were treated to close upfront views of the superb athletes competing. They also were able to attend a panel discussion involving female snowboarders, some of whom were Olympians. They related fascinating stories of their early challenges in breaking into what had been an all-male sport.

Sunday dawned with hazy sun and lots of packed powder. By midday there was glorious Colorado bright sunshine and deep blue skies. It was a splendid day on the slopes.



One of the really nice things about our trip is that all are welcome to ski with a group of like abilities if they so desire. There were as many as 12 in a ski group, and people moved from group to group throughout the trip as they wished. Skiing in a group provided lots of benefits such as not getting lost on the many trails and having friends to help us recover if or when we took a tumble. Once again the PVS group showed its cohesion and concern for others by providing a support net to any member who sought skiing or non-skiing information or needed assistance on or off the slopes.

On Monday evening all 300 BRSC revelers descended upon a cocktail party. While it was a festive and enjoyable occasion, due to another convention having the bigger room, we were crammed into a room designed for maybe half that number. With that many people there was a good bit of jostling to get to the food. Often the food

trays were cleared by hungry skiers by the time the servers had just barely cleared the kitchen door. Corrections were made and the catering improved over the next two BRSC events.

After a fine day of skiing on Tuesday, we all enjoyed a pizza party at our hotel. One highlight was a surprise celebration of President Tom Tycz's birthday. He was presented with a cake and then a serenade by our very own band, "The Pickled Beats," who performed the song, "Don't Let The Old Man In." One key line in the song is "Ask yourself how old you would be if you didn't know the day you were born." All agreed that each and everyone of us was maintaining our youthful outlook by hitting the slopes even as our birthdays keep piling up. As the evening ended, we also expressed our deep appreciation to Barry and Kathy for their trip leadership by giving them "snuggle blankets" so that they might enjoy even more of next season's Patriots football games.





Tuesday was NASTAR race day and thanks to some enthusiastic recruiting by our trip leaders, PVS had 17 entries in the races. Many were racing for the first time. The day was clear and cold with firm snow that got a bit icy by the time we raced. In spite of that our club won several medals.

Wednesday was hump day and several skiers took the day off to rest and some went on trips to Aspen or other attractions in the area. Jon Wechsler led a group of 12 to dinner at a fine restaurant in Aspen, The Hickory House.

The first thing Thursday morning nine PVS members hit the slopes early and enjoyed First Tracks with a ride up the gondola and a descent down the magnificent Elk Camp area. Thursday night it was time for awards presentations at the BRSC banquet.

First we all enjoyed a fine buffet dinner. And boy did our club clean up on the skiing competition. PVS won second place for percentage of members participating in the NASTAR race (76%). Then one of very own, John Holt, was called up front to receive his Silver medal for the race in his age group. The fun continued as Bob Jablon was called up front to receive a well-deserved Perseverance Award. Further, the club boasted three bronze medal winners – Cara Jablon, Dick Lau, and Salli Diakova. Congratulations one and all. Following this many of our members enjoyed “cutting the rug” on the dance floor.



No club ski trip would be complete without some unusual and surprising moments. One of our very proficient ski group leaders had just taken his skis off and was heading into a mid-mountain lodge when his coat sleeve caught on something. NO – PROBLEM. He just ignored it until an entire rack of skis and poles came tumbling down when he then realized he had pulled it over! While the tipping of the ski rack was a bit embarrassing, it also became slightly humorous when one member of the group came out and was baffled by the fact that her skis, which had been on the rack that tipped, were no longer where she left them.



Another entertaining surprise happened when Barry, our trip co-leader, decided to execute a flawless 360 degree turn while racing down the mountain. We gave him a 9.5 because of the degree of difficulty and the flawless execution! Too bad he hadn't taken that trick to the X Games that were going on at Buttermilk!

Tom Tycz's skis were mistakenly taken by a woman from Atlanta staying at the Chalet. The skis were a foot longer than hers and a different color. She complained after three runs that her boots were loose on her skis. Then she noticed that they did not look like hers and she returned them. No harm done except Tom did miss the better part of the afternoon's skiing proving

once again that truth is indeed stranger than fiction!

Everyone is very friendly on our club trips. Many new friends are made, some becoming quite close. Still.... one day after lunch one of our clan went back to his room to take a quick nap. He put on some relaxing music and lay down on his bed to rest. Suddenly his door opened and in



walked a lovely lady club member. Some screams were heard, both male and female! After hearing about that mistake, I know we all became more careful to make sure that we were entering our own room from then on!

The wonderful trip went by too fast and before we knew it, Friday was upon us. We wound things up with an après ski wine/beer hour. After lots of lively conversation, someone moved that we “draft” Kathy and Barry to lead next year’s Snowmass trip. A rousing cheer by all confirmed our unanimous approval. And, we were all relieved when Kathy and Barry agreed to lead another return trip to Snowmass next year. Hooray!!

The evening closed with more music by the aforementioned Pickled Beats “band.”

What a delightful trip it was. Next year cannot come soon enough!

Submitted by Bruce King



**PVS 2020 Calendar**



- Mar 15 Sun - Hexagon show at Synetic Theater, Arlington, VA at 2:00 PM.
- Mar 28 Sat - Monthly Meeting at Van Nuys', Fairfax, VA at 2:00 PM.
- Apr 21 Tue - Annual Meeting at Heitchue and Sinclair, Reston, VA at 7:30 PM
- May 01 Fri - Spring 2020 Ski Travel Show, Marriott Tysons Corner at 6:30 PM

**PVS Ski Trips 2020:**



March 7-14, 2020  
**Park City - Deer Valley, UT**  
 (Bob & Cara Jablon)

**Useful Ski "Links"**

[Potomac Valley Skiers](#)  
[BRSC Sanctioned Trips \(Norton blocks viewing by Safari\)](#)  
[DC Ski Online News](#)

**ExCom**

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