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President's Message

While it has officially been spring for several weeks now, at least meteorologically anyway, the weather generally hasn't felt a whole lot like spring to me. Fortunately, the temperatures have been cold enough that I haven't felt the need to get started on all the spring/summer projects that are needed around the abode, but alas that time is coming soon.

Since this is likely my last opportunity to talk about skiing for a while, I thought I'd mention the recently concluded Para-Olympics. I must admit that I didn't watch a whole lot of the events, but what I did see – just WOW – I'm very much in awe of their abilities, particularly the blind skiers. I know that when the visibility is bad or low on the slopes, I ski very tentatively and not particularly well, so watching them ski blind with just a guide calling out some sort of signals for turns, etc. – it's just amazing to me.

Staying on the topic of sports on television, how about this March Madness! While I'm not much of a basketball fan myself, preferring American football, there is something special about the March Madness free-for-all. Can't help but root for some of the underdogs like the low ranked small schools such as the St. Peter's Peacocks and holding out hope that Coach K of the Duke Blue Devils gets a good retirement send-off with a tournament win.

Anyway, with the ski season pretty much in the rearview mirror, it seems a bit too early to be thinking about the next ski season, but that isn't the case. Proposals for the 2023 Snowmass and Club Med Val d'Isère trips were approved by ExCom, so look for the "save the date" notices in this and following TOOTs. So far there seems to be a fair amount of interest in the European trip, and we expect that there will be a limited number of available rooms, so decisions about this trip will need to be made very soon.

Hope everyone has an enjoyable April, and I look forward to seeing folks at the April Annual meeting. We have some important club activities to accomplish during this meeting, namely the election of three ExCom representatives as well as voting on some applicant members.

If you feel comfortable in hosting a monthly membership meeting at your house, please reach out and let us know so we can start building up the calendar for the rest of the spring and summer meetings.

Cheers, Barry

PVS Annual Meeting – See next page

PVS Annual Meeting

Sunday, April 24, 2022, 1:00 PM

Stratford Clubhouse adjoining 1860 Stratford Park Place

Reston, VA 20190

Hosts: Reg Heitchue, 703-861-9190; Susan Sinclair, 202-361-6677

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Join fellow PVSers at the annual business meeting to **elect new ExCom Officers** for 2022-2024 and to join in on the perennially favorite **social hour with fellow skiers**.

Please **BRING** a favorite **appetizer** (**A to N** surname) or **dessert** (**O to Z** surname) to share. Feel free, however, to bring your favorite food. Beverages will be provided. As we are in a party room, please take your platter and leftovers home with you. **No entrance fee!**

See directions and parking below.

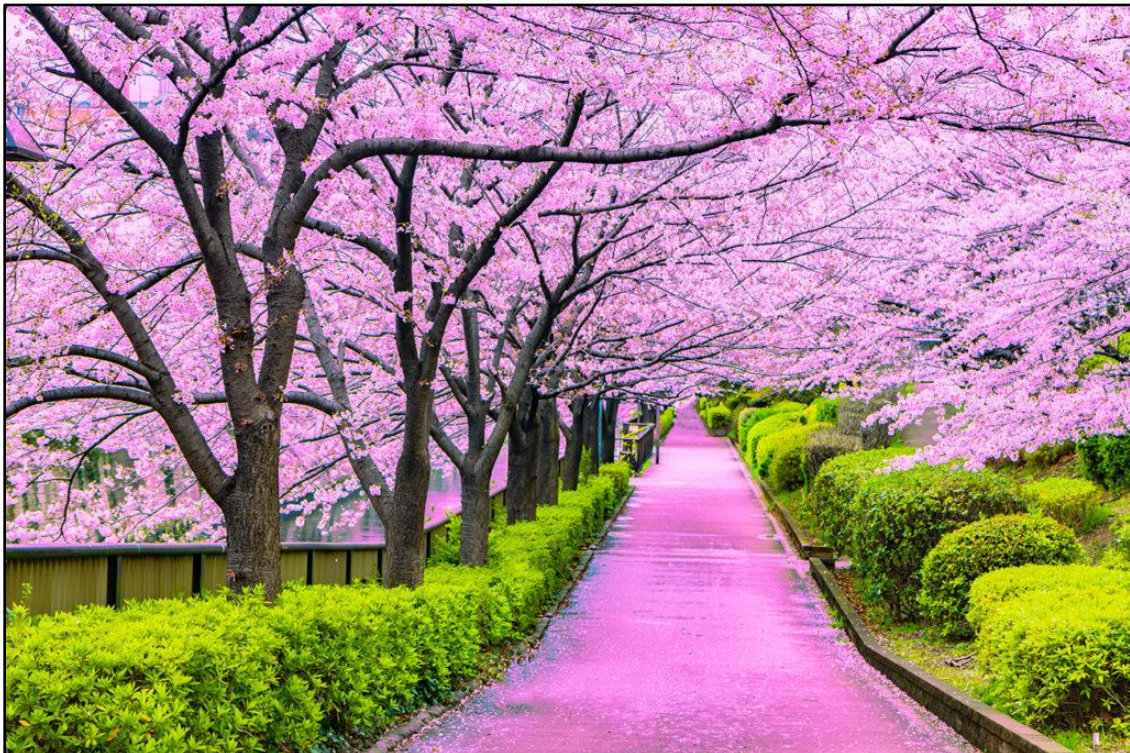
Directions to Annual Meeting from the Beltway:

Take Dulles Toll Road (VA-267) West toward Reston/Herndon.
Take Exit 12 (Reston Parkway, VA-602), and bear right at the end
of the exit ramp.

In 0.4 mile, turn right onto Stratford Park Place.

Park in a space that is **NOT** marked **RESERVED**

Walk to the Clubhouse building located in the center of the complex
by the swimming pool (the other side of Building 1860).



Nominating Committee Report for PVS Officers (2022-2024)

<p>PVS Officers continuing for the completion of their two-year term in 2022-2023: President: Barry Lake Vice-President: Cara Jablon</p> <p>Candidates for PVS Board Members for 2022-2024: ExCom: Salli Diakova ExCom: Kathy Lake ExCom: Don Vierimaa</p> <p>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 24, 2022.</p>	<p>Submitted by the Nominating Committee:</p> <p>Kerry Hines (Chair)</p> <p>Marianne Hines</p> <p>Bruce King</p> <p>Mary Tycz</p> <p>Ellie Thayer</p>
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SALLI DIAKOVA - CANDIDATE FOR EXCOM

Skiing and spending time on the beach are Salli's two favorite activities. She and her husband, Nick Young (also a PVS member), moved to the US almost 30 years ago from Bulgaria and the UK. They live in Alexandria and the one thing Salli misses most from her days in Bulgaria is the proximity to mountains allowing her to spend most of the winter days on skis. In the US, she has been skiing mostly at Snowmass (since joining PVS) and Crested Butte, and has enjoyed visiting the Lake Tahoe ski resorts in previous years.

Salli was an agricultural policy evaluation consultant and holds a doctorate in civil engineering. She retired in the early months of the COVID-19 pandemic. Without the restriction of available vacation days, Salli and Nick plan to spend more time travelling and visiting with their children and grandchildren who live in the UK and Germany.

Salli is honored to be a candidate for ExCom and looks forward to serving the club if elected.

KATHY LAKE – CANDIDATE FOR EXCOM

I was born in Cheverly, Maryland. However, most of my childhood was spent in Massachusetts, outside of Boston, which is where I first learned to ski. My high school and college years 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 decided to switch careers and became a real estate agent, 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 35 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 a couple of 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 seven trips to Snowmass, having been trip leaders on five of those trips. We have also had fun on PVS trips to Steamboat, Big Sky, Sun Valley, and Snowbird/Alta. We are looking forward to many more PVS trips.

For the past two years I have served as a member of ExCom. Recently, I was asked to serve another term.

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.

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 me 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.

Brian DRINKWATER – APPLICANT FOR ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

I was born in Farmville, VA, but grew up south of Richmond in Chester, VA. Currently, I live in Gore, VA, with my yellow lab, Timber. I work in medical imaging at Valley Health in Winchester, VA, as a CT technologist. I have three adult children who live much further south and have little interest in cold weather activities.

My first skiing opportunity came when I was nine as part of a church youth group outing. It was disastrous, and my mother swore she would never take me skiing again. I attended James Madison University in Harrisonburg, VA, as a scholarship athlete on the men's swim team (GO DUKES!). Fortunately, I became friends with members of the ski club who taught me to ski at Massanutten. Thanks to their perseverance, I learned to enjoy the sport. In 1992, I skied in Utah at Park City and realized there is far better skiing out West. In January 2022, I skied with PVS on the Snowmass trip. Although my skill level may not allow, I would someday like to ski in Switzerland.

I hope to continue to ski and enjoy the beauty of the slopes and resorts out West. A membership in PVS will allow me to continue to join PVS ski trips and build lasting friendships with others who enjoy this winter activity.



DOUGLAS LUNDGREN - APPLICANT FOR ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

Hello, my name is Doug Lundgren. I am applying for an associate membership in the Potomac Valley Skiers. My interest in winter sports began as a boy ice skating on frozen ponds and sledding on hills in Connecticut. I may have inherited something from my mom and her dad who were both competitive ice skaters. My skiing “career” started with 20 years of cross-country skiing in PA, WV and MD, including instructing for River and Trail Outfitters. About 20 years ago, I finally transitioned to downhill skiing mainly at Whitetail and Liberty Mountain Resorts. I served for 2 seasons as a “Mountain Host” at Whitetail, which involved helping a lot of fallen skiers, young and old, to get back up after falling down. You may still see me doing that today! In recent years, I have branched out to do some Colorado skiing at Arapaho Basin, Copper Mountain, and this past winter, Snowmass. I would like to continue to travel with PVS to powder skiing destinations like Aspen and Val d’Isere. Time to brush up on my French!

Here is some additional background: My wife Kathy and I live in Greencastle, PA and Winter Haven, FL. I have 3 adult children and 5 (soon to be 6) grandchildren. I have been employed as an aviation safety inspector for the Federal Aviation Administration for almost 30 years. Before that I was a professional pilot and airline dispatcher, as well as an aviation college professor. My other interests include kayaking, canoeing, sailing, flying, scuba diving, bicycling and ballroom dancing. I have a background in mountain search and rescue, communications, navigation, and first aid. I am a past member of Mason-Dixon Canoe Cruisers, and the Frederick Ski Club. I have been a volunteer pilot and adult leader with Civil Air Patrol (Air Force Auxiliary) since 1977. I look forward to PVS membership, and to participating in and assisting with future ski trips.

SKI TALK APRIL 2022



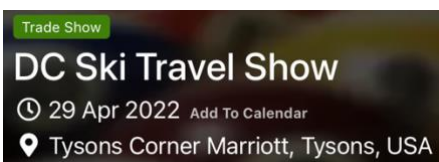
The cherry blossoms are blooming. The snow is melting. The days are getting longer. The ski season is ending. It must be spring. It is now time to begin planning for next ski season. The number of skiers in PVS has dwindled over the years. Instead of planning 3+ ski trips, we plan one or two. Since the Snowmass trip at Mountain Chalet is so popular, we try to keep that going from year to year. The Ski Trip Committee has also dwindled. There are only three of us presently: Nancy McKinley, Inge Lesjak and me. If anyone would like to get involved in ski trip planning, let me know.

In addition to planning the trip to Snowmass, we are looking at the ski trips the Blue Ridge Ski Council (BRSC) is planning. This is the council of ski clubs in the metropolitan DC area, Baltimore, and Richmond. See the BRSC website www.ski-council.com. Through the years, PVS has participated in many BRSC trips. It's an added experience going on ski trips with other clubs and taking part in the group activities.

The BRSC European trip for next ski season (2023) is to Club Med, Val d'Isere, France. Val d'Isere has long been my favorite European ski destination, but I have never been on a Club Med vacation of any kind. As I read about this ski trip, it sounds too good to be true. It includes all meals; all drinks; ski passes; ski guides/instructors; and a champagne party every afternoon. This is a premier resort, and it is being upgraded to Five Star status this year. It is true ski in/ski out. Having a guide for five days is a big plus, since the ski area is immense. It is the highest resort in Europe so you can depend on good snow, but it is low enough (five thousand feet) that you can sleep comfortably. There are 186 miles of terrain with 20 green slopes, 67 blue slopes, 41 red slopes (blue/black), and 26 black slopes. There are 79 ski-lifts and they, alone, are worth the price of admission.



ExCom has approved PVS-participation in this trip. Mary Ellena Ward has agreed to be Trip Director for PVS. The cost of the trip with seven nights at Club Med and including air is approximately \$3500. See the preliminary flier in this TOOT. There will also be a pre-trip to Paris and post-trip to Lyon. Cost is not available presently for either pre- or post-trips. We are not taking reservations, until all details are worked out, but if you are interested, let Mary Ellena know.



The PRW Ski Travel show is back, after being suspended during COVID. Vendors from many ski resorts attend with brochures, maps, and other information about their resorts. This is an opportunity to talk to tour operators and resort personnel. There is a cash bar and hors d'oeuvres served all evening. If you stay for the drawing at the end of the evening, you may

even win a ski trip, or at least a cap or a t-shirt. The show will be held on **Friday, April 29** from 6:30 to 9:30 PM at the Marriott Hotel, 8020 Leesburg Pike, Tysons Corner, VA. **Let me know if you want to attend, and I will pre-register you.** You can also just show up and register on your own that evening. While the show is free, parking at the Marriott is \$10. I hope to see you there.

Rosemary Schwartzbard
rosemaryschw@gmail.com

Snowmass, Colorado 2023

Save the Date!

January 11-18, 2023

We are planning to go back to Snowmass next year from January 11-18, 2023. Once again we will be staying at our favorite Snowmass Mountain Chalet, which offers a convenient ski in, ski out location. As in recent years, it will be a “Land Only” package that will include lodging and a 5-day lift pass. Pricing and other details to follow.

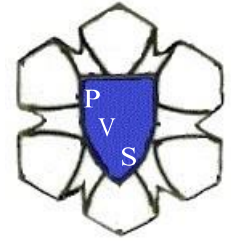
- *Snowmass offers direct access to 3,100 acres of skiing, just outside the door.*
- *The skiing terrain totals more than 5,000 acres, with interchangeable lift tickets and free bus service to Aspen Mountain, Aspen Highlands & Buttermilk ski areas.*

For further information, please contact us at KathyLakehomes@yahoo.com or 703-625-2715.

Hope you will join us!

Kathy & Barry Lake
Trip Leaders





FRANCE—2023

BRSC trip to Val d'Isère, Paris & Lyon

Price Includes:

- *Airfare from/to Dulles
- *Ground transportation in France
- *All lodging, food & drink in Val d'Isère
- *Lift tickets
- *Daily guide/skinstructor
- *Trip insurance

BRSC Eurofest at Club Med's Flagship Resort

Club Med has announced plans to open its first Exclusive Collection Mountain resort in Val d'Isère. The new five-star property will open on December 18, 2022, following a major renovation and expansion of the brand's existing hotel in the region.

Saturday 11 March 2023 - 19 March 2023

Our group will depart Dulles on United Airlines to Geneva. We will then transfer to Val d'Isère Club Med. The all-inclusive resort will cater to your every need for skiing.

The slope-side location provides ski-in/ski-out access. Mountain guides/instructors are available each day at no extra charge to take participants to the best runs on the mountains.

Three-day pre- and post-trip packages to Paris and Lyon are available at extra charge.

Although pricing details are still not available, the base package will be around \$3500. Availability is limited, so if you are seriously interested, please email MEWard@Termineigh.com prior to 4 April. Include your choice of extensions, if any.

Val d'Isère stands out among European resorts for its sheer scope, reliable snow and the user-friendly, turnkey nature of the resort –**Forbes Magazine**

Most of the ski area can be negotiated by confident intermediates. -**Ski Club of Great Britain**



Club Med Val d'Isère

Coming Events



Torpedo Factory and Tour of Waterfront Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 11:00 a.m.

Don Vierimaa has offered to lead a walking tour of the Torpedo Factory and the recently upgraded Alexandria waterfront. He has produced an hour-long video about the Torpedo Factory, which has been a historical landmark as well as a home base for local artists. Corona virus restrictions forced it to close its doors in 2021 but it has opened again, just in time for a nice spring tour.

Afterwards, there are many restaurants within walking distance, for those who would like to have lunch, after checking out the amenities along the Potomac River's waterfront.

Please let Don know if you would like to come: dvierimaa@hotmail.com or 703-200-4567. By the way, Don's birthday is April 6 so his many celebrations should be over by the start of the tour!

Don Vierimaa

The Wayside Inn, in Virginia Thursday, April 21, 2022 at Noon



We made this trip last year, had a delicious lunch, a tour of the inn, and enjoyed good conversation. Travel down I-66 to I-81 N to exit 302, to the Wayside Inn in Middletown, Virginia and enjoy lunch at John Hotaling's (and others') restaurant, part of the Inn. It is about a 1.3-hour drive from Washington and, on a spring day, should be a lovely trip. We have chosen Thursday, April 21 as the day and plan to make reservations for a noon seating. The web site is www.TheWaysideInn1797.com. It is the oldest continuously operated inn in America, the oldest portion dating to 1742.

John will email a menu as we get closer to the date. The address is 7783 Main Street, Middletown, Virginia 22645-9502. If you are interested in attending, Marianne can answer your questions. (Marianne.soponis@gmail.com or 202-363-5250. **Please let her know by Monday, April 18 if you plan to attend.**

Marianne Soponis

Glenstone Friday, April 22, 2022

The lovely Glenstone museum in Maryland is open for indoor and outdoor viewing for five PVS members who get tickets from Marianne Soponis -- 202-363-5250 or Marianne.soponis@gmail.com. She has garnered 5 tickets for Friday, April 22 at 10:15 a.m.



Marianne Soponis



PVS - BYOB (Bring Your Own Book) group

Still reading! As the sunny days beckon us to wander outdoors, we still find time to read so many fascinating books. Some of us are even "reading" while listening to an audio book during our daily walks. Then we get together for an hour to talk about what we've discovered on the pages or through our earbuds. Consider joining us! **See the info at the bottom for how to join in on April 14, 2022 (the second Thursday of each month) at 4 pm!**

Here are the books we shared in March:

- Bonnie Sweeney picked up the new novel by Frederik Bachman, "Anxious People." The "kind of quirky" story is about a bank robbery gone wrong, with the characters of the hostages marvelously developed, according to Bonnie, who thoroughly enjoyed the book.
- Karen Zill told us about Kent Haruf's "Our Souls at Night," a lovely, gentle tale about 2 older people who develop an unusual relationship. Switching to nonfiction, Karen brought Michael Pollan's "This is Your Mind on Drugs." Pollan focuses on 3 plants that produce mind-altering effects: poppies, coffee, and mescaline and his experiences with each.
- Ellie Thayer read "From the Cold War to the Hot Peace" by former Ambassador to Russia, Michael McFaul, whose harassment from Vladimir Putin while he was stationed in Russia provides important insights into Putin's character. Ellie also noted a humorous book, "Dear Committee Members," by Julie Schumacher. It's a compendium of a professor's sincere and not so sincere letters of student recommendation.
- Marianne Sponis turned to historical fiction with "I Must Betray You" by Ruth Sepetys who writes of the regime of the duplicitous former Romanian President Ceausescu and his demands to turn everyone into informants on their neighbors. The story focuses on one young woman and a five-year period she spent as an unwilling informer.
- Mary Ellena Ward described "The Bookwoman of Troublesome Creek" by Kim Michele Richardson, a fictionalized account of packhorse librarians in Kentucky in the 1930s. The protagonist is a member of a family who had a genetic disorder resulting in a blue tinge to their skin and who suffered discrimination as a result.
- Jan Marx has been reading the novel "Stargazer" by Anne Hillerman who carries on the tradition of her famous author father, Tony Hillerman, with stories of the Navajo and their traditions in the beautiful US Southwest.
- Nancy McKinley raved about Louise Erdrich's latest novel, "The Sentence" set in present-day Minneapolis. The protagonist is an Indigenous woman working in a bookstore and rebuilding her life after serving in prison. Nancy highly recommends it as "the best" of Erdrich's novels with gorgeous prose, love, mystery and magic.

The next BYOB Zoom call will be held on Thursday, April 14th from 4 to 5 pm. Let Marianne Sponis know at marianne.sponis@gmail.com if you're interested in joining us, and she'll put you on the list to get the link to the Zoom call. No commitment! Questions or comments? Contact Nancy McKinley at nancymckin@gmail.com or 703 595 8375.

Members' Corner

J. David Warthen, Jr.
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SPRING SKIING - Park City 2022, Cara Jablon



Skiing in Snowmass was wonderful, but I craved just a bit more slope time. Bob indulged me and we headed off for a mini ski trip to Park City. We went back to the Peaks Hotel, where we stayed two years ago on the trip we led to Park City. The hotel has added a second shuttle, so there is a shuttle every half hour in the morning to both Park City and Deer Valley. The hardest part of the day is the walk from the shuttle to the lift and back at the end of the day. I missed the convenience of Snowmass. Breakfast is still included, although the lines were long when breakfast opened because it was no longer self-service for the hot dishes.

The first three days, the weather was perfect – blue skies, bright sunshine, not too cold or too hot. On the last day, the temperature soared to the high 50s and the snow became heavy in places, particularly at the Canyons part of Park City. At this point, bare spots were beginning to appear in the slopes as the snowfall has been lower than average this season. I spent part of two days at the Canyons – it's easy to take the Gondola over from the center of the Park City area. On balance, although the

Canyons has some nice long (but often narrow) runs, I way prefer the Park City part of the mountain.

Based on the heavy crowds at Park City, it appears that everyone is skiing, and no one is working. Saturday was particularly crowded, but the lift lines were not insignificant on the week-days. The resort did a good job of moving the lines and making sure that all spaces on the chairs were filled. Far less impressive was the amount of grooming at the mountain. In all the years that I have been going to Park City, the intermediate slopes on the King Con lift have been groomed. Not so this year: many of these runs had large moguls, with the result that the skiers congregated on the limited number of groomed runs. The same was true for the Canyons portion of the mountain – there was no grooming on some of the major intermediate runs from the top of the Dream Catcher lift. I made the mistake of skiing McDonald Meadows – ostensibly a blue run, only to find monster moguls that were a challenge to negotiate.

Speaking of moguls, I did get my quota of bump runs and even found a few that were almost in the category of “play bumps.” Most notable were the run under the King Con lift line, which was quite skiable, and a series of bumps on the side of the major run from the top of the King Con lift down to the Silverlode lift. I also just had to ski Glory Hole and Fool's Gold, both of which had some evil bumps near the bottom.



The third day, on the first lift, I went up in the chair with a woman named Cookie from Massachusetts (she spends half the year in Florida and is an avid golfer). After talking on the chair, we decided to do a run together and found that we were well matched. We skied together for the full day, as well as the next day. She was amazing, as she had

not skied for seven years, but had great technique and even skied the bumps with me. Cookie may be interested in going on our Snowmass trip next January.



Bob did ski three of the four days and regained some of his confidence. For Bob, of course, the highlight of any ski trip is dinner. Although restaurant reservations were hard to come by even two weeks in advance, we managed to eat very well. On our first night, having arrived at 10:30, we had pizza at the hotel restaurant, Versante. Saturday night, we went back to Reef's Restaurant, high on the top of Deer Valley, where we had our final dinner on our trip two years ago. The restaurant is as good as it was then. Bob and I shared an Israeli salad, followed by lamb chops for Bob and a chicken cutlet for me. For dessert, we shared an unusual chocolate cake that had the consistency of a bread pudding. Sunday, it was back to the hotel restaurant, where we both had an excellent seafood stew and a blueberry cobbler. We had dinner with Dale Gody, my first cousin, and her husband Bill. They moved from Chicago to Salt Lake City about three years ago and live about a 20-minute bus ride from Solitude. Bill takes the bus to Solitude once or twice a week, and also enjoys hiking and biking. He reports that Solitude is not crowded at all during the week – quite a difference from Park City. It sounds like a good life to me.

Monday night, we went downtown to Grappa, a fancy Italian restaurant on the top of Main Street in downtown Park City. We shared an excellent fried calamari appetizer, and I had an

amazing pasta dish with mushrooms and sausages. Bob had Grappa's version of fish stew, with a large piece of lobster. Although rather overpriced, this restaurant is worth a visit. The restaurant is so popular that the only reservation I was able to procure was at 5:15. For our last night, we went to the Blind Dog restaurant, which is not downtown, but on nearby Kearns Avenue. The hotel shuttle dropped us off and picked us up when we were finished. Again, we had an excellent meal – Bob had a sushi appetizer and I had soft shell crab rolls. For the main course, Bob had red snapper and I went prosaic with a hamburger and mashed potatoes. We realized that we had not had much green vegetable or salad over the course of the four days.



That was it – we headed home the next day through Atlanta to DCA. I'm afraid that is the end of my skiing this season. Perhaps Chile this summer – my youngest son says that his Spanish is good enough that he would be happy to come and translate for me. I'm thinking that a less exotic idea would be Solitude next season. Both Solitude and Snowmass are on the Ikon pass, as is Steamboat, another ski area that I particularly like. Deer Valley is on the Ikon pass, but Park City is part of the Epic pass group. Everything considered, for those of us going to Snowmass, and planning to do any additional skiing at one of the Ikon resorts, it makes sense just to buy an Ikon pass in the summer, when they are the least expensive.

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Past Event:

*March 20, Monthly Meeting
Jill Nelson, Chevy Chase, MD*

On a brisk and sunny day, twenty-five Potomac Valley Skiers met at the home of Jill Nelson to renew friendships and welcome in the first day of spring! Jill set a beautiful table with shrimp, cheese, bread, dip, crackers, vegetables, fruit tray, pierogies and tasty dessert cookies. Some chose to sit outside on the back porch to enjoy the garden view. Honking horns of the trucker convoy could be heard on the nearby Beltway but didn't detract from the interesting conversations.

Barry Lake welcomed everyone. Marianne Soponis mentioned events in April: See page 2, 8, 9.

Rosemary Schwartzbard spoke about the upcoming ski trip to Val d'Iserre in France in March 2023. More information will be forthcoming. Kathy Lake explained that we still will be able to stay at our favorite hotel in Snowmass in January 2023. John Smith was sad to announce the end of local skiing in the following days but hoped for better weather next year.

There was an abundance of enthusiasm and good cheer as members left to enjoy the rest of the day!



Jill Nelson

M. Soponis



Barry leads the meeting.



Marianne, Barry & Kathy, and John enjoying the repast.





Jan reads to the youngest skier in the group, grandson of Jill & the Schwartzbards.



Bob & Cara



Susan & Reg, and Dick



John & Melissa



John & Reg
Don



Phil Robinson

Calendar:

Tue Apr 12 Torpedo Factory/Waterfront, 11:00 AM, Alexandria, VA, Vierimaa
 Thu Apr 14 BYOB ZOOM, 4:00 PM, N. McKinley, M. Soponis
 Thu Apr 21 Wayside Inn, VA, Noon, Middletown, VA, Noon, M. Soponis/J. Hotaling
 Fri Apr 22 Glenstone, Potomac, MD, 10:15 AM, M. Soponis
 Sun Apr 24 PVS Annual Meeting, 1:00 PM, Reston, VA, Heitchue/Sinclair
 Fri Apr 29 Ski Travel Show, 6:30-9:30 PM, Tysons Marriott, R. Schwartzbard



Ski Trips:

Snowmass, Colorado, January 11-18, 2023: Kathy & Barry Lake, Leaders
 BRSC Club Med to Val d’Isere, March 11-19, 2023: M. E. Ward



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