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### President's Message

Spring has finally sprung, all the cherry tree blossoms have come and out, and the pollen is out in full force. remained spring like with only a few



flowers and forsythia are blooming, the gone, the rest of the trees are leafing Thus far the temperatures have exceptions thankfully.

We have just conducted our first two years. The meeting was fairly well attended, the food and drink was fabulous, and a good time was had by all. At the meeting we did manage to conduct some club business by reelecting two current ExCom Members and welcoming a new recruit to join. Additionally, we welcomed membership to two applicants for Associate Membership. Please read the Members' Corner for more details.

face-to-face Annual Meeting in nearly

For those of you in the Washington, DC area, or anyone planning to visit here, you have a unique opportunity available to you. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is opening up their Kensington temple for the first public tours in 50 years. The tours which last just under an hour are free and are being conducted from April 28<sup>th</sup> through June 11<sup>th</sup>.

The 2021/2022 ski season is largely in the rearview mirror for most of us, but out west they have been extending it well into April, with a few resorts such as Snowbird still getting large quantities of powder. It won't be long before the club's Ski Trip leaders will be advertising and asking for participation in the 2023 planned ski trips to Snowmass in January (11-18) and to the Club Med Val d'Isère trip in March (11-19). The "hold the date" notices for these trips are in this and following TOOTs. So far there is a lot of interest in the Val d'Isère trip and we expect there will be a limited number of rooms available to us, so decisions about this trip will need to be made very soon.

**In-Person Monthly Meeting**  
Saturday, May 14, 2022 at 1:00pm  
at Ingrid Dallaire's in Chevy Chase, MD

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Various members attended a couple of events during the last week of April. The first event was the PRW Ski Travel Show at the Tysons Marriott, where vendors from many ski resorts attended and made available brochures, maps, and other information about their resorts. This was an opportunity for the attendees to talk to the tour operators and resort personnel to gather ideas for future potential club trips. The second event was the spring BRSC meeting where we got a review on this/last year's BRSC ski trips, received updates on the planned 2023 trips, and reviewed the locations selected for 2024.

Hope everyone has an enjoyable May, and look forward to seeing folks at the May monthly meeting.

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 summer and fall meetings.

*Cheers, Barry*

**Directions:**



**May Monthly Meeting**

Saturday, May 14, 2022 at 1:00pm  
Ingrid Dallaire, 8900 Clifford Avenue, Chevy Chase, MD  
301-455-6962

Directions from the beltway: Take Connecticut Avenue South, via exit 33, toward Chevy Chase. At the second light, turn left onto Manor Road. At the end of Manor Road, turn right onto Jones Bridge Road. Take the second left onto Brierley Road. Take the second left onto Kenilworth Drive. Take the second right onto Clifford Avenue (by a stone wall). 8900 Clifford Avenue is the first house on the left. Parking on Kenilworth and Clifford.

Directions from the city: Take Connecticut Avenue north from Washington into Maryland. Make a right on Manor Road and follow the directions above.

If you plan to attend, Ingrid would appreciate a quick email,  
[ingrid.dallaire@longandfoster.com](mailto:ingrid.dallaire@longandfoster.com)  
or text or call (301-455-6962) by Monday, May 9.

## Coming Events



### **PVS - BYOB** (Bring Your Own Book) group

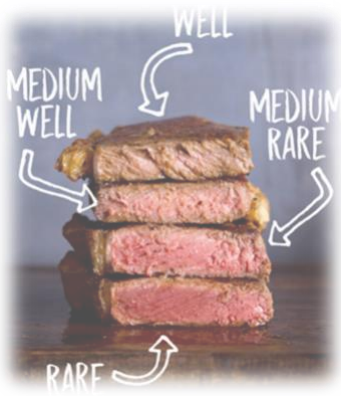
Traveling these days? Take a book! Then come back and tell us about what you read at our monthly Zoom BYOB gathering! Don't forget that our PVS guy friends are encouraged to stop by too! **See the info at the bottom for how to join in on May 12th, 2022 (the second Thursday of each month) at 4 pm!**

Here are the books we shared in April:

- Marianne Soponis decided to lighten things up by getting absorbed in "The Night Fire" by prolific author Michael Connelly whose signature character, Detective Harry Bosch, acknowledges that he's getting on in years by taking on a new crime-solving partner in this latest thriller.
- Jan Marx told us about "The Horsewoman" by James Patterson who shares authorship with Mike Lupica. This thriller centers on a family of show-jumping horse owners in Florida and the high-stakes competition and threats that pit family members against each other.
- Karen Knopes read the bestseller "Cloud Cuckoo Land" by Anthony Doerr. The unusual plot links the stories of 5 characters from the 1400s to the future all related to an apocryphal Greek myth by Diogenes. Karen also discussed a personal favorite: "Underland: A Deep Time Journey" by Robert McFarland which details in "poetic prose" his 10 years in underground and underwater places around the globe both beautiful and terrifying.
- Ingrid Dallaire turned to a fictionalized history of the very real and accomplished assistant to J.P. Morgan in Maria Benedict's "The Personal Librarian." Belle da Costa Greene who passed as white in the early 1900s and created the Morgan Library in New York. Her feat is even more noteworthy knowing the difficulties and the secret she overcame.
- Nancy McKinley brought "If I Had Your Face," debut novel by Frances Cha. Cha follows 4 young women in Seoul, South Korea as they navigate a world that defines success by strict beauty standards for women and where the entrenched patriarchy works against women trying to make their own way.



**The next BYOB Zoom call will be held on Thursday, May 12th from 4 to 5 pm. Let Marianne Soponis know at [marianne.soponis@gmail.com](mailto:marianne.soponis@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](mailto:nancymckin@gmail.com) or 703 595 8375.**



*Special Event !!!*  
Join us at PVS' 31<sup>st</sup> (\*not\* annual)  
**STEAK AND SWIM**

**At the HINES'**  
**Saturday August 13, 2022 3pm**  
**Rain (Snow) or Shine**



This is PVS' oldest annual club event, except that it's not quite annual!  
Celebrate summer in the Blue Ridge foothills in Delaplane, VA.  
Enjoy good food, camaraderie, open space, and maybe even a dip in the pool!

Limited to 25. Reserve Now!  
Deadline to sign up or cancel is August 1st.

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

**INCLUDED:** steaks, baked potatoes, salads, fixings, beverages and (hopefully) sunshine!!

**Cost:** \$20 per person (even if inflation continues to surge).

To sign up or for directions phone Kerry or Marianne at 540 364-4810, or email [mchines@erols.com](mailto:mchines@erols.com) and tell us what you'll bring. Also, let us know if you need directions.

## Past Events

### *LUNCH AT THE WAYSIDE INN*



The Wayside Inn hosted four Potomac Valley Skiers for lunch on a sunny Thursday, April 21, with redbuds and dogwoods paving the way down I-66. Marianne and Kerry Hines, Kathy Daylor, and Burr Schuler were welcomed by Michelle Conn who served lunch to this adventurous foursome in the Pub. Marianne and Kerry live relatively close by and had passed the inn but never stopped in. Kathy reminisced about visiting the place when she was in high school and got a tour. She was eager to see if some of the landmarks she remembered were still there. Burr shared stories of his military service in Vietnam, the various ski trips and the very good trip leaders he has had.

Kerry “created” this picture showing the four lunch-goers.

*Submitted by Kerry Hines*

### *A VISIT TO GLENSTONE MUSEUM*

*April 22, 2022*

Ingrid Dallaire, Jill Nelson, Herb Bennett, John Holt, and two guests spent the day at Glenstone Museum in Maryland on Friday, April 22, enjoying the outdoor as well as indoor art. John Holt thought he had signed up for the trip (although Marianne Soponis had never received his text) and showed up without a ticket. However, he was allowed in when they heard he was with Potomac Valley Skiers!

Some had been there before and just returned for the enjoyment, others who were first-timers were either enthralled with the landscape and buildings of art or surprised at the “one painting per room” as a focus on a particular artist. But it is all in the eye of the beholder, isn't it? One of the reasons for someone to visit Glenstone!

Submitted by Marianne Soponis

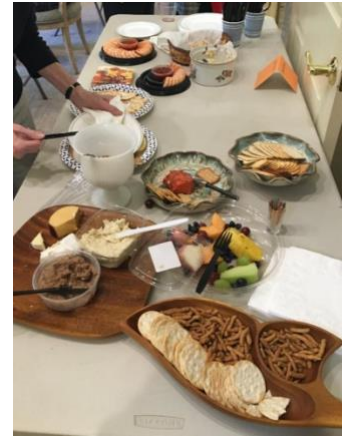


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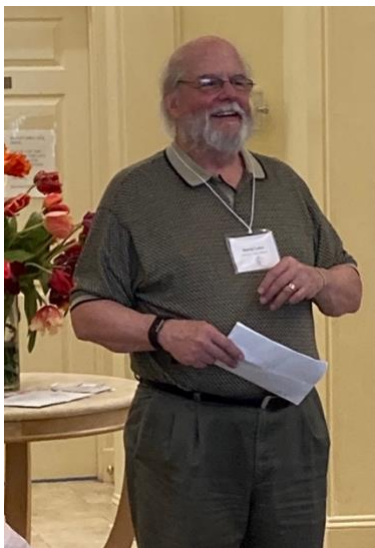


## ANNUAL MEETING - April 24, 2022

Summer in April. It was a lovely, albeit unseasonably warm, afternoon when 22 PVSers gathered in Susan Sinclair and Reg Heitchue's airy condo party room for the PVS annual meeting. As usual at PVS gatherings, there was food and drink aplenty. The appetizer table offered a delicious crab dip, salmon, shrimp, spiced nuts, a cheese plate, and more. While members were munching and sipping, eavesdroppers could have heard serious conversations solving the world's problems, travel travails, skiing hopes, and long-delayed "catch-up" chats. However, soon enough, President Barry Lake opened the meeting for serious business.



Marianne Sponis reported that the May monthly meeting, SummerFest in June, and Steak 'n' Swim in August were scheduled; articles with details would be in this and future TOOTs, and dates shown in the calendar. Rosemary Schwartzbard briefly noted that Snowmass 2023 and Club Med Val d'Isère 2023 were on track and further information about those trips would appear in future TOOTs.



Barry opened the floor for the regular business that is to be conducted at the annual meeting, that is, the election of officers and voting to approve applicant members. First was the election for three ExCom members: Kathy Lake (nominated to serve a second two-year term); Don Vierimaa (nominated to serve a second two-year term); and Salli Diakova. Kerry Hines moved to elect the three, Bob Jablon seconded the motion, and the motion passed without dissent. The two applicant members, Brian Drinkwater and Douglas Lundgren, were both eligible as Associate Members (associate members are those whose primary residence is more than 75 miles from Washington, DC).

Bob Jablon moved to approve the two for membership, Tom Tycz seconded the motion, and the motion passed without dissent. The gathering clapped for all in welcome.

Barry reported that Membership Chair, David Warthen, had resigned after 15 years of service in that position. He thanked Dave and encouraged anyone interested is assuming the duties to contact him. Also, Barry reported that Rosemary intended to step down as Ski Trip Committee Chair after the 2023 ski trips.



Rosemary encouraged any replacement to step up soon so he or she could learn the ropes from Rosemary.

The meeting concluded with members enjoying the pineapple bread pudding, yogurt cake with lemon icing, cookies, rugelach, a mysterious bar with ginger and more, and other sweets.

*Submitted by Ellie Thayer*



## SKI TALK

MAY 2022



You may have seen the recent New York Times article about the removal of trail maps at ski resorts. Resorts are drastically cutting down on printing these maps. For example, the Aspen resorts printed 30,000 maps this year while in past years they had printed ten times as many-- 300,000! I was wondering why I couldn't find trail maps when we were in Snowmass this year.

Fortunately, I brought one from past years with me. Some resorts are no longer printing any trail maps at all and expect people to get them on their smart phones. Have you ever taken off your gloves in windy, snowy conditions to open your phone and search for a map app? It is much easier pulling some paper out of your pocket, but the resorts are trying to save money any way they can. I had collected many maps over the years but in a frenzy of cleaning a few years ago I threw them away. I figured I could always get a new copy when I returned to a resort. So, hold on to any trail maps you have. You may never get another copy.

How did most of these maps come into being to begin with? We can thank the legendary ski artist named James Niehues, who has just been inducted into the U. S. Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame. He has drawn over 260 ski-resort maps in his 30-year career. They include maps of our local areas like WISP, Ski Liberty and Massanutten as well as areas in New England, the Rockies, Canada, New Zealand, Australia, Chile and elsewhere.

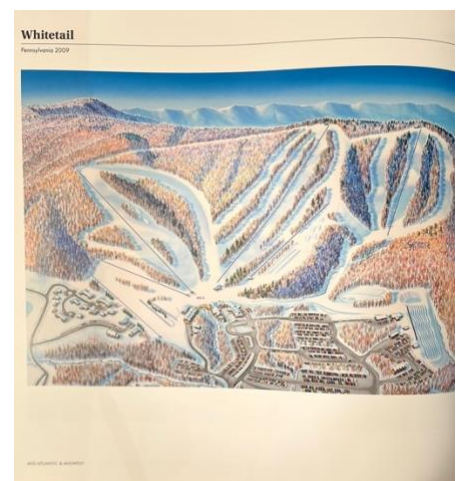
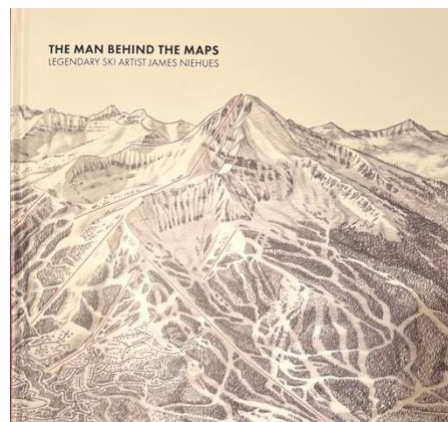
Mr. Niehues, who retired last year, said that his maps aren't just about "guiding you down the mountain but showing you its potential and what it offers." To convey that, he created three-dimensional scenes with meticulously rendered details. "I really kept the skiers in mind and tried to make it as realistic as I could," he added. "I always felt that it was important to show the terrain, the surroundings, the trees."

If you like to look at ski maps, you may be interested in the book: **The Man Behind the Maps**, published by Open Road Ski Company. It gives the history and a description of making ski maps. It includes photos of every one of his maps. It is a beautifully illustrated coffee-table book. You can spend hours studying the maps and dreaming of years past. Thank you, Mr. Niehues.

As ski areas were closing in April, the snow kept falling. There was abundant snow for spring skiing this year. There was even an inch or two of fresh powder the day Snowmass closed. Sorry to have missed it, but we are looking forward to next ski season. We will be going back to the Mountain Chalet in Snowmass in January and then to Club Med, Val d'Isere, France, in March. The details have not been fully worked out. See the fliers in this TOOT. More information will be coming in the June TOOT.

Rosemary Schwartzbard

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# *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.*

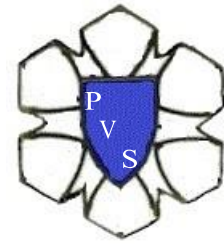
For further information, please contact us at [KathyLakehomes@yahoo.com](mailto:KathyLakehomes@yahoo.com) or 703-625-2715.

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

# Members' Corner

By Guest Columnist Barry Lake



We once again had a face-to-face Annual Meeting last month, the first in at least two years. Voting by Active Members was conducted for 3 vacating ExCom Members. Congratulations go to Kathy Lake and Don Vierimaa for agreeing to stay on for an additional term for 2022-2024. Congratulations also goes out to Salli Daikova for being newly elected to ExCom for 2022-2024. President Barry Lake and Vice President Cara Jablon will continue to serve in the second year of their terms. Manfred Boehringer, Jannes Gibson, and Mary Rose de Valladares will also serve out the last year of their terms.



Additionally, voting by the Active Members welcomed two new Associate Members to the club: Brian Drinkwater and Doug Lundgren.

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 **Searching searching searching...**

PVS is seeking a member who is willing to write the monthly column, **Members' Corner**, or members who are willing to be an **occasional guest editor**. We are seeking stories about travel and skiing in particular. Contact Barry Lake at [Barry\\_Lake@yahoo.com](mailto:Barry_Lake@yahoo.com)

Electronic TOOT to 91 members.

Thanks to:

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Roster changes: add [drinkwater.brian@yahoo.com](mailto:drinkwater.brian@yahoo.com)

Doug Lundgren [flydoug1955@gmail.com](mailto:flydoug1955@gmail.com)

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*Welcome to Minnesota Spring*

(Shared by Layout Editor)

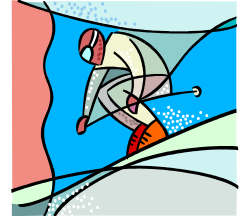


## Calendar:

Thursday May 12, 4:00 p.m. BYOB on Zoom, McKinley  
Saturday May 14, 1:00 p.m. Monthly Meeting, Dallaire, Chevy Chase, MD  
Tuesday May 24, 7:00 p.m. ExCom on Zoom  
Saturday June 25, 1:00 p.m. SummerFest, Jablons, Washington, DC  
Saturday August 13, 3:00 p.m. Steak 'n' Swim, Hines, Delaplane, VA

## 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*



## ExCom Officers, Board Members, and Committee Chairpersons

<b>Officers:</b>	<b>Chairpersons:</b>
President – <i>Barry Lake</i> Vice Pres. – <i>Cara Jablon</i> Secretary – <i>Ellie Thayer</i> Treasurer – <i>Dick Schwartzbard</i>	Ski Trip Committee – <i>Rosemary Schwartzbard</i> Events – <i>Marianne Sophonis</i> Membership Records – <i>vacant</i>
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### Useful Ski “Links”

[Potomac Valley Skiers](#)  
[BRSC Sanctioned Trips](#)  
[DC Ski Online News](#)

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