

PRESIDENT'SHere, at last, the news you've breathlessly awaited: the resultsSITZMARKof the club song contest.

We have many fine songs written by members to celebrate various anniversary events and sung rapturously by the PVS choristers (sometimes referred to as the Moron Tabernacle Choir.).

In the present contest, we were looking for a zippy little number even the tin ears among us could belt out on those occasions when we are feeling especially rhapsodic about PVS.

Unfortunately, the Contest Committee was underwhelmed by the response. In fact, there were only three submissions--all of them lively with spirited librettos--and we have decided to designate each of them a winner.

These winning entries appear elsewhere in the TOOT. We ask the composers to come forward at the October 20 meeting at the Harpers' to receive their awards and lead us in song.

Should be a blast!

Lu Beale, President

Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, October 20, 1998 - 7:30 P.M.

Home of Marijane and Don Harper 1835 Clara Way, Fairfax Station, VA Tel: 703-323-6356



Directions: Exit Rte. 495 onto Rte. 66 West, then get off on 123 South. Or from 495 take Bradley Road exit, going west to 123 S (here called Ox Road). Proceed 4 plus miles from Rte 66 or 2 miles from Braddock Road. Take right on Fairfax Station Road (where there's a traffic light). Proceed about 1.7 miles to Oakbrook Subdivision sign (Innisville Road) where take a right. Go to Clara Way and turn left. House is second house on the left.



BLOB'S PARK - OCTOBER 3

Have a second Oktoberfest at Blob's Park in Maryland., Polkas and more beginning at 9 p.m. Those wanting to eat there can arrange to meet earlier. Suzanne Boisclair is making arrangements. For info, call her at 703-532-0511 (or sboiscl@crosslink net).

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TOUR OF GENERAL MOTORS FACTORY IN BALTIMORE AND LUNCH AT HARBOR PLACE TUESDAY, OCT. 6

This event is limited to 25. We will tour the plant starting at 9 a.m. Good walking shoes are required as this is a 2 mile walk. No cameras or tape recorders are allowed. We will follow the start (first piece) of a vehicle to when it comes off the assembly line. A list of participants will be available at our September monthly meeting for forming car pools. Following the GM tour, we will travel to Harbor Place and have lunch at Phillips. Those not wishing to make the plant tour are welcome for lunch and can enjoy the afternoon sights at Harbor Place. To get your name on the list, call Sara or Charles Huggins (301) 424-5725.

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FALL STROLL/BIKE THROUGH THE KENTLANDS FOLLOWED BY DINNER AT THE LEONHARDTS (301-963-8111)

Saturday, October 17 3:00 pm.

Walk or bike around the lakes and new developments in Kentlands and then dinner at the Leonhardts, Gaithersburg, MD. If it rains, then dinner only. Limited to 28. Nothing to bring. Cost: \$5-7; cancel by Thur. Oct. 15. Event is full but waiting list is short. Call Barbara to confirm or to sign up.

PLEASE NOTE DIRECTORY CHANGES:

Telephone numbers:

Jaclyn and Ned Flaherty - 301-929-9664 Mary Riley - 301-620-1753

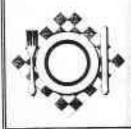
Dick and Therese St. Louis should be listed as full members, not as applicants. Sylvia and Walter Lukens are applicants, not full members.

If there are any other errors in the directory, please call Marilyn Clark and she will note changes. 703-978-9435.



MIDWEEK BIKE 'N LUNCH W&OD Trail - Ashburn to Leesburg Wednesday, October 21, 1998

Starting Point: VA Rte. 28 & W&OD Trail Parking Lot. Route: 20 mile round trip ride on flat W&OD trail to Leesburg and return with short detour near end to Old Dominion BrewPubfor lunch. Call leaders if you need specific directions to starting point.



Non-cyclists welcome to join us for the **Luncheon** portion of this activity at 1:00 pm (approximately)..

Leaders: Marvin Hass (703) 751-4737 and Betty Byrne (202) 483-4048



AUTUMN DINNER

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 1998 SEVEN O'CLOCK \$60.00 per person Mail check payable to Bill Anderson 4711 De Russey Parkway Chevy Chase, Maryland 20815 On or before October 26 Black Tie, Optional



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IN MEMORIAM

Long time Dr. Paul Yessler died on September 8 after a courageous year-long battle with pancreatic cancer. Paul retired in 1967 as a Colonel and Chief of Psychiatry at Walter Reed. After retirement, he practiced psychiatry privately for more than 30 years. He was a member of numerous prestigeous national and local psychiatric associations. He was also a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Mensa.

1998.

Paul's ski friends will long remember the ski hat with the long red tassel he wore on the slope. It was a jaunty little cap he wore with grace and aplomb. It became his trademark.

PVS sends sincere condolences to Paul's wife, Kaye, and all his family, with special regards to son Wayne who is also a PVSer and usually accompanied Paul on PVS Club ski trips.

SCHEDULED TRIPS FOR THE 1999-2000 SEASONS

	DATES	LOCATIONS	TRIP LEADERS
	Dec. 9 to 16,1998	Steamboat, CO.	Ned & Jaclyn Flaherty
	Jan. 9 to 16, 1999	Telluride, CO.	Don & Kathy Dillon
	Jan. 30 to Feb. 6, 1999	Sun Valley, ID.	Dina Taylor & Sheldon Drews
	Feb. 19 to Mar. 2, 1999	Cortina, Italy	John Smith & Pat Tengel
*	Feb. 20 to Fsb 26, 1999 BRSC Trip	Mt. Tremblant, Canada	John & Romona Matthews
	Mar. 27 to Apr.3, 1999		Ray & Nancy McKinley
	Dec. 26,99 to Jan.2,2000 BRSC Trip	Steamboat, CO.	Betty Lawrence & Betty Byrne
		BRSC Trip Byrne he following ski trips are in the planning stage: an. 29 to Feb. 5, 2000 Park City, UT. Trip Leader not des	ng stage: Trip Leader not design- ated at present time
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	Aug 31 to Sep 13, 2000		Ray & Nancy McKinley

If a member is interested in a particular trip, please indicate to the Trip Leader at this time to put your name on the list and make the deposit requested by the Trip Leader. Remember the trips fill-up quickly and there is a limit to the number of people on each trip.

TELLURIDE JAN 9-16,1999!!

SPACES STILL AVAILABLE FULL PACKAGE INCLUDES: Round-Trip Jet Air, Transfers,

Deluxe Lodge Accommodations in Mountain Village, Welcome Party, 5 of 6-Day Lift Ticket, Mountain Tour, One Dinner in Olde-Town Telluride, Several Apres-Skis, Pre- and Post-Trip Parties, Free Gondola to Town 15 Hours Daily

FULL PKG., PER PERSON, DOUBLE (PP,D)	\$1195
70 or Older, Full Pkg. (PP,D)	1070
Land Only, No Air or Trans- fers (PP,D)	815
Land Only, No Air or trans- fers, 70 or Older (PP,D)	690
Single Supplement (Added to Above)	515

Due NOW: \$600 PER PERSON; Final due Nov. 1

To Sign Up, Call Kathy or Don Dillon 301 330 5371

You will find Telluride a great place to ski, seventy-five percent blues and greens, split-grooming and well-groomed. Snow is soft, deep and plentiful to 25 feet of pure Rocky Mountain powder each year. Runs, with long, rolling cruisers, are plentiful and nary a lift line in sight. With deluxe lodge accommodations at new, multimillion-dollar, Mountain Village, you will also be near the well -preserved old, wild-west town of Telluride. It's never too cold in Telluride and you will find it the most beautiful place you'll ever ski.

DEADLINE IS APPROACHING FOR US TO CANCEL UNUSED ACCOMMODATIONS AND AIR SEATS SO WE AVOID EXTRA CHARGES.

The trip is a "GO" with the the wonderful group already signed on. It is an exceptional value. All those who have delayed signing up should do so new.

Don and Kathy

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SKI SUN VALLEY, IDAHO

January 30 thru February 6, 1999 ordinated by Dina. Taylor (301-663-6089) & Nat Seeman (713-461-0859)

Amid the splendor of Idaho's majestic mountains, this VALUE-PACKED ski package offers great skiing on UNCROWDED slopes with state-of-the-art lifts. The motto is "ROUGHING IT IN LUXURY" in glamorous guest facilities with alpine charm and amenities to numerous to list. All of us will be lodging in the famous SUN VALLEY LODGE, frequented by many Hollywood celebrities. All this for the individualized, unbelievably low price of (Land only - \$300 less)

Room w. 2 double beds, double occupancy - per person only \$1,270 Room w. 1 Queen bed, double occupancy - per person only \$1,194

A nice group of enthusiastic skiers has already signed up, and we have room for a few more. Come and join us. For more information call coordinators. To sign up, send a deposit to Dina Taylor, 8403 Stonehouse Road, Frederick, MD 21702. It is imperative to make a decision soon as trip planning considerations confine us to certain time frames. We have space for you now ! Let us hear from you. Your friendly tripleaders Dina and Nat. 'Especially needed--one male skier!

MONT TREMBLANT

Potomac Valley Skiers are part of the Blue Ridge Ski Council's "Winterfest 1999" February 21 to 26 (five day) or February 20 to 27 (seven day option) John and Ramona Matthews are your coordinators; phone: 301-589-7612

Ski Magazine rates Tremblant as the #1 ski resort in Eastern North America (1997 & 1998). Snow Country Magazine (1997) rates Tremblant as the #1 Value in Eastern North America. These low mountains (3,000 feet) present no altitude adjusment problem yet have great verticals (2131 feet).

Lodging in the Plaza Condominiums is located at the foot of the mountain in the heart of the Village. Deluxe condo units include two bedrooms for two persons each, two bathrooms and full kitchens. The studio units accommodate two at a small price increment. Convenient walk-to-the-slopes for all lodging. You have a choice of a five or seven-day package. Included with both are:

- Pre-trip party.
- Round-trip from Dulles to Montreal via Toronto. Group race inter club challenge.
- Round trip charter bus Montreal to Tremblant.
- 7 nights lodging (5 optional).
- 6 days lift tickets (4 optional).

- BRSC welcome party.
- BRSC farewell dinner/dance: DJ music.
- Optional sight-seeing trip to Quebec City.
- Post-trip party.

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Costs of	Two bedroom/two bath condo (four persons)	\$596	\$720
Packages:	Studio unit w/kitchen alcove (two persons)	\$675	\$800

Land only - deduct \$200; Cost adjustment for seniors, single suppliment and non-skiers to be determined. Payment Schedule: A deposit of \$50 is payable with your application. A second payment of \$50 is due by November 5: A third payment of \$75 is due on December 5 and the final payment falls due on January 5, 1999. Trip agreement, emergency information form and travel schedules to be provided.

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The Premier VS Ski Destination!

Experience the thrill of skiing the largest, was built from scratch to encompass the best ski to scratch to encompass the best ski to scratch to encompass the best ski to scratch. Vail's skiing and unrivated natural beauty make it a place to go back to again and again. Vail is massive with 4,644 skiabs, of the largest network of high-speed quads in North America. At the top, VAIL is nonths, so we are guaranteed great powder skiing! Vaill has added practice parks for slow to moderately paced skiing so you can be denioy. Special signs are posted at the top of each recently-groomed slope to eliminate guess work. Snow conditions and grooming to eliminate guess work. Snow conditions and grooming to show to work of the form close-in Reagan. Airport to Eagle Vail on a great schedule on United Airlines.

 \heartsuit We'll stay slopeside at the newly appointed, Lift is the spacious unit has a fireplace, queen size bed, queen size sleep sofa, full kitchen, and private balcony. Prices are per person and bases of all our units are only 150 steps from the new high-speed, leather phototered heated Lionshead Gondola. The Lift House has two restaurants, a Jacuzzi, bank, two ski shops and is in the heart of Lionshead Village. VAIL. You'll love it!

All the goodies you expect on a McKinley-run trip: 5 of 6 day lift passes good at Vail, Beaver Creek, Arrowhead, Keystone & Breckenridge--almost 11,000 acres!! Airfare, transfers baggage handling and gratuities. We've included three special multi course group dinners at prime Vail dining establishments, *apres ski* every night, and gala pre and post trip parties.

Incredible VAIL Value: 8 Days, 7 Nights Only \$1,348, \$1,188 70+ Land Only package: \$1,009, \$849 70+

For information call Nancy or Ray at (703) 527-7126. To sign up fill out the form in our lavender flyer (or call us) and send it with your check for \$800 (pay to Ray McKinley) to McKinleys, 2326 North Upton St., Arlington, VA 22207-4045. You'll absolutely \heartsuit VAIL \heartsuit \heartsuit \clubsuit \bigstar \bigstar \clubsuit \bigstar \clubsuit \bigstar \clubsuit \bigstar \clubsuit \bigstar

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, Dec. 9 - 16, 1998. Final payment is now due to the Flahertys.

PAST EVENTS

Crab Feast

Bob Harmon

On September 5 a very large number (I didn't get the exact figure) of PVS-ers and friends attended the annual crab feast held at Betty Lawrence's, as it has been for I don't know how many years. Before dinner there was swimming in Betty's pool and the usual camaraderie that precedes all PVS events. The weather was comfortably warm and sunny, and the crabs were delicious (though a misguided minority opted for something other than crabs!). In addition to the crabs there was the usual wide variety of excellent hors d'oeuvres, salads, and desserts. I happened to be sitting beside Jessma when I unthinkingly made some innocuous reference to the Toot, whereupon Jessma immediately assigned me to write up the event for said Toot. (I think there's a moral there somewhere.) Anyway, it was, as always, a very pleasant way to spend a summer afternoon and evening, and many thanks to Betty for once again hosting this event.

PLAN-YOUR-SKI-SEASON PARTY, AUGUST 29TH

There were 49 of us at the pre-trip party at the Heitchues, including one of our out-of-state members, Charlie Wilson. We spent the first three hours munching on a variety of hors d'oeuvres and other goodies and chatted mainly about where we have been this summer and where we are going next winter. Some of us also took a boat ride on our host's houseboat. At eight o'clock we settled down on the lovely dock overlooking the lake and listenend to our trip leaders' presentations about next winter's tours. A lovely time was had by all and we wish to express our thanks to our hosts, Jean and Reg Heitchue.

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SEPTEMBER MEETING

OVER THE RIVER AND THROUGH THE WOODS

TO THE DILLONS HOUSE WE WENT... Yes, 35 PVS,s and Guests made the "Journey" to the palatial 3.5 acre estate of Kathy and Don Dillon for the first meeting of the 1998-99 PVS meeting season. The trip was really not long, but a bit of exaggeration makes for a better story. Kathy greated us all and directed us to the very large rear deck, with its screened gazebo. Here we found several tables laden with a variety of dips, cheeses, meat balls, and of course the ever present potables. The dining room turkey, so we were able to create our own sandwiches. By 8:45 Pres. Lu requested that we all adjourn to the spacious lower level to conduct the business of the club, after which we were treated to Brownies, Danish and coffee.

Many thanks to Don and Kathy for again hosting the seasons "KICK OFF" meeting. Bill Anderson

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OKTOBERFEST... Summer returned for this autumnal event, but it was a beautiful afternoon at Mary Ward's and Jim Slack's with a lovely breeze coming over the green rolling fields. Few lived up to the occasion, dresswise, but Annemarie Black upheld the spirit with a beautiful green dirndl with white lace inserts. And the McKinleys were properly attired in shorts with Bavarian suspenders and pewter beer hall mugs. And of course the food was in keeping with the theme of the day.

It was great to have some too-rarely-seen PVSers there-Terry and Ham Morton and Maida and Roy Elrod, the latter now living near Fredericksburg. Roy told an amazing story of his war experience-he went from private to corporal to sergeant to lieutenant to captain, all while serving in the same unit! Apparently a Marine Corp record.

Mary was asked if the hike down through the woods to the creek was open--she said they had been too busy this year to keep it cleared. After all the wonderful Oktoberfests they have hosted, perhaps PVS should furnish a work party next year. How about it, gang? Many thanks to Mary and Jim.

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PRINTED BELOW are the three winning (and only) submissions in our club song contest. Please bring this sheet to the October meeting at the Harpers' and prepare to sing your hearts out.

OUR POTOMAC VALLEY SKI CLUB IS THE BEST!

(Sung to a march composed by the lyricist)

So you've never heard of PVS?

Neatest ski club anywhere, without a guess!

Mainly we all ski - but then, this is not all.

Staying active is our goal from Spring through Fall.

When it comes to meetings, we discuss a lot.

When it comes to food - we give it all we've got!

Ski trips are superb, perfect as can be!

Our Potomac Valley Ski Club is the best for you and me!

(To the tune of "There Is a Tavern in the Town")

There is a ski club in this town-PVS! And it's the best ski club around-PVS! When the mountain slopes are covered with snow, PVS with skis prepares to go. When the snow away has wended, Do not think the fun has ended For the club can party many ways, in many ways. There's food and drink, and then there's food, yes food, And bikes and hikes for a happy mood, happy mood, To the best ski club we'll raise hearty cheers. PVS should last 100 years!

Sung to the tune of Funiculi-Funicula

We come from all around the **Beltway** and some more far, and some more far. We **age** with grace and beauty and an **appetite** and some to spare, and some to spare. We **ski** at all levels of **ability** and some are tops, and some are tops. So **when** we **party hearty**; pull out the stops! Pull out the stops!

Choruses

Sizt mark, sitz mark; ski in, then ski out, Sitz mark, sitz mark; our hair is falling out, We are the oldest, yes, the oldest that one seeceees! Pass the wine around and we will learn about new skis!

VedIn, vedIn; shusse into the Bar, VedIn, vedIn; the food can't be too far, We are the skiers, yes, the skiers from D-Ceeeeee! Serve the crackers with the wine and freshest of your brie!

Hike up, hike down; keep the chili hot, Hike up, hike down; pikers we are not, Potomac Valley, yes, the valley's where we'll beceese! Cycl-ing is our training, we're the skiers from PV!

Doo dah, doo dah; the flight out's been delayed! Doo dah, doo dah; how long have we staaayed? We're so hungry, so darned hungry, we could eat the potpourriii!! That is why we've oft been call~ed: P-V-S and Eee!

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THE KNEE

Ray McKinley

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We've finally made it into fall! Now it's definitely time to think of skiing.

Many of us regularly take lessons yet we remain "terminal" beginners or "terminal" intermediates. There is a solution: shaped skis. The Knee's shaped skis are now in their 5th season. They carve turns so easily that you gain control of the mountain, not the other way around.

Shaped skis are considerably less work and more fun and they cut through fresh snow or crud like a knife going through warm butter. Surprisingly, nationwide only a quarter of skiers use the hourglass skis, and in PVS it's much less. I know because you never wear them to meetings.

Jack Ragen remembers his last experience at Ski Liberty. "I couldn't stick my ski poles in."

Condolences to <u>Wayne Yessler</u> and family. <u>Wayne's</u> father, long-time PVSer and friend, <u>Paul</u> <u>Yessler</u> recently succumbed to cancer. According to <u>Wayne</u>, <u>Paul</u> was buried with his favorite waistlength, striped ski cap. He would have liked that. Shortly, <u>Wayne Yessler</u> will be moving to Martinsburg, WV where he will become a public defender. PVS will miss the <u>Yesslers</u>.

Our condolences also go out to <u>Fumiko</u> and <u>Myron Marquardt</u> on the death of <u>Fumiko's</u> 93-year-old mother. <u>Fumiko</u> missed the funeral and she is now in Japan for the religious strewing of the ashes. <u>Fumiko</u> will return in November.

From the 'funny, you don't look Polish" department, <u>Howard and Jean Hensley</u> have just left for Warsaw for 16 months. <u>Howard is helping</u> the Polish government set up their new pension program. Whilst there, perhaps the <u>Hensleys</u> can join the Pope and ski Zakopane.

We all had a great time at <u>Don and Kathy</u> <u>Dillon's</u> lovely Victorian home. However, getting there was a trudge. I had to stop for gas...twice. I was counting the stop lights on my fingers. They were so far inbetween, my fingers got tired and folded. And I passed a Barwood Taxi whose meter had topped out and blown up.

President <u>Lu Beale</u> just had a painful toenail surgically removed. The operation is called toenailectomy. I toed you so.

Your government is at work. <u>Barbara</u> <u>Leonhardt</u> is in Maine to study the breeding of potatoes. The Knee has heard that after a particularly steamy affair, they get fried.

The following is from a PVSer who wishes to remain anonkneemous--you will definitely see why. A French thief nearly got away after stealing several masterpieces from the Louvre. However, after carefully planning the theft and getting in and out through security, his Econoline ran out of fuel and he was captured. Asked how he could make such an obvious error after all of his planning he said....(brace yourself...this is really bad). "I had no Monet to buy Degas to make the Van Gogh."

Congrats to Jack Peoples. His daughter is getting married this month--in Aspen, albeit a bit early to ski. And <u>Gail Pease's</u> daughter. Angie, is now a practicing vet. (That's not a catty comment.) Also, congrats to Jan Phillips who just received an additional Master's degree (Jan now has more degrees than a thermometer)--this one is in Theology. Theology, for those unwitting, is the study of the article "The."

Towards a more lyrical PVS. <u>Sally Finan</u> and <u>George Welti</u> are members of the Berkshire Chorale. They will soon be singing in Italy, Switzerland, and <u>Salzburg</u>. <u>Sally's</u> Europedwelling daughter will join them. So, la ti do.

<u>Charlie Huggins</u> takes exception to my ski ski area count last month. He only finds 17 areas in Vermont, so he's only missing 50. Also, he and <u>Norm Engelman</u> skied 10 of Utah's 13 resorts.

<u>Serge Triau</u> reports that IBM has a new Clinton computer. It comes with a 5 inch hard drive, or a floppy and it has no memory.

Betty Lawrence's crabfest was a bit wetter than normal. In the pool, Ms Knee, Nancy McKinley, was in a child's wading tube. It sprung a leak and she sunk. Later <u>Marilyn Clark</u> threw a cushion, plopped onto it, and <u>Marilyn</u> and the cushion sank. It was a nonfloating chair cushion.

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