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Fellow PVSers:

It's August and most of us are thinking about the last days of summer. Some of us, though, are about to take off for Argentina and some glorious summer skiing. If you're gripped with envy at not coming with us to Argentina, the next best thing is to start seriously planning where you're going to ski during the coming season. Don't get left behind. As Warren Miller says in his popular ski flicks: "if you don't do it this year, you'll just be one year older when you do!"

On a serious note, a few months ago I reported in this column that PVS-sanctioned trips contributed over 1000 skier days in the 1999-2000 season. That's fantastic! So far this year, we're running at less than half that number. Our slate of ski trips this year is a full one with some truly terrific venues that hold superb opportunities for good skiing and camaraderie. If you've chosen not to go on a PVS trip this year, you can really help us. Make a point of talking with Trip Committee Chairman, Serge Triaou, his committee, Myron Marquardt and Jan Marx, or me and let us know why - maybe it's illness, or cost, or we're not skiing the area you want to ski. Whatever your reason, PVS wants to hear from you! And there's still time to sign up to ski with PVS in the coming season.

One thing, for sure, though, we're never shy on PVSers who want to party! The 35th Anniversary Party on November 4 is a prime example. Send your check to Pat Tengel made out to PVS NOW while there's still time. Remember, we won't have another PVS Anniversary party for five more years! And call Betty Lawrence to sign up for Crab Feast on September 2 - crab eating not required! See you on the slopes or at the table,

Nancy
Nancy McKinley
President

COME TO ANOTHER...



SUMMER SERENADE AT STRATHMORE HALL

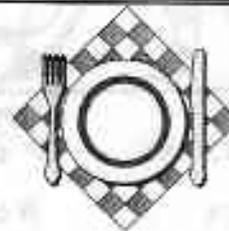
There will be a repeat PVS visit to Strathmore Hall on Tuesday August 22 to hear The Classical Band featuring Daniel Heifetz, violin, and Buddy Wachter, banjo) playing a mixture of classical/folk numbers. John Smith and Pat Tengel have heard this group and highly recommends them. We will gather on the lawn at 6:30. The concert begins at 7:30 and is free. Bring your own food and drink or purchase dinner on site from La Madeleine. Call John or Pat (301-299-8376 for further information or just show up. Bring blankets or low beach chairs and look around for group. Parking is ample and cost \$3.00.

BICYCLING GOURMET



Leesburg to Purcellville (and return)

Thursday, August 24, 2000 10:30 AM



Starting Point: Leesburg Market Station, which is a small "restored" complex containing several restaurants

and the Leesburg Tourist Information Center. It is three blocks from the center of town and can be best found by following the "Tourist Information" signs on the roads entering Leesburg {VA Rte. 7 [Leesburg Pike] or the Dulles Toll Road/Greenway/Rte. 15 North [tolls = \$2.50]}. You may use the Market Station Parking Lots (leader checked on this). The leader will be having cappuccino at the South Street Under bistro (opposite Tourist Information office) prior to the ride and the group will have lunch there at end of ride. Distance: 20 miles. Terrain: completely on the W&OD Bike Trail; some gradual hills; tree shaded in portions..

Leader: Marvin Hass (703) 751-4737

Note: These trips do leave promptly at time indicated. Allow sufficient time to arrive at the starting point, to get your equipment in order, and to hear the route description by the leader. If you arrive late and group has left, proceed to W&OD Trail (two short blocks from Market Station) and go right on it toward Purcellville.



crabs...crabs...crabs...and more

The annual crab feast will be held at Betty Lawrence's on Saturday, September 2. Call her at 703-759-0471 to save a place and to say whether you want crabs and whether you will bring an appetizer, salad, or dessert. (If you don't like crabs, you may bring your own entree.)

Directions: Take Beltway Exit 13 onto Route 193 (Georgetown Pike) toward Great Falls. Drive 6.3 miles to Great Falls and turn right on Walker Road. Go 1.1 miles and take a left on Squires Trail. At the end of the road, turn left onto Haven Lane and proceed to #525 on the left.

NOTE; August ExCom will be held on August 29 instead of August 22nd.

Oktoberfest

- When:** SATURDAY, September 23rd, 2000 at 3:00 p.m. Rain or Shine
- What:** 22nd annual PVS Oktoberfest featuring beer, sausages, sauerkraut, pretzels, potato salad, & pflaumen kuchen. Oompah music, too, for dancing of feet, clapping of hands, and cavorting of spirit.
- Call:** Coordinator Aina Thomas (after August 21st) at 301-309-8933 by Tuesday the 19th of September to reserve your place (limited to 60), to choose low-fat or high-test wurst, and to sign up for bringing a potato salad, kuchen, or other Bavarian delectable. No-shows will be responsible for their share of the cost.
- Cost:** Approximately \$8.00 per person.
- Bring:** Your own eating utensils and plate. Your favorite beer mug is, of course, always welcome.
- Optional:** Lederhosen and Dirndl. Even Pferdekleidung.
- Where:** Mary Ward & Jim Slack's Termineigh Horse Farm & Nosh Bar, Catharpin, Va.
- Directions:** In the September TOOT.
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PVS ANNIVERSARY DINNER

Saturday, November 4, 2000, 6:30 P.M.

A grand and gala occasion, to be held at the Bolling Airforce Officers' Club. Cash bar, delicious dinner, Door prizes!! You won't want to miss it!!

For more information, call Joan Flake at 301-762-6890 or Karen Felker at 703-931-6843.

Please send checks in as soon as possible, made out to Potomac Valley Skiers, to Pat Tengel, 8174 Inverness Ridge Road, Potomac, MD 2, 0854. (Estimated cost until Sept. 1st is \$45, \$50 thereafter.)

IMPORTANT NOTICE RE KEYSTONE TRIP

FOR THE KEYSTONE TRIP SCHEDULED DEC. 7-14, ONLY 3 PEOPLE HAD SIGNED UP AS OF JULY 20TH. THREE MORE HAVE INDICATED SERIOUS INTEREST, BUT, MOST IMPORTANTLY, MANY HAVE SAID THEY'D LIKE TO GO BUT HAVE OTHER PLANS AT THAT TIME.

IT IS UNLIKELY THAT WE'LL HAVE ENOUGH PEOPLE. THE TRIP WILL BE CANCELLED ON AUGUST 10TH IF WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH SIGNED UP. TOTAL REFUNDS WILL BE MADE TO THOSE WHO PAID.

CALL PENNY HANSHAW IMMEDIATELY (703-534-5438) IF YOU WANT TO GO.

PVS - Steamboat - 2001

Mon. Jan. 22 - Mon. Jan. 29, 2001

Payment due August 15.

Airline Schedule

The Steamboat trip is set and is full with a short waiting list. Cancellations up to August 15 incur no penalty. **A payment of \$600 PLUS the cost of the trip insurance is due August 15, 2000.** The price for the insurance has been tentatively set at \$55 per person but the final amount may be slightly less and, if so, a refund will be issued. The **United Airline flights are: Jan 22:** Flight 1135 lv. Dulles 9:00 am, arr. Denver 10:39 am; Flight 1951 lv. Den. 11:25 am, arr. Hayden 12:15 pm. **Jan. 29:** Flight 1514, lv Hayden 1:00 pm, arr. Den. 1:50 pm; Flight 288, lv. Den. 3:40 pm, arr. Dulles 8:44 pm. If you have any questions, please call Barbara or Fred at 301-963-8111. Please make your check payable to Barbara Leonhardt, and put PVS-Steamboat 2001 on the memo line; mail to 606 Firehouse Lane, Gaithersburg, MD 20878. If you have internet access, be sure to look at the web page (www.steamboatgrand.com) for the new **Steamboat Grand Resort Hotel** where we will be staying; be patient - it takes awhile for the photos to appear and be sure to take the "virtual tour".

February 10-17, 2001, join Nancy and Ray McKinley to Ski



the Canyons, Utah



Ski with us at the West's newest mega-ski resort, the Canyons, in Park City Utah. Completely new and **ultra-luxurious**, the Canyons will change your thinking about Utah skiing forever more! The Canyons now covers **eight different mountains**. One mountain is all green runs (except for one blue), another is totally black runs. And, the Canyons has the **most intermediate runs in Utah!** If you skied the Canyons a year or two ago it's a totally new resort—twice as large. Today the Canyons is the largest ski area in Utah--**3,400 acres!** (By comparison, Park City and Steamboat are about 2,300 acres.) The Canyons has a **3,190 foot vertical** and an all new lift system including **6 High Speed Quads** and a high speed gondola amongst its 16 lifts. The uphill capacity is staggering—no lift lines. It's **spectacular**, and perfect for PVS with a base at 6700 feet and 9900 feet at the top, so scant altitude problems.

We'll stay slopeside at the Grand Summit. The Grand Summit Resort Hotel is Utah's **newest and largest ski-in/ski-out hotel**, having opened in March, 2000. This slopeside hotel is **4 Star rated**, and just steps from the new *Flight of The Canyons* high speed gondola. Amenities include: **luxuriously furnished** rooms, full service **health club**, soothingly heated, swim in/swim out pool, whirlpools, steamroom, **sauna, massage, fine dining**/bistro, lounges, concierge, bell and room service, and 24 hour reception and front desk.

OUR PRICE - \$1584, 65+ \$1552, LAND ONLY \$1275

If you have any questions, or need our flyer, call Nancy or Ray at (703) 527-7126. To sign up send your check for \$200.00 payable to Ray McKinley, to 2326 North Upton Street, Arlington, VA 22207-4045.

PVS - Steamboat - 2001

Monday, January 22 - Monday, January 29, 2001

We are pleased to lead you back to an "old friend" - Steamboat Ski Area in prime snow season. We will be staying in the luxurious NEW **Steamboat Grand Resort Hotel** which is located on Mount Werner Circle across from the Sheraton. The **Grand**, now in final phases of construction, will open this August. **{Details about the Grand can be found on the reverse side of this flyer.}** We are extremely fortunate to obtain exclusive introductory rates which will not be repeated in subsequent years. The **Grand** has a lounge/concierge in Gondola Square (30 yds from the slopes) for conveniently checking skis and boots; from there, it is just 100 yards to the hotel. The trip is limited to 40 participants plus trip leaders and is currently full. Since there are always cancellations, do not hesitate to call to be put on the wait list.

The total package is: United Airlines from Dulles to Denver and then jet flight into Hayden Airport (just 22 miles from Steamboat) and return plus the land package which includes: van from Hayden to the **Grand** and return; 5 of 6-day lift ticket; 7 nights hotel lodging (dbl occupancy); 7 breakfasts; 3 group dinners; 3 or 4 apres ski parties; luggage handling; and pre-trip dinner/party. Trip insurance is available as an option and is highly suggested (see over). The trip leaders will try to find a roommate for those who sign up as singles; however, if a roommate is not identified by the later of August 15 or the time that the trip has a wait list (but no later than October 15), singles will be given the option of either agreeing to pay the single supplement with his/her final payment or moving from the confirmed list to the waiting list.

Prices are as follows:	Full package, under age 70:	\$1482	Full package, over age 70:	\$1350
	Land only, under age 70:	\$1220	Land only, over age 70:	\$1088
	Single supplement:	\$ 650		

Payment Schedule

Deposit of \$200 is due with application and is **fully refundable until August 15**. A payment of \$600 **plus** the cost (\$55 - see over) of optional trip insurance is **due by August 15**. Final payment is due November 23. A fee of \$10 will be charged for late payments.

Cancellation Policy and Trip Insurance Information are shown on the reverse side.

To reserve a spot, please send the completed form below with a deposit of \$200. For more info, call Barbara or Fred at 301-963-8111. **Make check payable to Barbara A. Leonhardt, put PVS-Steamboat 2001 on the memo line, and mail to 606 Firehouse Lane, Gaithersburg, MD 20878.**

Name(s): _____ Home phone no. _____

Address: _____ Office phone no. _____
Email address: _____

I have read the disclosure on the back of this form: _____

(signature of **each** person listed on this form is required)

Check one: Total package or Land Only ; 70 or over: yes or no
Trip insurance (optional): yes or no

Total price of trip (incl. insurance): _____ (see above prices) Amount enclosed: \$ _____

Roommate (if known) _____ Bedding choice: 1 king bed or 2 queen beds

Description of the Steamboat Grand Resort Hotel

The **Grand** is a new, luxury resort hotel, opening in August 2000. It has 327 beautifully appointed guestroom accommodations. Trip goers will have their choice of a room with 1 king-size bed or 2 queen-size beds. Each room will feature: color TV with movie/video games on demand; stereo; coffee maker; dual phone lines with fax/modem and voice mail capabilities; hair dryer; and iron and board. The hotel has a full service fitness center, steam and sauna rooms, massage therapy rooms, year round heated outdoor pool with 2 large spas which have indoor access from the fitness center, game room, underground parking, and all other facilities normally found in a luxury hotel. For those of you with Internet access, we suggest you visit the hotel's web site at: www.steamboatgrand.com Be patient when accessing the web site - it takes a while to load the pictures. Be sure to take the virtual tour.

Trip Insurance

Trip insurance is available to all group participants. The price has been set at \$55 but there may be a slight reduction which will then be refunded to you. Payment of the \$55 is due August 15, 2000 with your second payment for the trip. The insurance, if paid by Aug. 15, will be effective Aug. 25 and provides coverage for accident, illness, injury, or death to attendee or immediate family member, and will refund all perishable expenses associated with PVS Steamboat 2001 in these circumstances alone.

Cancellation Policy

If it become necessary for you to cancel your trip, the trip leaders will try to minimize your losses although some fees are mandated by the airline, hotel and tour operator. All cancellations must be in writing. We strongly urge you to purchase trip insurance (see above).

Cancellation fees:

- none prior to August 15
- from August 15 - October 15, \$10
- from October 15 - November 23, \$150
- from November 24 - December 8, \$309
- from December 9 - December 22, \$550
- after December 23, no refund is likely

PVS Standard Disclosure

Partial or full payment for a reservation on this Steamboat trip shall constitute consent to all provisions stated herein. PVS, its officers, its representatives, its agents or its members shall not be responsible for personal injuries, property damage, or loss, delay, or the change of itinerary to any person or trip participant which arises out of the action of any air carrier, hotel, or other persons rendering any services, accommodations and transportation arrangements being offered, or by reason of any circumstance. PVS designated Trip Leaders, should circumstances demand, have the right to substitute hotels of similar or better category and to change transportation schedules. In the event of such changes, no refund or credit will be provided if accommodations, services, and transportation arrangements are of comparable or better quality or standards to those which were to be provided and are during the same approximate period. Any such change shall not modify the cancellation provisions of the Trip Agreement. No credit will be allowed or refund given for any service included as part of the trip and not used by individual participants unless agreed to by the Trip Leaders in advance. If the trip is canceled for any reason whatsoever, PVS shall only be responsible to make a maximum effort to obtain the refund of all payments previously made for the trip from the person to whom the payment was made and there shall not be any further obligation on the part of PVS, its officers, its representatives, its agents or its members. Trip participants on this PVS sanctioned trip shall ski at their own risk and therefore PVS, its officers, its Board of Directors or its members shall not be responsible for any personal injury, property damage or injuries to others by a participant on a PVS sanctioned trip.

TELLURIDE

FEB 28-MAR 7, 2001 8 DAYS/7 NIGHTS.

More than a mountain resort, Telluride is a town, an Old West friendly place that invites you to linger after you ski, kick up your boots and stay awhile. Deluxe ski-in, ski-out hotel accommodations are awaiting you at Mountain Village, a new multimillion dollar town along lines of Beaver Creek. You experience the old and the new in the same week of great snow and skiing.

Hands down, in a boxed canyon of snow-capped peaks, **TELLURIDE** is the most beautiful place you'll ever ski. Oh, what a mountain! From invitingly easy (21%), and intermediate slopes(47%), you will discover more than 1,000 skiable acres, 64 trails, split grooming, new high-speed lifts, and not a lift line in sight.

A free gondola transport system between Mountain Village and Telluride proper is at your service from 8 AM to 11 PM. Restaurants, cafes and pubs galore, shopping and deluxe spa, are available between the two. It's so easy to get around. You will be treated to two dinners and several apres-skis. And we have made it an easy destination with all-jet service and an enjoyable and short transfer from Montrose to Telluride, only 65 miles, all of scenic beauty.

SIGN UP NOW. See the JULY TOOT for the application form or call Don or Kathy Dillon at 301 330 5371 or 800 8 SKI-SUN (754-786) and we will reserve your place and send a form. \$250 Deposit per person due now. Complete details of optional package prices and payments schedule also in the JULY TOOT.



PVS SKI TRIPS - 2000 - 2001

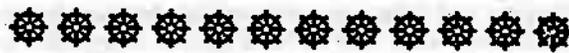
Dec. 7 - 14, 2000	Keystone	Penny Hanshaw Pat Egan
Jan 22 - 29, 2001	Steamboat	Barbara Leonhardt
Feb. 10 - 17, 2001	The Canyons	Nancy & Ray McKinley
Feb. 28 - Mar. 7, 2001	Telluride	Don Dillon

Change of address: After fracturing his hip in a fall and undergoing rehab therapy JOHN NEWDORP now resides in an Assisted Living facility of his own choosing. He would love to hear from old friends: Sunrise Assisted Living of Paoli. 324 W.Lancaster Avenue. Malvern,PA.19355
Telephone; 610-651-0273

PAST
EVENTS

FIVE HORNS AND A POPSICKLE by Lu Beale

On the 13th of July 11 PVSers, including leaders Pat Tengel and John Smith, gathered on the sloping lawns of Strathmore Hall to hear the Monumental Brass Quintet give a fine concert featuring both classical and modern numbers. It was the fifth annual PVS event at these concerts and all agreed it could not have been on a more pleasant evening, weather-wise. In addition to the music there was the newly refurbished mansion to explore and several art exhibits, both indoors and out, to enjoy. And of course, there was the eating. Some of us brought our own dinner while others bought picnic suppers from La Madeleine. Some settled for a popsickle or two. Whatever. It was a laid-back kind of event made even more interesting by the unexpected freebies: key rings, pens, quarters and chances on an automobile. No one in our group won the car but who cared? The quarters were real, the popsickles were cool and it was a lovely evening.



JULY BIKE RIDE

The C&O Canal Towpath provides an ideal route in hot weather as it is completely flat and shady. This July, though, we seem to have a whiff of global cooling. However, the Towpath yields a good route under any conditions.

Checkout the PVS Web Site for photos of the ride and lunch spot.
.....Marvin Hass



THE PRE-SKI-TRIPS PARTY

Not a drop of snow fell for this annual ski club event but there was plenty forecast in the discussions of the 2000-2001 PVS trips.

But before the winter talk came a wonderful summer event. There were so many luscious appetizers spread out on the deck overlooking the lake that we could have summoned those passing by on boats to join in. At least one new item was presented: a tray of sushi brought by Mike Hatanaka. But there were also dips and cheeses and a plate of vegetable pizza. One lucky group was able to tear themselves away from the goodies for a lovely relaxing ride around the lake on Jean and Reg's new electric boat. It was so pleasant on the water the passengers felt it was almost a shame to come back--except the next array of food beckoned. This was a myriad of salads to go with the barbecue chicken. And dessert was still to come--but as usual PVSers managed to cope with all the courses.

Then, sitting on that beautiful deck, we heard trip leaders give enthusiastic reports on their upcoming trips, with Serge speaking for Don Dillon. They all sounded too good to pass up!

Many and warm thanks to Jean and Reg for providing another memorable event!



THE KNEE

by
Ray McKinley

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It's the August doldrums. But it isn't time to think of the enervating heat; it's time to think of the upcoming joys of skiing. For forty of us, that means Argentina in just a few weeks, where they are having the best season in years. For the rest of you, eat your hearts out!!

There are two competing rumors about Dorothy Mills. One is that she had her 80th birthday. The other is that she is an octogenarian. Take your pick.

From my Upwardly Mobile Department. Bill Matzkin recently won third prize, overall in a Maryland juried art exhibit. He won, of course, for his mobiles.

For your ski frightened friends, tell them that skiing is easy to learn, you aim the skis downhill and ski. (Turning and stopping are hard.)

Liz and Serge Triau are just returned from a trip to Montreal and Plattsburg, NY. They will go back to Plattsburg this October for Liz' 45th college reunion. And the Knee didn't think she was old enough to be a US senator!

Come this fall, we will lose new member Barbara Wilson to South Dakota. In September, she will take a position as chief surgeon at a small hospital there. But Barbara still expects to ski with PVS.

If God had intended us to ski, he would never have given us a lodge with a fireplace.

(Relatively) newly marrieds, Bill Hager and Kathy Quinden were in town recently. Kathy was visiting friends and relatives. Bill was returning from one of the godforsaken places he visits and sends us wonderful travelogues (from. This is in parenthesis to be grammatical korrekt.)

In the corner of this issue of TOOT is a staple, put in automatically at our printers. TOOT is then folded and stapled in the center by our own, hard working Bette Walker. However, Bette has never bought a staple. It seems that her late husband (now gone for over 15 years), had an interesting hobby. He collected office supplies--

and particularly staples. Bette feels certain that she can staple TOOT for at least 20 more years!

Our own Marianne Cook is a pioneer. She is one of the first in the US to get "Visudyne Therapy" for her macular degeneration. Indeed, during her treatment there were observers present from the Food and Drug Administration. I see.

ExComer Charlotte Kline has recently completed a calligraphy course. Write on!

Recently back from Hawaii, are Pat and Don Cope. They saw the Kileaua volcano erupting, and lava falling into the sea. They described the sight as "sizzling."

Seen any interesting skiing vanity plates? Please let me know. The Knee has recently seen "LUV2SKI" and "SKIS ALP"

Ubiquitous PVS, again: At a local performance of Porgy and Bess, Dick and Marilyn Clark were seated almost adjacent to Tony Drago and Marty Rine. The performance was, of course, in the "Sum-mer Time..."

How many states have you skied in? Pres Nancy claims 11. Ned Flaherty has skied in 12. And David Abraham and the Knee have skied 13-- and I have missed both Idaho and New York. Please let me know how many you have skied.

Janet and Bob Marx are back from a minknee trip to Minkneesota.

Aspen has lots of Australians for winter, while the New Zealanders go to Brighton, Utah.

Just elected head of the local Arabian Horse Society is Mary Ward. She's now their Mane Woman.

And in a great segue (if I do say so myself--and I do), recently back from a trip to Scandakneevia and his 50th High School reunion is Bob Harmon. His reunion was in Maine.

The perfect gift for the skier who has everything--your own ski area. Yes, you can own Monarch Ski Area in central Colorado. The asking price is a mere \$9 Million.

If you didn't see it in the PVS e-mail, John Newdorp has broken his hip.

Finally, at a recent meeting, Glade Flake was uncorking a bottle of wine. June Read Martin noted "Glade is the best sc**wer in the club!"

CALENDAR

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- Sept. 23 ... Oktoberfest at Mary Ward's and Jim Slack's, p. 3
- Sept. 26 ... ExCom *Melba*
- Oct. 7 ... Fall Weekend at Blue Knob
- Oct. 27 ... First Annual Frank Shelburne Memorial Hike at Seneca State Park
- Oct. 29 ... PVS trip to matinee performance of "Madwoman of Chailot at the Olney Theater
- Nov. 4 ... 35th Anniversary Dinner, p. 3

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