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Greetings, PVSers—

By the calendar, we should be busier than ever with real time, which is ski time for PVSers. It is why we are a ski club, and as such real time is ski-trip time.

Skiing in Colorado took precedence for a large portion of PVS last week. Thanks to the Leonhardts, much of Colorado's special aspects were happily experienced at Snowmass.

Of course, just considering skiing is another thing we like to do, as we did so comfortably and pleasantly with Pat Summers and Al Richman at their home at the monthly meeting. Many thanks, Pat and Al, for a pleasant evening.

Many wishes to Betty Lawrence for a speedy recovery seem to be working, as that process reportedly is advancing at a rate similar to her suddenly required surgery. So much so she might even accede to some late skiing and early golf.

Our nominating committee has worked hard on a slate of candidates for ExCom. The results should be in PVS's favor as the committee members are excellent, dedicated and experienced skiers who know what we need.

The early season snow drought made it hard to find as much skiing as we like, but such reality heightens our appreciation of what we enjoy so much. Go USA. Let the games begin as we welcome the world to Salt Lake City.

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MONTHLY MEETING - FEBRUARY 19, 2002 - 7:30 p.m.
HOME OF SHAHR SAD MILLER
4015 ABINGDON ST.
ARLINGTON, VA 22207
703-533-7651



Directions to the Miller home: From Washington: Come over Chain Bridge, go straight through light. Stay on Glebe Road, turn right on Albemarle St. Take second right onto 40th, then immediate left on Abingdon St. to 4015. (This is a small cul-de-sac so car pooling is recommended.)

From Tyson's. Take 123 North, turn right on Old Dominion Drive, pass through downtown McLean. Turn left on Williamsburg Boulevard, then left on Glebe Road, and take immediate left on Albemarle. Follow directions above.

INFORMAL SNOWMASS POST-TRIP PARTY

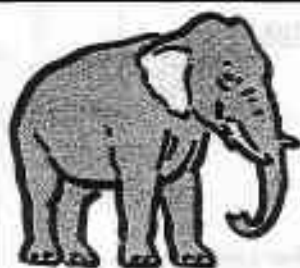
Sunday, February 10, 4 P.M.

If you'd like to share pictures of the trip or just reminisce, come to Margaret Wyckoff's for an informal get-together. Women are asked to bring some nibblies, men to bring beer, wine, or sodas. Spouses of those on the trip will be warmly welcomed. Questions? Call Margaret at 301-589-5532.



Come listen to **The Metropolitan Chorus' 35th Anniversary Concert "Love Heard Around the World"** with such old favorites as *Smoke Gets in Your Eyes*, *Summer Time*, *Beguine the Beguine*, *In the Mood*, etc. before dancing to The Tom Cunningham Orchestra in The Great Hall of the National Building Museum in Washington, DC, February 17 at 7 PM.

For more information and tickets (\$25 per person)
Contact Karen Felker at (703) 931-6843.



ZOO WALK 'N LUNCH

Thursday, February 21, 2001 10:30 AM

Starting Point: Education Building, National Zoo which is the first building on entering from Connecticut Ave. NW.



Route: Be the first kid on your block to welcome the baby elephant, the Sumatran tiger cub and other new arrivals! . Will explore exhibits both inside and outside. Generally there are few people at this time so that both the animals and docents will be glad to see you. We will adjourn for lunch at 1:30 PM at Yanni's Greek Taverna in Cleveland Park (1/2 block north of the Uptown Theater on northwest corner of Conn. Ave. & Ordway St.) — a neighborhood bistro appreciated by those who came in prior years.

Logistics: Parking available at Zoo, though it might set you back \$7 (hey, that's life in the big city!). The Zoo entrance is midway between the Woodley Park and Cleveland Park stations of Metro (red line).

Weather cancellation: This event is apt to take place regardless of weather conditions.

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

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May Midweek Atlantic Getaway [Wed-Fri May 15-17, 2002]

At Don and Kathy Dillon's Bethany Beach area houses

Signup/further info by telephone (302) 537-7878 or by email ddillon39@home.com

Limit: approximately 18; Additional details in forthcoming issue of TOOT

Current plans under consideration include:

*Strolls/bicycling on Ocean City and Rehobeth Beach boardwalks

*Nature walks/birdwatching/bicycling in Cape Henlopen state park

*Golf/tennis

*Lunch in Lewes waterfront restaurant; stroll in historic district; visit to nearby vineyard with winetasting/wine museum

*One dinner at the Dillon's; One dinner at beach area restaurant


*Provence bicycling slide presentation

Cost: not yet established (but essentially on *breakeven* basis)**PVS CHAMONIX**

The BRSC trip to Chamonix is full with a wait list, but SCWDC has room for a single male.

Note that the pre-trip party has been moved to Saturday, 16 February from Saturday, 2 February. Questions? Call Mary Ward and Jim Slack at 703-754-8814.

March 15-30, 2002, join Nancy and Ray McKinley for



A Grand European Ski Extravaganza and Sailing Holiday

- *A Week in 4 Star Luxury in Courchevel 1850, in the Trois Vallées*
- *5 Day Cruise in the Picturesque Greek Isles and 2 Days in Athens*

• *An Outstanding 3-day Add-on in Historic, Exotic Istanbul, Turkey!*

Courchevel is perhaps the world's greatest ski resort - the elitist of the Trois Vallées area of France, the largest ski resort complex in the world—23 miles wide and over 6000 vertical feet! You can take advantage of the largest

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interlinked sports area in the world. And we are at Courchevel 1850, at the top—*la crème de la crème*. In Courchevel's heart, we'll stay at 4 ★ Les Trois Vallées Hôtel and spa for ski-in, ski-out luxury. Just down the slope is the center of the beautiful town, home of fabulous shopping and restaurants. All breakfasts and 4 gourmet dinners at the lovely hotel. All rooms have **unobstructed mountain views** and are designed with perfect European luxury.

Our second week is in **Greece**. 2 nights lodging at the Hotel Stanley, downtown Athens with breakfasts and tour of the **Acropolis** and Athens included. Depart Athens Monday on Royal Olympic Cruise Lines in **upgraded cabins**. Visit Kusadasi and Ephesus, fabled Turkish sites, as well as the most famous Greek Islands, **Mykonos**, Patmos, Rhodes, Crete, and Santorini. **SPECTACULAR PACKAGE TO TURKEY**: A special 2 night 3 day add-on in Istanbul: air from Athens to Istanbul, stay at 4 ★ Taksim Plaza, tour of Istanbul, world famous bazaars, **Haggia Sophia**, lunch. Return April 1.

Full French Ski Extravaganza & Greek Isles Cruise \$3,097; Turkey Add on \$360

Do both weeks or either week alone—French Week \$1,987, Greek Week \$1,889.

Please call us for potential other availability or more information (703) 527-7126.

The Nominating Committee nominates the following for 2002 elections:

For President: Ned Flaherty

For Vice President: Reg Heitchue

For two year terms on the Executive Committee:

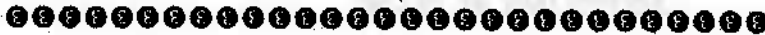
David Abraham

Barbara Leonhardt

John Smith

The Nominating Committee consisted of Marvin Hass, Charlie Huggins, Sylvia Lukens, Dot Mills, David Lerner and Bob Knopes, Chair.

Additional nominations may be made by the signed proposal of any five active members presented to the membership at a business meeting at least one month prior to the April meeting.



**NOTE: The TOOT editor can now be reached by FAX at 775-251-2578
Email address continues to be jblockwick@starpower.net**



PAST EVENTS



JANUARY MEETING

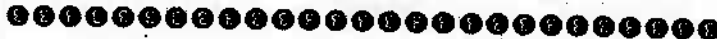
PVS dealt a full house to Pat Summers and Al Richmond when they hosted the monthly meeting January 15. There must have been a grapevine that alerted PVS gourmets to the spread of food and drink that awaited them at the stately house in NW Washington.

In addition to the usual beverages, Pat and Al offered a punch so tasty it must be made from a secret recipe. Following drinks, or sipping as we moved around the big table, we filled our dishes from an array of international foods, from sushi to barbecue, baked beans to oriental chicken and other dishes too numerous to mention but too good to be forgotten. We finished off the meal with several kinds of brownies and other chocolates. For those who wanted to sample, every dish was labeled and every bite was delicious.

We also saw another side of this multi-talented couple. Through the evening members kept returning to the TV to watch a video of Pat and Al's smooth ballroom dancing moves, taped at one of the many competitions they entered last year.

It was an enjoyable and entertaining evening and we all thank Pat and Al for their hospitality.

Mike Hatanaka and Bob Knopes



Demo day at WISP

A small but congenial group of nine PVSers made the trek westward to WISP for Ski Chalet's annual Demo Day. Although nobody actually bought any new skis, everyone took full advantage of the opportunity to try out the latest (and generally very expensive) models. Thanks to a snowstorm a few days earlier, snow conditions were good, even though the temperature was in the forties and there was occasional light rain.

At the suggestion of Rosemary Schwartzbard, the group drove down to the Red Run Lodge on Deep Creek Lake for a very nice dinner. By coincidence, the Red Run Lodge turned out to be the place where PVS stayed several times years ago on weekend trips to WISP.

As we drove back to WISP, the rain was coming down steadily, which did not bode well for Friday's skiing. Imagine our surprise on waking up Friday morning to find several inches of very respectable powder! Everyone took full advantage of the powder before being forced to take off their skis and head back to Washington.

....Shirley Rettig



THE KNEE

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by
Ray McKinley

There are reasons that this column has been around for 23 years. Inertia comes first to mind. However, it may also be a willingness on the writer's part to partake in the kneedful effort.

As mentioned last month, things were really hot—at least for a few minutes—at our grand Dec. Holiday Party at Mike and Eloise Strand's. They set dinner on their dining room table. The hot plates were in flame-heated chafing dishes. One tilted over and suddenly there were huge flames! The flame was quickly quashed with only a table cloth destroyed. And PVS&E continued to eat...

Shortly after the meeting, Mike and Eloise headed for their second abode at Wintergreen, where they stayed and skied 'til mid January. This means holding a PVS meeting drove them away from DC for a month!! The Strands report the big news at Wintergreen is the new detachable 6 person lift. I believe that following the term High Speed Quad, this lift should be called High Speed Sex.

NOTE to all: Please don't forget that the monthly meeting fee is now \$3—a cheap evening.

US skiing is no longer down the slopes, it's down the tubes. Of the two final US ski makers, Volant closed at the end of August. And K-2 closed their facility in October. So there are now no (as in zero) US ski manufacturers.

Marianne Cook cancelled the Steamboat trip at the last moment with a pinched nerve. Days later, after a spinal shot, Marianne's fine.

No answers yet to the question from Charlie Huggins. In how many states can you ride a ski lift and go skiing? Let me know.

With the Olympics upcoming, it's worth remembering that 2 years ago Picabo Street broke her leg. She received great treatment at the Sun Valley Intensive Care Unit. She has since made a significant contribution to the hospital. It has renamed its Emergency Room the Picabo ICU.

So far as the Knee knows, Bob McNeill is

our first skier of the season. He skied November 5 at Copper Mt. It was a warm up for Bob's season at Ski Liberty. To paraphrase a patriot "Give me death or give me Liberty."

By the first of the year, Kirk Burns had already skied three weeks. Octogenarian Kirk achieved a lifetime goal. He skied free at Alta--where one needs to be 80 to ski free. Right on.

PVS' Hilton Head team, Aase Berling, had a fall that required intestinal fortitude. While in for annual medical tests, the doctor "sliced-up" her intestine. Aase ended up spending 11 days in the hospital--seven of them in the (Picabo??) ICU. She is now "almost 100%." Aase is now also involved with the "Habitat for the Community." She would welcome any tax deductible PVS support. Make your check to First Presbyterian Church and send it to her PVS address list address. Picabo ICAase??

Kathy and Don Dillon went to NYC and saw 42nd Street--both the Street and the play.

Do you recall Buffalo NY getting 84" of snow in 5 days in December? Barbara Leonhardt sure does--she was stuck there!! Barbara had an excellent excuse for missing an ExCom meeting! 84" in 5 days also made it the snowiest month ever in Buffalo. Across the continent, Whistler, BC had 360cm (142") of snow in December making it their second snowiest month. And DC has scant!!

Penny Hanshaw, now a Colorado resident is working as a handler in Colorado's Iron Dog race. It takes place at 11,000 feet--the highest dog race ever. Penny thinks if she can handle a horse, an 8 dog team will be simple. We'll see.

Betty Lawrence, after closing the sale of her Great Falls home, was able to close on her newest, Bethaknee, abode. Betty called Barbara Leonhardt from the emergency room of Loudon Hospital four days before the Snowmass trip was to leave. Betty had an emergency appendectomy! Barbara was able to replace Betty on the trip with Charlotte Kline.

Bill Anderson also had to cancel Snowmass when his pulmonologist told him not to fly. Bill is better now. The Knee thought a pulmonologist was a guy telling your future on a railroad sleeper car.



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