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Fellow PVS'ers

I'm pleased to report that the Snowmass trip led by Barbara Leonhardt was a big success. Coming up are the Whistler and Crested Butte trips, and we trust they will be equally successful.

Speaking of ski trips, you need to be thinking about the 2002/2003 season. Our trip committee is in high gear doing the planning for next season. Please let the Ski Trip Committee know your preferences for ski destinations

See the Ski Trip Committee on page 3.

Find the Nominating Committee's report on page 2.

Note the box about meeting places on page 8.

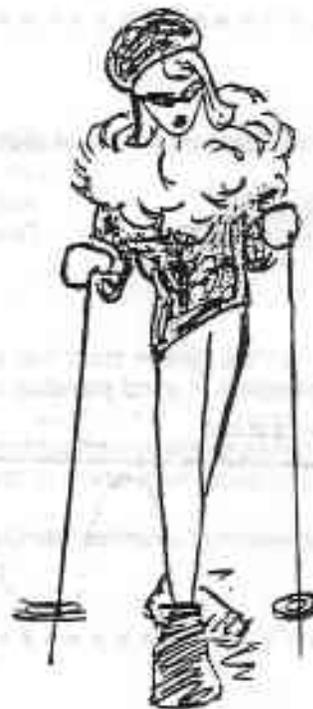
Great skiing to all of you.

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Monthly Meeting

February 18, 7:30 PM

At the home of
Dick & Rosemary Schwartzbard
The Dakota, Apt 201
1555 Colonial Terrace
Arlington
703-812-5234



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DIRECTIONS TO SCHARTZBARD'S.

FROM LEE HIGHWAY: Heading toward Rosslyn, turn right at Quinn St. (at Colony House Furniture Store). Turn at the first left onto Key Blvd. Turn left at Ode St. Turn right at Colonial Terrace.

FROM I-66: Heading east, take exit 73, Rosslyn/Key Bridge, onto Lee Highway. Follow Lee Highway directions above.

FROM ROUTE 50: Heading either east or west, take the Rosslyn Key Bridge exit. This puts you onto Lynn St. Turn left at 19th St. (just after McDonalds). As 19th St. curves to the left and you go up the hill, turn right at Key Blvd. Turn right at Ode St. Turn right at Colonial Terrace.

FROM G.W. PARKWAY HEADING NORTH: Exit onto Rt. 50, just before Memorial Bridge. Follow Rt. 50 directions above.

FROM G.W. PARKWAY HEADING SOUTH: Take the Roosevelt Bridge exit. As the ramp curves to the left, take the Rosslyn/Key Bridge exit, which is a ramp on the right (and not well marked). This puts you on Rt. 50. Follow Rt. 50 directions above.

FROM KEY BRIDGE: Key Bridge leads onto Ft. Myer Dr. Turn right at 19th St. (at the Best Western Hotel). Turn right at Key Blvd. Turn right at Ode St. Turn right at Colonial Terrace.

Parking is extremely limited.

*** 703-812-5234***

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The following slate was presented to and approved by ExCom.

<u>President</u>	Reg Heitchue	<u>ExCom</u>	Ray McKinley
<u>Vice President</u>	David Abraham		John Brunelli
			Dottie Villers
		Fill in for David	Mike Strand

The PVS bylaws state that additional nominations may be made by signatures of any five active members in good standing and be presented by the March 18th Monthly Meeting.

Thanks to those who submitted names for consideration by the committee. There were 20 good candidates from which to choose which demonstrates that we continue to be a strong club.

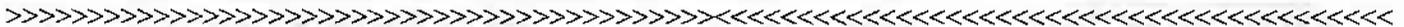
Nominating Committee: Marilyn Clark (Chair), Bill Anderson, Lu Beale, Gene Sharer, and Jan Marx.

Report on Ski Trip Committee Meeting with Potential Trip Leaders We want your input NOW.

Even though many have yet to put on skis for this season, the PVS Ski Trip Committee (STC) is already looking ahead for the 2003/2004 ski season. Members Barbara Leonhardt, Bob Marx, Jim Slack, and Mike Hatanaka (member Eloise Strand was off skiing) met January 6 with PVS'ers who were interested in leading a ski trip in 2004 or beyond. Eleven additional PVS members joined the meeting to talk about trips for the 2003/2004 ski season. **The time frame for proposing to lead a ski trip for the 03/04 ski season is Jan. 15-Mar. 15, 2003** (see information below). **It is important for PVS members to provide input NOW to the trip leaders and to the STC members on the prospective trips that were discussed** (see below). Much work is required to plan a ski trip and the trip leaders want some assurance that there is sufficient interest. **So please call the trip leaders or an STC member.**

Thus far we have no trip proposals for a December 2003 trip. Sally Finan and David Lerner are considering leading a trip to Steamboat (the Sheraton of course) mid-late Jan. 2004. Ray and Nancy McKinley are looking into a Feb. 2004 ski/sightseeing trip to the 6,000 acre, 4,300' vert. Sierra Nevada ski area near Granada, Spain (potential host for the 2010 Winter Olympics). This could be followed by an add-on to Spain's sunny, Mediterranean, Costa del Sol with tours to Gibraltar and Morocco-and perhaps even skiing in Morocco's Atlas Mountains. Alternatively, they are looking at Big Sky, MT, probably in March, staying at the new hotel at the base of the mountain. **They would love to hear from you if you have interest in either venue.** The 2004 BRSC trips are to Snowmass in late January or early February and to Cortina, Italy with side trips (possibly to Venice) in early March. Unfortunately, the dates and trip details will not be available from BRSC until perhaps March which makes it difficult to plan PVS trips to avoid conflicts. However, if you are interested in one or both of these BRSC trips, please let a member of the STC know.

Thank you in advance for your help/interest.



Calling for Proposals for Trips for 2003/2004 Ski Season **Due January 15 – March 15, 2003**

Although the 2003 ski season has not yet begun for some in PVS, the time period for prospective trip leaders to submit trip proposals for the 2003/2004 season to the PVS Ski Trip Committee (STC) already is nearly half over – proposals are due between January 15 and March 15. This period is the same for trips originated by PVS members as well as trips run by the BRSC with PVS leaders for a PVS contingent. The *PVS Ski Trip Guidelines* have been revised and are available on the PVS web site or can be requested from Barbara Leonhardt; all prospective trip leaders should become familiar with these guidelines. **The STC requests that the following information be included in the ski trip proposals:**

- Destination
- Preferred dates
- Identity of trip leaders; please provide a short statement of qualifications for running a trip.
- Best indication of price
- Maximum number of participants planned
- Details about the trip as available, e.g. lodging choice (ski in/ski out?), any optional activities or add-ons, and name of tour operator if known.

Please email or mail (or FAX by pre-arrangement) your proposals to:
Barbara Leonhardt, 606 Firehouse Lane, Gaithersburg, MD 20878. fbleonhardt@starpower.net

COMING EVENT



ZOO WALK 'N LUNCH

Thursday, February 27, 2003 10:30 AM

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



Route: Join us on this popular annual February Zoo Walk followed by lunch at nearby Yanni's Greek Taverna (at about 1:30 PM). Will explore the more interesting exhibits at the National Zoo with preference given to recent additions. Generally there are few visitors at this time so that both the animals and docents will be glad to see you.

Logistics: Parking available at Zoo, though it might set you back \$8 (hey, that's life in the big city!). The (Connecticut Ave) Zoo entrance is located midway between the Woodley Park and Cleveland Park stations of Metro (red line).

Lunch: We will adjourn in time 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 previous years (and within walking distance of the Zoo). Perfectly OK to join the group at 1:30 PM for lunch only.

Weather: This event is apt to take place under most weather conditions (including rain/snow).

Information: No reservations needed, but further information can be obtained from Betty Byrne (202) 483-4048 or Marvin Hass (703) 751-4737 or by email at info@potomacvalleyskiers.org

SNOWMASS TRIP

January 16-23, 2003

led by Barbara Leonhardt



*Above: Group
Far left: trip leader
Barbara L.
Left: PVS'ers on
Dog Sled ride at
Krabloonik
{Many more
photos on Web}*

COMING EVENT



LUNCH AND GW BIRTHDAY PARADE IN ALEXANDRIA

Monday Feb 17 - President's Monday

Join fellow PVSers at the annual GW Birthday parade in Old Town Alexandria. Lunch at 11AM at Shirley Rettig's house one block from the parade route before the parade begins at 1PM.

Directions to Shirley's house: Take GW Memorial Parkway past National Airport into Alexandria where Parkway becomes N. Washington St. Princess St. is the third street N of King St. Best place to park is on Washington St – parking restrictions are lifted on Parade Day. Shirley's house is in the first block toward the river from Washington St. Be sure to arrive early as parking is nearly impossible just before parade time. **Please call Shirley by Sat. Feb. 15** so she knows how many to expect Limited to 16 due to space limitations. There will be a small charge (under \$5) for the cost of lunch.

604 Princess St.

703 - 836 - 0147

PAST EVENTS

WIL - O - THE - WISP...

By Burr Schuler

... was thirteen wonderful lucky PVS skiers that participated in Ski Chalet's Demo Day on 8, 9, 10 of January at Wisp, MD. The best part of the trip is PVS camaraderie and it's only a 3 hour drive. The Wisp Hotel accommodations were great, with ski storage lockers on ground level. The new base lodge, tables, restaurant, cafeteria, games, and music (loud) are right on the slopes; 100,000 square feet open but not completed. Sue Lyon, our trip coordinator did a great job; \$2 lift ticket, après ski on Wednesday and Thursday, and wild tales of PVS' ski day. The weather conditions

were perfect on Wednesday and Thursday with plenty of snow and sunshine. Friday the snow came and

The snow was perfect.

a few headed home. The factory representatives were there on the 9th with many skies, snowboards, poles, and plenty of information. It's the only way to buy new ski equipment or just try it out. Byoung bought a pearl-blue helmet; most PVSers are wearing helmets (good). The down side is I only recognized John Smith with the feelers protruding from his yellow helmet. No injuries, but we were close. Dick and Rosemary Schwartzbard were standing on the loading line for the next chair (2 seater) and ~~the best skiing~~ Dick looked back to grab the chair and there was a guy in his seat with LONG skies. The lift operator couldn't react fast enough to stop the lift, so we had a small pileup, but everyone skied on, or rode on. The recommendation to eat dinner at the Red Run Inn on Thursday night is to go early. We were the last party; and yes, the menu was great, but the waitress was like a beginner skier on an expert slope (sloooooow). The only food left over was Byoung's Crab Imperial (too salty). The head chef gave us a large helping of crab meat-to-go and it was delicious. Demo Day was well worth the trip. There are moguls and half-pike skiing that will change your skills.

Thanks to Sue Lyon, Wisp coordinator, for a great job.

SNOWMASS—A MASS MORE OF FUN THAN SNOW

.....Jessma Blockwick

Who ever heard of seven days of blue skies, bright sun and pleasant temperatures at a ski resort? Barbara Leonhardt outdid herself this time in her arrangements!

Colorado needs some big snowstorms, but Snowmass grooms so beautifully that skiing conditions were delightful. As was the company. As was the food! Barbara had brought a large suitcase which turned out to be filled with food, including three pounds of frozen shrimp. There was so much après ski food left at the end that all PVSers were able to make themselves large lunches to take to Eagle/Vail airport on the return.

Noteworthy happenings (these a few among many): Mike Hatanaka spent some frantic time looking for his ski pass—turned out it was on his wrist all the time.....Sharon Mulholland rescued an English man who fainted and fell into the bottom of the hot tub. He fought as she pulled him up—two men had to help her until the victim became reoriented.....Margaret Wyckoff left a very large diamond ring lying on her bed. She didn't notice its absence until she returned some time later and found it peacefully still lying there

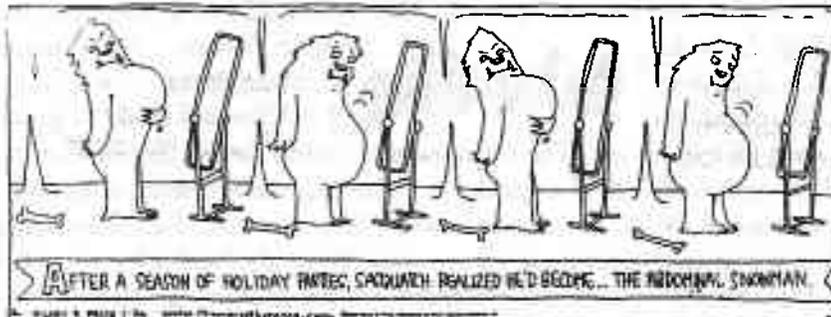
And more: Penny Hanshaw filled the humidifier in her room but failed to put the bottom cap back on. Result: an near flood for the floor below.....Dave DeVilbiss was just standing on his skies when he abruptly fell over. He immediately coined a new word—topplegoofer....A group of PVSers sat in the lobby almost every night obsessively playing card games. No bridge—a wide variety of new challenges.... At dinner, Dave Warthen was presented with a large tray of desserts from which to choose. Presuming they were plastic he touched one. Turned out he had poked into a real key lime pie.....Karen Felker put on her ski pants the first day—and they fell down. Seemed she had lost some weight—she had to buy new smaller ones. Oh that most of the rest of us could be so lucky!

So much happened—please talk to the Snowmass group to hear of other adventures. Suffice it to say each one was grateful to Barbara for her superb planning and leadership!!

P.S. There were Susquatch caution signs on the slopes.

RHYMES WITH ORANGE

By Mary B. Price



LOOK

Marvin has put several pages of pictures taken in Snowmass onto our website.
Take a look, it is worth the trip. www.potomacvalleyskiers.org

The Places We Meet

One of the reasons that our club has a limit of 200 members is that we don't have of find public places in which to hold meetings.

We are fortunate to have generous members, and applicant members, who have repeatedly opened their homes to host a meeting. Now we need to share this opportunity to contribute to the club.

If you have felt that your home is too small for our regular meetings, consider volunteering to hold an ExCom meeting. These are smaller gatherings (about 20 people) and hosts are reimbursed for the expenses of these as well as the general meetings. You do not have to be an ExCom member to come to a meeting or to host one. Consider this a chance to see the business side of PVS.

Also consider being a co-hostess to a meeting. Share in the food planning and preparation as Dottie did at the Finan/Welti meeting in October.

A New Gadget:

Ski souvenir: GPS map of your day on the slopes. SlopeTracker is a GPS tracking system currently available at Keystone, Colorado. Skiers attach the GPS to their arm at the beginning of their skiing day, do their thing, and return it at days end. For \$24.99 they receive a full color 3-D look map of their path, along with statistics about their efforts compared to others on the mountain. The custom souvenir has been available for just a few weeks, but looks like a hit.

Doctor on slope... Heart Attacks Aspen Times

Dr. Gerson says that men who experience symptoms that suggested heart trouble, tend to brush them aside. Lots of Aspen's visitors are highly successful in the business world because they are "driven." They bring that same drive to their vacation determined to have a good time. A heart-attack symptoms is a squeezing feeling in the chest that radiates into the neck and shoulders. The key word is **squeezing, not necessarily pain**. Other symptoms are nausea, stomach discomfort and shortness of breath. **The major difference**, Gerson said, **is altitude sickness includes a headache**. They just weren't feeling right," said Gerson.

For mid-week skiing, call Ruth Powers, Mid-Week Event Chairman at 703-821-2431

-----ruthpowers@starpower.net-----

Or if it snows or the day looks good, Nona Lippert if interested in spur-of-the-moment local skiing. Call Nona at 301-942-2799 or lippertf@compuserve.com



THE KNEE

by
Ray McKinley

Welcome Kneephiles. It's been a quiet year so far here in cold Lake

Washbegonne. And now 'tis February, the month of hearts and love. Well, if you love snow and skiing, this has certainly been your year. Oodles of snow (A technical term) out and about—especially locally. Wow! As he ages, the Knee now believes that the proper place for snow is on the slopes. Not on my driveway. I've written my Congressman. But with no response. He was out skiing!

Bill Brown said that with all of the recent snow, he wanted to go to Ski Liberty. But he was much too worried about the avalanche danger—in the back bowls!

With the weather so propitious, everyone has been doing lots of skiing. Huey Roberts now lives in Colorado and lists his occupation as "Ski bum." As of February 1, this season he has already skied (and even the Knee finds this hard to believe) 843 days!

Instead of skiing, Don and Kathy Dillon are off to San Diego where they will take a cruise to snowy(?) Acapulco. And Nancy and the Knee are just back from a week of sunning in Antigua.

Be certain to ask Betty Lawrence about her climbing Mount Fuji some 50 years ago. It's really quite a story.

Be a little more circumspect about asking Jeanette Albersheim and Ruth Schreider about their recent, rather unpleasant sojourn to Las Vegas.

A huge tip of the ol' Knee Cap goes to Judy Macaluso aka Judge Judy aka one of the Macho Maidens (although I may be the only one in the club to remember that moniker!) Our own Judy was just nominated by President Bush (yes, THE President Bush) to serve in the new Family Court. The Court, was created by Congress in 2001. She is one of three nomiknees. She needs to be confirmed by the Senate (yes, THE Senate). A most hearty congratulations! And Judge Judy remains, for the most part, humble!

Betty Comerford, following the lead of hubby Dick's, plans to retire. And, after 36.56 years (but who is counting) with the Federal

Government, Bob Marx is also retiring. This is because both of them were tired earlier.

From the Knee's *Déjà vu* all over again Department: the selfsame Betty Comerford, while chatting with Lu Beale recently, discovered that the two attended the same high school in Portsmouth, VA. There were, however, a few years between their appearances. Betty is really much older than she would appear...

And the selfsame (that's two "selfsames," and now three in the same column—a new record) Lu Beale sets a new record, by being the first PVSer to host two official events on consecutive days. Lu hosted the Nominating Committee and then the January EXCOM. Right on! Right on!

Whilst (the Knee still loves that term) most of those missing from the great PVS January spread at Ilse Keel's were at Snowmass with Barbara Leonhardt, some were skiing elsewhere. As the snow was falling here, Shirley Rettig was cavorting in the powder at Salt Lake City.

Pat Vagonis (known to many of us in her previous life as Patty Wyckoff) was at the meeting with her foot in a cast. Sadly, not from a high profile skiing mishap, but from a bunionectomy. Pat, also will be hosting our March PVS meeting. Time really does fly!

Congratulations to George Hicho on his marriage on December 27. And condolences to Susan on the same event! (Some of us know George too well!) The couple honeymooned in Florida in January.

PVS has over 195 members now—precious close to our 200 person limit. Thus, Membership Chairman Marilyn Clark has announced that we will no longer take applicants—only supplicants.

And that's the news from Lake Washbegonne where all of the men are skiers, all of the women are skiers and all of the food is (well) above average.

RHYMES WITH ORANGE HILARY PRICE



CALENDAR

- Feb. 9...Whistler Pre-Trip Party, McKinley's at 4:30
- Feb. 15...Crested Butte Pre-Trip Party at Learner's at 2:30
- Feb. 17...George Washington Parade, Alexandria.
Light lunch at Rettig's at 11:00;
Parade at 1:00.
- Feb. 18...Monthly Meeting at Schwartzbard's
- Feb. 25...ExCom at Walker's
- Feb. 27...ZooWalk/Lunch
- Mar. 18...Monthly Meeting at Vagonis'
- Mar. 25...ExCom at Wyckoff's
- Mar. 27...Bicycling Gourmet - Glen Echo/Georgetown
- Apr. 15...Monthly Meeting at Kline's
- Apr. 22...ExCom at "tbd"
- May 17...BRSC meeting - delegates go to Annapolis
- May 20...Monthly Meeting at Leonhardt's
- May 27...ExCom at "tbd"
- May 31...Spring Dinner at the Colonnade
- June 1-4...Cabin Trip to Cacapon, WV

Question of the month: How did Tiehack run at Buttermilk get it's name?

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