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## Message from the Summer Editor

While there will be no PVS monthly meetings in the summer, please note the ALL TRIPS party at the Heitchue's on July 10, 2004. The ExCom will continue to meet in July and August. The Bylaws revision approved at the April annual meeting have been compiled. These will be posted on the PVS web site and a printed version will be made available to any member on request.

The regular TOOT Editor, Jan Marx, and the Chair of the Trips Committee, Bob Marx, have escaped to their lakeside cabin in Minnesota to avoid the heat and humidity of summer in Washington. However, those of us dealing with the climate here can at least get the benefit of participating in a number of PVS events and think about registering for one or more of the PVS ski trips for the forthcoming season.

The regular editor has presided over a major addition in the way TOOT is distributed. Namely, members can now obtain their copy of TOOT by email as well as by regular mail. Those members who have elected to receive TOOT *only* by email save the club a healthy chunk of dough (Copying and postage has been running around \$1/issue). The email edition may contain additional content, such as photos (in color), and maps to event locations. While the regular editor (Jan) might be relaxing in Minnesota, that doesn't mean than she and Bob are off the hook. These folks are still involved with their PVS duties via email. In fact the email edition of TOOT may be issued from Minnesota (too bad they can't export the cooler weather as well.)

*Marvin Hass*

## Annual All-Trips Party At the Heitchue's

**Sat, July 10, 2004 4:00PM**  
2146 Owl's Cove Lane, Reston, Virginia  
(703) 860-9190

Come for dinner, a ride around the lake, and learn all about the great ski trips PVS has planned for the 2004-2005 season. Call Jean or Reg at 703-860-9190 to sign up and indicate whether you will bring a salad, an appetizer, or a dessert. A small fee will be charged.

*Directions:* From the beltway, exit onto Route 267, the Dulles Toll Road. Take the **Hunter Mill** exit off the Toll Road. Go left at end of ramp and turn right at the **end** (You will then be on Sunrise Valley Drive). At the first traffic light turn left onto South Lakes Drive. (**Note that a new traffic light is being installed so South Lakes Drive may be the second light**) You will pass a shopping center on your right. Take the next left after passing the shopping center. This is Ridge Heights Drive. Take an immediate right on to Owl's Cove Lane. Go to the end and park in the cul-de-sac. 2146 is at the bottom of a steep driveway. Rain date is **Sunday July 11.**

There will be no PVS monthly meetings in July or August.

*Flyers for the four 2005 Ski Trips so far offered by PVS should be enclosed with this issue of TOOT for those receiving the Print edition. For those receiving TOOT only by email (pdf and doc formats), the flyers will also be sent by email.*

## LOCAL EVENTS (Chronological Order)

### ***OLNEY THEATER PARTY GOES NUCLEAR***

***Last Call*** with post-theatre optional dinner

**Sunday July 18, 2004 2:00 PM**

July 10 is the last chance to get in on **Copenhagen** at 2 pm at the Olney Theatre, dining afterward at the **Olney Ale House**. Mail your check for \$22 to Jeannette Albersheim, 3574 Fiske Terrace, Silver Spring, MD 20906. Tell her whether you wish to join the others for dinner.

Directions to Olney Theatre Center: located on MD Rte 108 in Olney MD 1 1/2 miles east of Georgia Avenue (Rte. 97). Take Connecticut avenue exit off 495. Go approximately 8 miles north to the intersection of Connecticut and Georgia Avenue. Turn left on to Georgia and follow it north 5 miles to the intersection of Georgia and Rte. 108. Turn right on Rte 108 and follow it 1/2 miles to the Theatre Center on the left.

For further information: call her at **301-598-7525** or email [ajmcgla@aol.com](mailto:ajmcgla@aol.com)

The deadline to reserve a seat is **July 10**.



### ***BICYCLING GOURMET***

**C&O Canal X Great Falls to Seneca**

**Thursday July 22, 2004 10:30 AM**

**Route:** C&O Canal Towpath from Great Falls (MD) to Seneca. 18 miles round trip completely along the tree shaded C&O canal towpath. This is a flat ride which is pleasant even in Washington's hottest humid weather. Picnic lunch on return to Great Falls.

**Note.** Pack and bring your own gourmet lunch or purchase at (non-gourmet) snack bar. Rest room, water, and snack bar at ride start.

**Starting Point:** Great Falls Park, MD Meet in parking lot.

Bring Golden Eagle Pass for free parking (otherwise \$4). Note: Starting time given above is when group departs. Please arrive earlier to set up your bicycle, pump up tires, visit rest room, etc.

**Leader:** Marvin Hass (703) 751-4737 [[marvinhass@hotmail.com](mailto:marvinhass@hotmail.com)]

**Next ride:** Thursday Aug. 19 Vienna to Reston



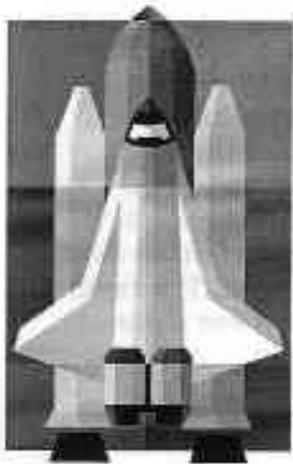
### ***SHENANDOAH RIVER TUBING***

**Saturday August 14, 2004 at noon**

No athletic skills required for this trip; it's just a peaceful 3-5 hour float down the South Fork of the Shenandoah River north of Luray, VA. It's a great way to spend a hot summer afternoon and is suitable for children. \$14 gets you a tube and lifevest, transportation from the outfitters to the put-in spot and pickup at the end. Shenandoah River Outfitters suggest making reservations about 2 weeks in advance. So if you're interested, send a check for \$14 to Shirley Rettig 604 Princess St. Alexandria, VA 22314 by August 1. For further information, call her at 703-836-0147. Trips go rain or shine.

### ***WINE TASTING at the Jones'*** Saturday 7:00 PM Aug 21, 2004

Come to taste and sample various wines (to be supplied) along with hors d'oeuvres (supplied by attendees). Judy and Ray Jones will provide an entrée dish to go with the event to be held at their Fairfax (VA) home. Bring some hors d'oeuvres (for sharing). There will be a modest cost of \$10/person. Wines will be available for purchase. RSVP to Ray or Judy at (703) 425-5839 by August 9. Further details in the August TOOT.



## ***Tour the New NATIONAL AIR AND SPACE MUSEUM (the Udvar-Hazy Center) near Dulles Airport Sat. Sept. 18, 2004***

Join PVS for a docent-led tour of the recently opened Air & Space Museum in Chantilly, VA on **Saturday September 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM**. The tour will last 1 ½ - 2 hours and will be followed by an optional self-pay lunch at the food court in the nearby Wegman's mega-market. The Museum and tour are free but parking at the museum is \$12/car. The Museum is huge and is home to the Enterprise space shuttle, an Air France Concorde, the Enola Gay B-29 and hundreds of other air and space vehicles. Also, you might wish to skip/postpone lunch to go to the IMAX theaters in the Museum after the tour. If you care to join us, please make your reservation by contacting Barbara Leonhardt at 301-963-8111 or [fbleonhardt@starpower.net](mailto:fbleonhardt@starpower.net). Reservations are limited to 30 people (2 – 15 person tour groups). We believe that the tour will fill up quickly so reserve your spot early. The reservation deadline is August 13<sup>th</sup>.

## ***NEW YORK RADIO CITY CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR***

**November 13, 2004**



We have 44 PVS people (including friends, relatives and grandchildren) going by bus to Radio City on November 13 to attend the annual Christmas Show at Radio City Music Hall. This spectacular, starring the Rockettes, includes the traditional favorites "The Parade of the Wooden Soldiers" and "The Living Nativity".

We have a waiting list in case of cancellation. If interested, call Wilma Sharer, 301-975-9411, or e-mail [wilma@sharerassociates.com](mailto:wilma@sharerassociates.com). At the present time, we have two PVSers on the waiting list.

This is an outstanding one and a half hour show with no intermission. Dinner at Tutto Bene Italian restaurant will follow the show before returning to Maryland.

## **Review of Recent PVS Events**

### ***Spring Dinner***

***June 5, 2004***



It was a rainy evening, but inside at the Colonnade party rooms, which **Betty Walker** had graciously provided for PVS; there was a warm and happy atmosphere. It was not a large group, but that gave

us the opportunity to socialize with all. It was good to be reminded of ski country with the presence of **Nancy Lewis**, whom we all enjoyed talking to. **Dottie Villers** had arranged the dinner elegantly and beautifully with fresh flowers and candles, and the menu sesame bites, spinach salad with poppy

seed dressing was well chosen: Salmon mousse with crackers, cheesy ("What does she have in that delicious dressing?"), chicken breasts with artichoke and mushroom sauce, herbed rice, asparagus with almond sauce, strawberry cake with champagne, wines, and coffee. The menu was creative, and most of us wanted recipes. Dottie had it all down on her computer, and with a click we got what we wished. She certainly knows how to put a good party together, and hopefully she and Betty will be able to do it again next year. Many thanks from the grateful participants.

*(submitted by Karen Felker)*

## Monthly Meeting June 15, 2004

(hosted by Ruth Powers assisted by Jessma Blockwick)



Participants for the monthly meeting assembled in Ruth Powers' spacious home in a scenic area of McLean adjacent to Dranesville District Park. The rain, which started just after 7:00 pm, did not deter the 32 members and 2 applicants who showed up. After the social hour, the meeting was capably conducted by Treasurer Ray Jones who reviewed both the forthcoming local events and forthcoming

ski trips. [President Ray Heitchue and VP David Abraham were off elsewhere; Ray and Nancy McKinley were off scouting out the forthcoming Canadian ski trip.] As can be seen by the descriptions elsewhere in this issue of TOOT, there are a number of appealing local activities for the summer as well as a full program of winter ski trips including to a number of new areas. The meeting concluded with coffee and desert and a vote of appreciation to Ruth and Jessma.

## Golf Outing

June 10, 2004

Eight PVSers and six guests enjoyed the June 10 golf outing at Raspberry Falls Golf and Hunt Club. Barbara Leonhardt and Byoung Schuler, from the same foursome, won closest to the pin prizes. Ray and Judy Jones' group had the low net score (using the Callaway Handicapping System) of 71, while Fred and Barbara Leonhardt



along with Burr and Byoung Schuler were second with a net of 74. Other PVSers who participated were Sharon Mulholland and Myron Marquardt. Guests were Sharon's friend Jean, and Ray and Judy's friends Eddie, John, Brad, and Duane, plus John's friend Glenn.

## Picnic with Kirk and Peggy at Lake Barcroft June 26, 2004



This PVS event is timely in view of the departure of Jan and Bob Marx to their lakeside cabin in Minnesota and the imminent departure of ExCom member Marilyn Clark and Dick to their lakeside abode on Lake Cayuga. Fortunately, Kirk and Peggy Burns have been sufficiently thoughtful about the rest of us who are consigned to the heat and humidity of summer in Washington to invite members of PVS again to a lakeside event at their home in nearby Arlington. They even managed to come up with excellent weather as well. For those who have been there, Lake Barcroft is a mile long body of water with many homesites nestled among tall trees. Furthermore, thanks to careful environmental controls, it is even safe for swimming and there are several beaches. Many boats with quiet electric motors ply the waters along with kayaks and canoes. Most participants took advantage of a boat ride piloted by the Burns' grandson Chris. Then amidst these idyllic surroundings, participants were able to dine under the trees with various delicacies that they brought in. A few of the more adventurous participants did jump in the lake and hark back to their childhood by trying out the waterslide. Maybe it is in suburban Arlington; but on Saturday June 26, it seemed more like suburban Shangri-La. (More photos on PVS Web site)

### CURRENT PVS BOARD & OFFICERS -2004-05

President - *Reg Heitchue*  
Vice President - *David Abraham*  
Secretary- *Dottie Villers*  
Treasurer - *Ray Jones*  
Membership- *Wilma Sharer*  
Program Cmte Chair -  
*David Abraham*  
Events - *Ray McKinley*  
Webmaster - *Marvin Hass*

Mid-week Events - *Jessma Blockwick*  
Ski Trip Cmte Chair - *Bob Marx*  
TOOT Editor - *Jan Marx*  
TOOT Proofreader - *Bob Marx*  
TOOT Mailer - *Marilyn Clark*  
Meeting Records - *Sara Huggins*  
Historians - *Lu Beale & Jan Marx*

### EXCOM:

#### First Term:

*Marilyn Clark*  
*Dave DeVilbiss*  
*Mike Strand*

#### Second Term:

*John Brunelli*  
*Ray McKinley*  
*Dottie Villers*



## THE KNEE

By Ray McKinley

The Knee is not political. Indeed, my three favorite Presidents are Kneexon, Kenkneedy and of course, Ronknee. Nonetheless, I must offer my political solutions to the current Iraq problem. To heck with Paul Bremmer and John Negroponte. We should turn over control of Iraq to Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen. They are soooo cute! And, as for the reconstruction, we should outsource it to India and save 55% of the costs!

More PVSers have gone south! Jim and Charlotte Kline sold their Tysons Corner abode in near record time. (And for a near record amount.) They have now moved to the Williamsburg area—not far from fellow PVSers Marijane and Don Harper. Charlotte and Jim are awaiting the fall completion of their new Ford's Colony home—and a possible late fall PVS Williamsburg event.

Just before the Klines left Northern VA, Lu Beale, Serge and Liz Triau hosted them for a dinner.

During a normal year July is the pits for ski discussions. But not this year. After a significant winter season of snowfall on the west coast, Heavenly Valley, Mammoth and Whistler will all be open on the Fourth of July for skiing. Right on!. Note that Ski Liberty will not be open *this* Fourth.

Despite the possibility of skiing, many of us have already been going on other types of trips. Alice Swalm is off on a tour of Northern France. And Gene Sharer is back from India.

For the first time since its inception, Dot Mills was not at our Spring Dinner providing the flowers. Dot was picking a flower, fell, and ended up with a concussion. Ouch! She's doing fine now.

At the Dinner, one table became the Reston table. It had Reg and Jean Heitchue, Dottie Villers and Sally Finan. (George Welti was fine at home recovering from surgery.) All decided they would go back and ski on the Reston *piste*.

At dinner, the Knee, Reg and David Abraham were discussing 50 deg slopes. Things

got mixed up as I was talking of 50 deg temperatures!

Marty Rine managed to get tickets to the opening of the World War II memorial. Great show!

Shortly after Mother's Day, Sue Walsh drove from Arizona to her remodeled Victorian Rehoboth home. Sue's already met Betty Lawrence, and expects to get to PVS summer events.

Treasurer Ray Jones wants everyone to know that you can ski in Tennessee. He skied (or at least that's what he called it) just outside of Gatlinburg in January. This is likely the only place in the world with a shorter season than Ski Liberty!

Non-skiing reminiscences from two of our octogenarians: Jessma Blockwick recalls driving away from her wedding. (People only had one in those days—the Knee would say driving away from my third... or whatever) Anykneeway, she was driving away, cans clanking from the bumper. Two blocks later, they realized they forgot their luggage and had to return to the church. Whoops!

Ace White House reporter, Lu Beale remembers the late 40's press parties held at the country digs of Catherine Filene Shouse—always with lots of superb food and drink. Ms. Shouse's abode was then called Wolf Trap Farm.

A tip of the ol' Knee Cap goes to Mike Strand. He did a truly remarkable job of shepherding all of the bylaw changes through a lengthy process. PVS is better for it. What you might not know is that hidden in the changes was an annual PVS salary for Mike of \$58,000.

This is my annual "Betty Lawrence Has a New House" story. Betty Lawrence has a new house. It's in Vienna and was previously owned by her son-in-law. She is already planning to enlarge it—to hold PVS we assume. Betty tells the true story of her grandchild in a spelling contest. Asked to define the word vagabond, the child replied, "That's what Grandma Betty is." Smart kid!

George Welti and Sally Finan have a great painting of a fine old house over their mantle. Asked about the painting, George explained that was the house where he was born, in Switzerland. As to where in Switzerland it was, George said "Bern baby, Bern."

# CALENDAR

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- July 10 Sat All Trips Party at the Heitchue's-  
Rain Date July 11
- July 18 Sun "Copenhagen" at the Olney Theater
- July 22 Thurs Bicycling Gourmet - Great Falls, MD
- July 27 Tues ExCom at McKinleys
- Aug 14 Sat Tubing on the Shenandoah River
- Aug 19 Thurs Bicycling Gourmet - Vienna to Reston
- Aug 21 Sat Wine Tasting at the Jones'
- Aug 24 Tues ExCom at ??
- Sep 18 Sat Air and Space Museum at Dulles  
Airport
- Sept 22 Tues PVS monthly meeting

### Change of postal or email address:

Call Wilma at (301) 975-9411  
or send email message to  
[info@potomacvalleyskiers.org](mailto:info@potomacvalleyskiers.org)

### PVS Ski Trips

Aug 6-16, 2004	Portillo
Jan 20-27, 2005	Snowmass
Feb 12-19 2005	Sun Peaks
Mar 4-13 2005	Meribel
Mar 19-25 2005	Mammoth

### E-mail Notice

If you want to start receiving  
Toot electronically, please let me know.  
Thanks, Jan = [jebbmarx@aol.com](mailto:jebbmarx@aol.com).

Marvin Hass  
309 Yoakum Pkwy #605  
Alexandria VA 22304-3923

# MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

It's membership renewal time. A quick response (no later than September 30) will assure your membership in PVS for TWO YEARS. Dues are biennial. Please fill in all the information requested on the form so it can be used to keep our records up to date. Sign the form (on the reverse side) and send it along with your check made out to *Potomac Valley Skiers, Inc.* to:

**Wilma Sharer**  
12404 Beall Spring Road  
Potomac, MD 20854

POTOMAC VALLEY SKIERS, Inc.

Membership Renewal  
7/1/2003 to 6/30/2005

Membership starting after July 2003 will be prorated. Date \_\_\_\_\_

NAME(S) \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBERS: HOME \_\_\_\_\_

Office #1 \_\_\_\_\_ Office #2/cell \_\_\_\_\_ (optional)

Email address: #1 \_\_\_\_\_ PVS email news  Check if desired

#2 \_\_\_\_\_ PVS email news

(If you supply an email address, it will be listed in club roster distributed to members. The optional PVS email news involves 1-2 email messages/month concerning last minute news about trips and events, etc. It will only be sent to those who also check the box and can be added or removed at any time. There is no external distribution of email addresses.)

Please enclose your check for the appropriate amount depending on your class of membership. Please circle the amount corresponding to the class of membership.

Regular-single	\$40	Absentee	\$20
Regular-couple	\$70	Junior	\$20
Applicant-single	<del>\$40</del> 50	<i>(under 18 as of 6/30/2003)</i>	
Applicant-couple	<del>\$70</del> 90		

**PLEASE READ AND SIGN ON THE REVERSE SIDE**

# MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

## POTOMAC VALLEY SKIERS, INC. (PVS)

### PVS member assumption of Risk and Release and Waiver of Liability Agreement

By renewing as a member (or joining as an applicant member):

- 1) I acknowledge that I understand the nature of skiing, bicycling, hiking, and the various other PVS activities. I am willing to determine those activities in which I am willing to participate and will restrict myself to participate only in those activities in which I am qualified.
- 2) I full understand that PVS activities involve risks and dangers of bodily injury and death, and dangers of property damage. I fully accept all such risks as a result of my participation.
- 3) I hereby release, discharge, covenant not to sue, and I waive and hold harmless PVS, its officers, executive committee, leaders, and volunteers from liability damage and claims arising from injury sustained by me or property damage related to any PVS activity or event.
- 4) Having read this agreement, I fully understand its terms, and understand I have given up substantial rights by signing it. I intend this to be a complete and unconditional release from all liability.

SIGNATURE(S): If a couple both must sign; for a minor, the guardian must also sign.

1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_

Date

Date

The club needs your assistance.

Please check the appropriate if you are willing to:

coordinate an event     host a meeting/event  
 run a local ski trip     writeup an event for TOOT

Preferences of ski areas for future PVS trips.

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