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Greetings PVSers,

I'm bringing you word from ExCom.

*Well Mike, it's about time we got some new news from ExCom. Something interesting?*

Some may think so. To others, this may very well be the moment of reckoning, where the rubber meets the road, even crossing the Rubicon. JUST REMEMBER, I'm the messenger here!...not that there is anything necessarily wrong with the message.

*So Mike, I guess that means we don't shoot you. Yup.*

*Well let's cut to the chase: what happened?*

At the suggestion of two participants, ExCom is seriously looking to recommend expanding our membership admissions criteria to include Winter Snow Sports.

*So Mike, does this mean adding stuff to the By Laws that includes salchows, double axils or half pipes? The current ExCom thinking is probably not. We'd look at applicants on a case-by-case basis. How about changing our name? No intention to do that. "PVS" stays!*

*So potentially, this could go beyond Snow Boarders? Yup. I suppose if we got 20 dues-paying applicants from the 1980 Olympic Figure Skating Team who are party-hardy, willing to host meetings, and pay dues, ExCom would have an interesting challenge.*

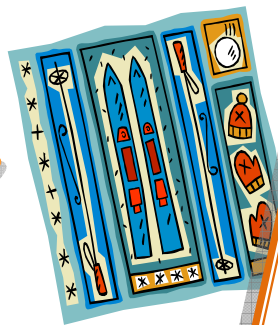
*Mike, how did all this come about? As best I see, it is fallout from two seemingly unrelated events (lower PVS membership, and Britney Spears regaining custody of her children) that created a "perfect storm" making us susceptible to consider change.*

As a club, we have time to discuss and deliberate this important issue. No By Laws changes will take place before our annual meeting in April 2008. But now is the time to consider this change, gather your thoughts, discuss with other members and share your feelings with an ExCom member.

Best Wishes,

Mike

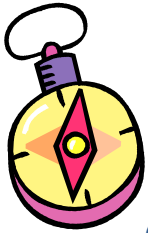
Monthly Meeting



**Watch:** Brian Eardley show us What's New in ski equipment.

**Welcome:** the Capital Golden Skiers who we have invited to join us for this special meeting.

November 20,  
7:30 PM  
at the  
Ski Center  
Washington, DC



**Ski Center**  
4300 Fordham Road NW  
Washington DC 20016  
202-966-4474  
(In the Bank of America Building)

We will meet at the Ski Center for our annual briefing by Brian Eardley on ski equipment and happenings in the ski industry. Also, we have invited members of the Capital Golden Skiers to join us. We will have our usual array of refreshments (wine, beer and soft drinks) and snacks starting at 7:30 PM with Brian's demo about 8:15 PM.

**Parking is free** with validation of the parking lot ticket in the Ski Center. The shop normally closes at 6:00 PM, but it will reopen at 7:00 PM for our 7:30 meeting. Take a ticket from the machine as you enter the parking lot. Enter the Ski Center from this lot. There also is parking on the street and in an open lot on 49<sup>th</sup> Street.

**Directions from I-495 inner loop and American Legion Bridge.**

**From Beltway and River Road** - Take River Rd. southeast toward Washington, DC for 3.5 miles, then right at Little Falls Pkwy (traffic light at end of commercial section, just past a Citgo gas station), left at 1st light (Massachusetts Ave), then right at 3<sup>rd</sup> light (49th St), 1/2 block and left into the gated parking lot. About 10 minutes.

**Directions from I-495 outer loop. From Beltway and Connecticut Ave.** - Take Connecticut Ave. south toward Washington, DC for 2.6 miles to Chevy Chase Circle. Take 3rd right off of circle (Western Ave) and go 2 miles to the next traffic circle (Westmoreland Circle). Go 3/4 of the way around and get off on Massachusetts Ave toward Washington, DC. Go right at 2nd light (49<sup>th</sup> St), 1/2 block and left into the gated parking lot. About 10 minutes.

**Directions from Key Bridge** (Take GW Parkway to Key Bridge, if coming from I-395).

From Key Bridge - Go left onto M Street. After 1/2 mile, keep to the right where the street name changes to Foxhall Rd. Go 2 miles until it ends at Nebraska Ave. Go right, take Nebraska Ave to Ward Circle (at American Univ). Get into the outer part of the circle and go 3/4 of the way around, taking Massachusetts Ave headed northwest. Go 3/4 of a mile until you see Crate & Barrel on your left. Make the next left at 49th St. then 1/2 block and left into the gated parking lot. About 10 minutes

Local directions from other points in the DC area may be found at <http://www.skicenter.com/directions/index.htm>

**Changes**

New address and telephone number for **Demetrios Chaconas**:

3811 Akers Drive, same city and ZIP Code  
(301) 829-9676

New e-mail address for **Suzanne Boisclair**

[s.boisclair@verizon.net](mailto:s.boisclair@verizon.net)

New e-mail address for **Sue Lyon**

[suejlyon@cox.net](mailto:suejlyon@cox.net)

New e-mail address for **Sal & Lee Mahallati**

[LeenSal@msn.com](mailto:LeenSal@msn.com)

New telephone numbers for **David Phillips**:

Home phone: 301-776-8415

Work phone: 240-786-3313



## Coming



### **CHILI HIKE**

Sat Nov 10 1:30 PM  
Great Falls Park, VA

This is the 21st anniversary of the PVS Chili Hike and it will be held on Saturday, November 10.

Meet at 1:30 PM at the Great Falls Visitor's Center, Virginia side.

After hiking through the gorgeous wilderness along the river and the falls just a few miles from the White House, we'll have a hot and not-so-hot chili supper at Ray and Nancy McKinley's house. The fall foliage should be perfect!

All are welcome to hike (but call to sign up so that we don't miss anyone) but space for chili is limited.

Call Ray or Nancy at (703) 527-7126 to sign up for hiking and/or to reserve a place at the chili supper and also to sign up to bring an appetizer, salad or dessert. Cost for supper will be about \$8.



We hope You will Join us!



LAST CHANCE FOR

## **Blob's Park**

*((It is rumored to be closing in January))*

Join a PVS group evening

*Saturday, December 15 at 7:30 PM*



Blob's Park is an authentic Bavarian Biergarten located between Baltimore, MD and Washington, DC featuring home cooked German style foods and more than 70 brands of beer, including German beers on draught. Live music by Charm City Sound and a mix of polka, ballroom, and Latin dancing on a 2,000 square foot wooden dance floor.

\$6.00 per person - pay at the door.

8024 Blob's Park Road Jessup, MD 20794  
MD Rt. 175 @ Baltimore-Washington Parkway

410-799-0155 Directions at: <http://www.blobspark.com/Map.html>



Even though it is "pay at the door," without Liz reserving tables, PVSers would be scattered all over, soooo...make your reservations with Liz Warren-Boulton at [elizawb@starpower.net](mailto:elizawb@starpower.net) or 202-244-5717

For more information Call Liz or go to the Blob's Park web site.

## Help Needed

We need a **second person** to staff the PVS booth at the National Ski Expo.

The following slots are still available: **Friday, November 9 from 2 to 5 PM.**

**Saturday, November 10 from 1:00 to 4:30 PM  
4:30 to 8 PM.**

You will get free admission to the show AND to the Warren Miller movie.

Please Call **Ray McKinley** by **Monday, November 5th** at 703-527-7126.



## National Ski & Snowboard Expo

November 9-11, 2007

*PVS has a booth this year.*



The National Ski & Snowboard Expo showcases the latest products and services for skiing, snowboarding, X country touring, and snow tubing. The show provides information on equipment, lift tickets, and ski vacations. Virtual Reality Ski Racing with prizes. Ski sales – multiple vendors, Ski Swap. Hundreds of free lift tickets are given away each day of the show.

### FREE

*Ski Liberty Lift Passes at the Warren Miller movie, Playground*

**Fri Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> = 4 PM, 6 PM**

**Saturday Nov 10<sup>th</sup> = 12 Noon, 2 PM, 4 PM, 6 PM**

**Sunday Nov 11<sup>th</sup> = 1 PM, 3 PM**

Lift tickets to other local areas given away every day.



### Location

Dulles Expo & Conference Center, 4368 Chantilly Shopping Center, Chantilly, VA 20151

- Take Interstate 66 West and drive approximately 10 miles.
- Take exit 53B, Route 28 North (Dulles Airport)
- Drive 3 miles North on Route 28.
- Turn right onto Willard Road.
- Take the second left off of Willard Road into the Chantilly Shopping Center.
- Follow signs to Dulles Expo & Conference Center.

### Hours

Friday 2-8 p.m.

Saturday-10 a.m.-8 p.m.

Sunday-11 a.m.-5 p.m.

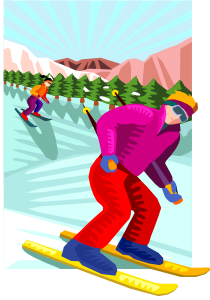
### Admission

\$10, includes a magazine subscription to Ski, Skiing or Snowboarding **FREE PARKING**

### Official Web Site

[www.nationalskiexpo.com](http://www.nationalskiexpo.com)

**Local Ski Trips**



**SKI LIBERTY MOUNTAIN –**

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20**

Anybody interested in a day of skiing before the holidays, should contact **Charles Huggins** (at 301-424-5725) so we can form car pools. If you wish to drive your own car, contact Charles so the group can look for you at Liberty Mountain Resort. Lift tickets for 4 hrs. are \$38.00, for 8 hrs. \$43.00. Those 65+ ski for half price. If anybody has free lift tickets from the National Ski and Snowboard Expo (Nov. 9-11), this is a good time to use them before they expire.



**WISP Demo Day**

Beginning Thursday, January 24<sup>th</sup>

*Join PVS for just a day or make a long weekend of it!*

**Ski inexpensively and with friends!** For Demo Thursday you even get to try the latest skis, free of charge! Come and experience WISP's new backside slopes. WISP has installed energy-efficient snowmaking covering 90% of all skiable terrain.



**Vertical drop** of 700 ft.; 2,415 ft. at base; 3,115 ft. at summit. **Snowfall**=Garrett Co. averages 100" annually.

**Slope Difficulty** - 41% beginner, 28% intermediate, 31% advanced.

**Trails** - 32 slopes and trails totaling 10.5 miles on 132 acres of skiable terrain.

**Lifts** - Two quad chairs, five triple chairs, three ski carpets, four surface tows.

Join us on **Thursday** for the actual Ski Chalet sponsored Demo Day where tickets are only **\$10 with voucher** (must purchase special vouchers at the Ski Chalet near you - starting Nov. 1st).

(All lift tickets need to be obtained individually at the ski area with your voucher or senior ID.)

	<u>Adult</u>	<u>Seniors (60-69)</u>	<u>Sr. Seniors (70+)</u>
M-F All Day	\$39	\$28	Free!
S-S All Day	\$57	\$35	Free!

Wisp also has rates for Morning only, Twilight, Night & 2 day & 3 day tickets

See [www.wispresort.com](http://www.wispresort.com) for details.

<b>Hotel Prices</b>	Wednesday & Thursday night Demo Days deal	\$79 per room.
	Friday (no deal unless we have > 8 rooms)	\$239 per room.
	Saturday (no deal unless we have > 8 rooms)	\$249 per room.

**Rooms** will be paid individually. For each room, call WISP (1-800-462-9477) to reserve your room. Ask for the Ski Chalet Demo Day rate. The room rate includes 1-4 people. We can try to match individuals with roommates if you wish. Rooms go fast so **Call Now** if you think you want to go. Cancellation is 14 days prior to the first night's stay.

**The Hotel** offers smoke free ski-in/ski-out convenience, secure WiFi access, fitness center, heated indoor pool and Jacuzzi, and more. Remember your swim suit.

**Meals** will be paid individually. All rooms have a refrigerator. There are 2-3 places to eat in the hotel and several good restaurants in the area for dinner.

**Contact:** Pat Vagonis (301-838-5545 or [Pvagonis@comcast.net](mailto:Pvagonis@comcast.net)) if you have any questions and/or are going so she can plan some group après-ski events! Join us on our 'A la Carte' trip!

## Past Events



# BLUE KNOB WEEKEND

Ruth Powers and Bob Marx

Eight PVSers enjoyed a delightful Columbus Day weekend at Betty Lawrence's chalet at Blue Knob.

The weekend provided some new experiences, as well as those that we look forward to each year. The new experiences include a new windmill farm about 10 miles away that is partially visible on the far ridge seen from Betty's house.

Most of the windmills were rotating slowly. They are *Nancy, Ray, Betty, Shirley, Suzanne, Bob, Ruth* apparently operating in a test mode at this time. With respect to house decorations, Betty has 2 new stuffed elk heads to join her moose antlers. The weather was also different this year-- much warmer. We were in short sleeves rather than the usual heavy jackets.



*Nancy cooking*

On Saturday morning Ray took several of us on a visit to the huge antique mall and adjacent flea market in Duncansville and a nearby smaller but more interesting 3-part antique store, featuring metal lawn furniture and statuary, several antique trucks, and other furniture. One massive brass bed with overhead framework and mirror was unlike anything we had seen before.

On Saturday afternoon we enjoyed the annual hike through the woods to the Pavia Overlook. On Sunday several of us walked down the road toward the old CCC camp. After going around many steep down turns, Shirley and Ruth decided to turn around and go back to the house while we could still climb back up. Betty and the Marxes kept going and finally reached the camp. On the way back up they decided Shirley and Ruth may have made the smart choice and decided to telephone for a ride back to the house.

Shirley and Ruth didn't answer the phone because they assumed it was for Betty. Finally Bob had to hike back up to the house and drive back to pick up Betty and Jan.

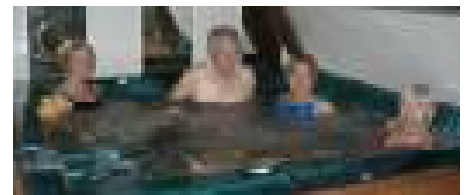


*Suzanne telling us stories*

On Sunday afternoon, Bob Jan, Shirley, and Betty visited the Johnstown Flood National Historic Site where a dramatic movie, a scale model of the valley with "you are here" light progressions and narrative, graphic displays, and the breached dam were viewed. A very well-done facility for a great tragedy.

*Hot tubbers, Nancy, Bob, Betty, Shirley*

Monday morning the "four flood viewers" hiked to the top of Blue Knob ski area, played on the lift, and then packed to leave.



Throughout the weekend, we enjoyed wonderful meals and happy hours. Several enjoyed the "warm tub." (Apparently there was a problem with the thermostat, so it didn't quite reach "hot tub" status.) And of course there was never-ending socializing.

## October Meeting at Cara and Bob Jablon's

Joe, Serge, Charlotte

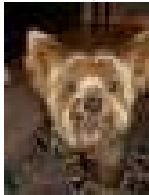


Thirty one PVSers (plus 3 guests) flowed through Cara and Bob's lovely and very interesting house. It easily accommodated all of us who wandered through all the nooks and crannies admiring the decorating and collection of artwork. Bob was out of town (we missed you, Bob) but Cara and her two



Cara and Leah

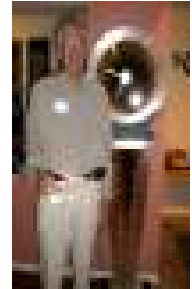
four-legged greeters were there. Seldom-seen in attendance were, Bill Anderson Mike Hatanaka, Alice Swalm, Walter Flowers, one of our applicant members, and Judy Macaluso - fresh from court-running-late.



Dante

Cara's dining room table featured bagels with two spreads - salmon and whitefish - that were scrumptiously seasoned. Cheeses and crackers, and a variety of wines and beer.

Bob and THAT clock



**Judy Burlbaugh**, President of Blue Ridge Ski Council, was our guest speaker. She emphasized the wisdom of using a ski helmet and talked about ski safety. Judy praised our club for spearheading a mutual meeting with the Capital Golden Skiers, another small club.

**Thank you, Jablons, for an excellent evening!**

## Frank Shelburne Memorial Hike

Hike around Lake Accotink, and lunch at Kilroy's



*The best laid plans.....not all of us were in the same place when the hike started, so we split the main group and went around the lake in opposite directions, hoping to meet up. Yup, we found each other. It was perfect weather and the lake, with the low water level, was interesting to look at. Enjoying the non-humidity and comfortably warm day were, Ruth, Shirley, Sue Lyon, Jean Chybinski, Charlie Huggins, Bob's (Knopes and Marx), Jan, Suzanne, and of course, Sally. Non-hiking folks (Mike and the Marxes friend Al Herman) were at Kilroy's at 12:30 and met with the first wave of walkers. The rest arrived about 1:00.*



*A huge THANKS to Sally for organizing to Bob Marx for scoping out the trail to time the walk, and to Jan for checking out the restaurant choices (a really tough job).*

November 1, 2007



Dear PVS Member,

Your **PVS Membership Card** is proof that you are not only a member of PVS, but automatically a member of the **Blue Ridge Ski Council (BRSC)**, and through BRSC, a member of the **National Ski Council Federation (NSCF)**. NSCF provides its members many services to which you are entitled. See p. 6 of the October 2007 TOOT for directions on how to view these benefits online through the PVS website.

★ This membership card will enable you to access discounts at selected ski shops, resorts, and retailers in the ski industry. In addition, as a member of BRSC, you are entitled to go on trips, of other member clubs that are sanctioned by BRSC, without becoming a member of that club.

Dave Warthen (PVS Membership Records)

**Note:** New **Membership Cards** and a new **Roster** are being issued this month

### About *Bette Walker*

Bette's son, Bob, wrote that Bette will not be renewing her membership in PVS this time. He relayed that she has been in an assisted living facility for about a year. Bob writes, *"Her physical conditions is good for her age, thanks not doubt to all those great ski trips she so enjoyed with PVS over the years. Bet, her mental functioning I characterize now as the ability to get a one-liner but not to follow a mystery story. My many thanks go to all members of PVS who, in so many ways, contributed to my mother's happiness. She absolutely loved the ski trips and the parties and the camaraderie."*



### PVS-Shirts ???

There has been an interest in having PVS shirts, whatever style we want. The ExCom requests someone to take on this venture. Call Mike Strand if you can "don" this quest. 301-468-1535.



# SNOWMASS

SNOWMASS 2008

January 17 through 24

**Needed** = one male to share a room.

*Hurry! This may be a last chance to stay at our much loved Snowmass Mountain Chalet. Recent purchase by a large developer will make major changes with new construction and concept within the next two years.*

- Join us for this perennial favorite-- slopeside skiing at Snowmass with interchangeable lift tickets and free bus service to Aspen Highlands, Ajax Mountain, and Buttermilk ski areas, more than 5,000 acres of skiing. Direct access to 3,100 acres of Snowmass slopes is just outside the door.
- We will stay once again at the charming and friendly Snowmass Mountain Chalet to enjoy the convenience of slopeside lodging served by the welcoming Mountain Chalet staff. Lodging includes a daily family-style breakfast and daily soup lunch, greatly appreciated by trip participants and other guests, many of whom return year after year.
- The trip will include group dinners, après-ski parties, and other activities available in the Aspen environs.
- Full trip cost is \$1960

For more information or to be put on the wait list:

Contact trip leaders Carolyn Maurer and David DeVilbiss at 703-370-4865 or by e-mail at [Carolyn.maurer@verizon.net](mailto:Carolyn.maurer@verizon.net).

Call to be placed on the Wait list.

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**WOW! Feb 9-16, 2008, join Nancy and Ray McKinley to Ski World-Renowned**



*If Sun Valley were a person, it would be a Renaissance man – worldly but capable of being down to earth, equally accomplished in sports and culture, broad in interests, sophisticated in tastes. But, Sun Valley is America's original destination ski resort, an enduringly beloved Idaho enclave that's "as classy as any mountain out there, and without the Bogner bling." Known for its long steady-pitched groomers (perfect for raising World Cupper Picabo Street), its lack of crowds ("forgot what a lift line was!"), its opulent on-mountain lodges and its celebrity-studded history, Sun Valley has won over skiing's well-traveled visitors for decades. It has sunshine and a top-flight lift network, an authentic Old West town with metro-quality cuisine, sagebrush vistas, and a friendly and easygoing vibe. The resort's facilities are appropriate for couples, aspiring starlets and global financiers.*

*Sun Valley's expansive slopes work for virtually everyone. "All the skiing you can handle in a vacation," says one fan. In fact, Sun Valley and adjacent Ketchum draw people back again and again. They return to sit in the sun over lunch at the Round House, to dance down funnel-shaped bowls and ride the mountain as surfers ride big waves. Some come back to glide through their turns and take it easy. Others return to bend in to the mountain and feel the burn. They come back for free cookies after breakfast at the Kneadery and for après at divey Apples. They come back to eat fresh trout amid the rosy chintz and fine china of Gretchen's at the Sun Valley Lodge or to float in natural hot springs. "There is an incredible amount to do other than ski."*

*The Sun Valley Lodge, where we'll stay, was built with every amenity a skier could imagine. Complete with an outdoor pool and Sun Valley's famous outdoor ice rink and Terrace. Guests enjoy Gretchen's Restaurant, the elegant Lodge Dining Room, the Eddie Duchin Lounge, Spa, Exercise Room, bowling alley and game room. Re-live the luxurious accommodations enjoyed by Clark Gable, Erol Flynn and Lucile Ball, with the unmatched service of a bygone era.*

*Our complete trip cost is \$2,147. This includes pre and post trip parties, 3 dinners, lodging, air fare and lift tickets. Land only cost is \$1,681, the single supplement is \$856. Non-skiers cost \$1,896. We have only limited space. To reserve a spot on this memorable trip, send your check for \$1,630 per person to Ray McKinley at 2326 N Upton Street, Arlington, VA 22207. Please call us for more information at 703-527-7126.*



Bulgaria

# Ski and See the Balkans with PVS



Slovenia

Sunday, March 2 through Thursday, March 13, 2008

Sign-up for this unique trip, which visits the European region where eastern and western cultures merge. The trip goes first to Sofia, Bulgaria, where we the Bulgarian capital. Bus to Bansko at the gondola station. Four nights and three days skiing (elective day tours available). Return to Sofia and fly to Ljubljana, Slovenia. Tour the Slovenian capital city. Bus to Kranjska Gora to the slopeside 4-star Hotel Miklic. Four nights/three days skiing (elective tours available.)

**Airline seats still available.**

and bus as indicated on exchange package price *does not include* lunches, lift tickets, ski equipment rental, elective tours, or Medical Insurance and Trip Cancellation/Interruption Insurance.

**Total Price** \$2,900 (double occupancy) *includes* all air transportation, city tours of Sofia and Ljubljana, 4/5-star hotels with meals above, plus pre-trip party, portage of baggage, and post-trip party. (Price based on exchange rate of \$1.33 US to Euro). Single supplement of \$313 based on single room availability. The package price *does not include* lunches, lift tickets, ski equipment rental, elective tours, or Medical Insurance and Trip Cancellation/Interruption Insurance.

Contact Marianne or Kerry Hines at 540-364-4810 or by e-mail at [mchines@erols.com](mailto:mchines@erols.com) or [klhines@erols.com](mailto:klhines@erols.com).



➡ **FOR RENT**, Feb. 16-23, 2008.

Lodge room in **The Pokolodi Lodge**, Snowmass, CO (2 doors down from lodge where PVS stays). 100-yds to slopes, 2 queen beds. \$700 for wk. Free pick up at Aspen airport and free continental breakfasts. For info, [www.Pokolodi.com](http://www.Pokolodi.com) or call Leonhardts at 301-963-8111.



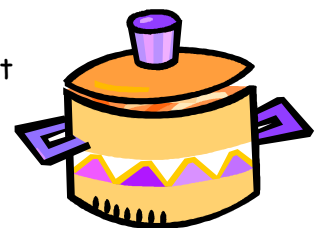
### Tidbit

**Ice water machine** for painless post-surgery recovery. **Peggy Burns** had foot surgery last month and used a boot that circulated ice water every 20 minutes. Swelling was controlled and she said she had no pain. **Kirk** used a similar machine after his knee surgery with excellent results.



### NOTICE

**FROM LAST YEAR's OKTOBERFEST** - The metal lid from a crock pot was left at Pat Vagonis' house. If it is **YOURS**, please let her know. 301-838-5545.





# THE KNEE

by Ray McKinley

The Knee rarely tells tales about himself. But there are exceptions. I just had a seminal birthday. I just turned 65. I know it isn't all that significant to many of you, but it's older than I've ever been. To those who ask, I only \*act\* childish. Ankneeway, I sat down and ruminated. (Medicare eligible folks ruminate, I've been told.) I wanted to see if there were any major philosophical wisdoms I could share with you, or any fundamental truths. But after ruminating for a few minutes, I fell asleep! Oh well...

Last month, to help with the membership drive, I became poetknee. The results are in from the Membership Daves (Warthen and DeVilbiss). Four PVSers rejoined, and six others immediately dropped out. Oh well...

Still at it, Bill Anderson claims his foot went to sleep one afternoon and then it kept him awake most of the night.

Not Board Yet: Whilst in Knee Mexico, I saw a bumper sticker which read "Keep Taos Board Free." I loved it. Later, chatting with Taos locals, I discovered that Taos' scrappy founder, Ernie Blake, had in his will that if the person taking over the resort lets in Boarders, that individual will be removed as a beneficiary. The same is true for the next person to run the resort. Ernie was a serious anti-boarder!

A different vacation for Fred and Barbara Leonhardt: They visited Iceland, Norway and France. And, according to Fred, atypically there was no golfing. But the trip was still up to par.

Unusual coincidences: Jean van der Tak and Melissa FitzGerald discovered that they had both lived in one of my favorite countries, Indo-knee-sia. They also both have sons living in Cascais, Portugal. Please tell me the course of the conversation that led to those facts!

Liz and Serge Triau went to a New York City Elderhostel very near where they grew up. Said Serge, it's definitely not an Elderhostile.

Bill Hager was in the DC area for a day recently. He was en route to Pakistan—another of the exciting vacation spots he frequently visits. Hopefully we'll have another travelogue.

It's not true that I have a large Kneego. It's just that I'm really good.

A special tip of the ol' Knee Cap goes to Dick and Marilyn Clark. They just celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding An-knee-verser-knee. (And to each other, no less.) They did it in style—with a cruise on the Queen Mary. Myron and Fumiko Marquardt also celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup>. They did it on a trip to Japan. Right on!

Ellie Thayer and Jack Chapman flew to Vienna and met their nephew from Prague there. They spent four days touring.

The Knee also has great travel plans upcoming. I'm going to Fairfax City! Oh well...

As a change of pace, Dick and Rosemary Schwartzbard are skiing in Park City at an Elderhostel (see above). They promise a report. Others have done it in the past. 5 or 6 years ago Jan and Bob Marx and Marty Rine did an Elderhostel in Steamboat. They stayed at the Rabbit Ears Motel, several miles east of the resort. Good luck to Dick and Rosemary Schwartzbard.

You shoulda been there! The October PVS meeting at Cara and Bob Jablon's gorgeous, art-filled, NW DC home was truly a treat. Unfortunately Bob was on travel to Seattle, but Cara handled the meeting with aplomb. Jablon's bought a modest rambler, and added the second floor and entry 19 years ago.

It was great to see Mike Hatanaka who is recovered and now driving and looking to winter.

The last to arrive at the meeting was the person living closest, Judy Macaluso. She had been delayed at work. Judy was telling of her recent motorcycle trip in Bhutan. It was a harrowing experience at altitude. She felt lucky not to have lost limbs on the rutted tracks while surrounded by cycling experts. Yow!

As you read this, Marion Webb and spouse are vacationing in Hawaii. Right on!

Melissa FitzGerald is just back from a week in New York. She will spend Christmas in Big Sky Montana with her family. Her house mate, Dottie Villers, is headed the other direction. She will spend the holidays in Florida.

PVS goes to South Africa, the trend continues. Charles and Genee Boykin are just back from three weeks in four countries. According to Charles, "We saw lots of animals."

Congrats to Sharon Mulholland. She has just become a grandmother--for the third time.

This guy could be a PVSer. He's Tom Szwedko, from Denver. And he has skied every month since 1979. He has to do over 50 linked turns to count, and only uses lifts if they're free!!

## Calendar

Nov. 9 - 11		National Ski Expo - Dulles Expo Center, VA (PVS has a booth)
Nov 10	Sat	Chili Hike
Nov 20	Tue	Monthly Meeting at Ski Center, Wash DC
Nov 27	Tue	ExCom at Marx'
Dec 15	Sat	Blob's Park
Dec 18	Tue	Monthly Meeting at Sherri and Tom McKenna's in Rockville
Dec 20	Th	Day trip to ski Liberty Mt. - Charles Huggins, leader

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Jan 15	Tue	Dec/Jan ExCom via teleconference
Jan 24	Th	WISP Demo Day (\$10 lift tickets)
Jan 27	<b>Sun</b>	Monthly Meeting - <b>2:00 PM</b>
Feb 24	<b>Sun</b>	Monthly Meeting - <b>2:00 PM</b>

## Ski Swaps

Nov 10-11	Ski Chalet Ski Swap in Chantilly, VA—benefiting Canaan Valley Ski Patrol
Nov 17	Ski Chalet Ski Swap in Arlington, VA -- benefiting White Tail Ski Patrol

## Ski Trips -- 2008

Snowmass - January 17-24 -- Carolyn Maurer  
Sun Valley - February 9-16 - Nancy and Ray McKinley  
Balkans - March 2-13 - Marianne and Kerry Hines



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