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Fellow Potomac Valley Skiers:

Side-slipping into September, PVSers must be counting the days until time to fly to Steamboat Springs and the Sheraton ambience offered us in December. So it is time to tune the skis and tone the body to be ready for Steamboat Springs, Snowmass, Banff/Lake Louise, Chamonix, and Courcheval/Greece.

For an outstanding part of what has been a most enjoyably active summer, we owe Wilma and Gene Sharer extensive thanks for the deluxe picnic and entertainment poolside and in their gardens. ExCom's August meeting with Pat Tengel and John Smith was another outdoor 2001 delight.

As noted here before, our membership includes many vitally involved persons. Please support Charlie Huggins in the efforts he is aiming at an industry-wide potential injustice, noted elsewhere in this TOOT. Also of note are Ray McKinley's continuing work on program events to which he has been devoting much productive energy and efforts for as long as anyone can remember. He is getting results currently.

So, until September 18, 2001 -- our first fall meeting--


Ned Flaherty
President XXIV

**THIS IS YOUR LAST ISSUE OF THE "TOOT"
IF YOU HAVEN'T RENEWED!!!**

MONTHLY MEETING - SEPTEMBER 18, 2001, 7:30 p.m.



Home of Bill Anderson
Westwood Tower Apartments
5401 Westbard Avenue
Bethesda, Maryland 20816

The building is located between River Road and Massachusetts Avenue. The meeting is in the party room., You may enter the building from South Entrance (double glass doors). Take elevator to Lobby (G button). Give your name and register at desk.

From DC, take Massachusetts Avenue to Westmoreland Circle. Continue on Massachusetts Ave for 7/10 of a mile to a right turn on Westbard (third traffic light from circle).

From Virginia, take 495 to River Road Exit (south). Continue on River Road to Kenwood Country Club on your left and Manor Care Nursing Home on the right. Make right turn onto Ridgefield, then take second left onto Westbard.

Visitors lot may be full. Park near Rite Aid Drug Store across from apartment.



THIRD ANNUAL ALL SPORTS DAY AND PICNIC
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2001. PINECLIFF PARK.
Please see August Toot for details. Of call Sally Finan at 703-716-9023.

BICYCLING GOURMET

Upper Rock Creek Bike Path -- 18 miles

Thursday, September 20 at 10:30 am

Starting Point: Strathmore Hall Arts Center (meet at far end of parking lot). Route will go east to the Rock Creek Bike Path and then head north to Lake Needwood. On return segment, will stop for lunch near end of ride at the **Garrett Park Cafe**. Rest rooms, water, and art exhibit available at Arts Center. (open 10:00 — 3).



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

October 18: Sterling to Leesburg-W&OD Trail; Lunch at the Old Dominion BrewPub in Ashburn

Oktoberfest

- When:** SATURDAY, September 22nd, 2001 at 3:00 p.m. Rain or Shine
- What:** 23rd 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:** Mary Ward & Jim Slack at 703-754-8814 by Tuesday the 18th 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, 4580 Sudley Road, Catharpin, Va.
- Directions:** Take I-66 west from the Beltway. Exit at 47B (Manassas Battlefield) onto Route 234 North (Sudley road). Go 5 miles to downtown Catharpin (check out the new Alvey's Community Store). At the guard rail 0.5 miles later, turn left onto the (now paved at the beginning) gravel driveway. (If you get to Old Field Drive on the left, you just went by our driveway. If all else fails, call 754-8814 from the payphone at Alvey's and we'll come get you.) We are the brick house at the end of the driveway.



2ND ANNUAL FRANK SHELBURNE MEMORIAL HIKE AND LUNCH, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11TH

We will meet promptly at 10:30 a.m. at the Boat House in Seneca Creek State Park, and hike the circular trail around the lake. The trail is flat and the short (4 mile) hike will build up our thirst and appetite for lunch at Cafe Mileto. Lunch at the Cafe is excellent, and the mussels are almost as good as those served by Roland at Auberge Les Alleghenys in Sutton, Quebec. Interested PVSers should call George Hicho (301-963-1836) or Betty Byrne (202-483-4048). Lunch--anticipated to be around 1 p.m.--is open to non-hikers

Directions: Proceed north on I-270 to Gaithersburg and take exit 10, Clopper Road. Go north on Clopper Road past NIST for a couple of miles. The road narrows and Seneca Creek State Park entrance appears on your left. Enter the Park, bypass the Visitors Center on right, and then turn right after passing the Contact Station. Proceed a few hundred feet, turn left on first paved road, and follow to the parking lot by the Boat House where we will meet for the hike.

Frederick people should proceed south on I-270, exit Quince Orchard Road, go west to the second traffic light, turn right on Clopper Road, and proceed as above.

PVS 2001 - 2002 SKI TRIPS

- Steamboat, Co** **Dec. 10 - Dec. 17, 2001**
 Contact: George Hicho
- Snowmass, Co.** **Jan. 17 - Jan 24, 2002**
 Leaders: Barbara & Fred Leonhardt
- Banff/Lake Louise** **Feb. 2 - Feb. 9, 2002**
(BRSC) **Leaders: John Smith and Jack Peoples**
- Chamonix** **March 8 to March 16, 2002**
(BRSC) **Leaders: Mary Ward & Jim Slack**
- Courchevel/Greek** **March 15 - 30, 2002**
Island Cruise **Leaders: Nancy & Ray McKinley**



STEAMBOAT SPRINGS

MONDAY, DEC. 10 TO MONDAY, DEC. 17, 2001

The Steamboat Springs trip is still on! Doug Horstman of Alpine Group Consultants will be directing you, on our low budget trip, to Denver. Maureen Kruger, Doug's assistant, has sent you the second payment request and another letter outlining the trip in detail will soon be coming from them. The letter will tell you airline schedules, times of departure and transportation at Denver. All the fine details that PVSers need!

You may reach Doug at dhorstman@alpinegroupconsultants.com and Maureen at MKruger@alpinegroupconsultants.com. Their phone number there is 703-591-8440.



SKI SNOWMASS

Thursday, Jan. 17 - Thursday, Jan. 24, 2002

It will not be too long before the first snow of the season hits the slopes of Snowmass. A few things about the trip to report are as follows. The price for trip insurance is \$59; if you wish to be insured, please send a check for this amount made out to Barbara Leonhardt (606 Firehouse Lane, Gaithersburg, MD 20878). If the check is received by September 20, you will be insured as of October 1. United Airlines has made a minor change to their schedule that has necessitated an earlier departure (10:40 AM instead of 11:40 AM) from Eagle/Vail on the return. All other flights remain the same. Final payment for the trip is due November 23. If you have any questions, please call Barbara or Fred at 301-963-8111.

STILL TIME TO SIGN UP

PVS BANFF / LAKE LOUISE CANADA 2002

(THIS TRIP IS PART OF THE BLUE RIDGE SKI COUNCIL WESTERN CARNIVAL 2002)

Saturday February 2, 2002 to Saturday February 9, 2002

THREE SKI AREAS: LAKE LOUISE, SUNSHINE VILLAGE, AND NORQUAY

WE WILL BE STAYING THREE NIGHTS AT THE "CHATEAU LAKE LOUISE" and FOUR NIGHTS AT THE "BANFF SPRINGS HOTEL"

TOTAL PACKAGE PRICE: \$1300 (DOUBLE OCCUPANCY)

INCLUDED IN PRICE: PRE TRIP PARTY, ROUND TRIP AIR FARE FROM WASHINGTON TO CALGARY AND RETURN, TRANSFER FROM CALGARY AIRPORT TO THE CHATEAU LAKE LOUISE AND MIDWEEK TO THE BANFF SPRINGS HOTEL, BREAKFAST DAILY, PVS APRES SKI PARTIES, LIFT TICKET (5 OF 6 DAYS), BRSC WELCOMING PARTY, BRSC MIDWEEK APRES SKI PARTY, BRSC FAREWELL DINNER PARTY AND DANCE, BUS TRANSFER TO THE AIRPORT IN CALGARY, POST TRIP PARTY, EMERGENCY MEDICAL INSURANCE.

TO SIGN UP FOR THE TRIP: SEND A DEPOSIT OF \$100 (PAYABLE TO JOHN H. SMITH) TO:

JOHN H. SMITH, AT 8174 INVERNESS RIDGE ROAD, POTOMAC, MD. 20854.

CONTACTS: JOHN H. SMITH AT 301-299-8376 OR JACK PEOPLES AT 301-438-7298



PVS Chamonix 2002

Friday, 8 March through Saturday, 16 March, with optional extension to Prague. *(The extension to Lyon and the wine regions has been withdrawn due to the small number of commitments.)*

PVS will be joining other Blue Ridge Ski Council clubs for six days of skiing in legendary Chamonix, France. This traditional European area with over 70 pistes in six major areas, provides ample skiing for all abilities. We will be staying at the 3-star Hotel Alpina, a lively modern hotel near to town attractions and lifts.

Consider also the optional 3-day extension to romantic Prague. This city on the Vltava or Moldau River is considered to be one of the most beautiful world capitals with an exquisitely preserved historical center. Now capital of the Czech Republic, it was the historic capital of fabled Bohemia. Prague was founded in the 9th century and unlike many other European cities, was spared by World War II bombing. It has had a prominent place in modern history as the site of the "Prague Spring" cultural awakening and the more recent "Velvet Revolution."

There may be a few spaces still available so confirm your space now with a check payable to "PVS Chamonix 2002" in the amount of \$600 per person. Mail to Jim Slack or Mary Ward, P.O. Box 370, Catharpin, VA 20143. For more information contact Jim & Mary at 703-754-8814 or MaryAndJim@erols.com. Visit the PVS web site (<http://potomacvalleyski.org/>) for additional details and the trip application.

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, the Deer Valley of the 70,000 acre Trois Vallées in the Spectacular Savoie Alps*
- *5 Day Cruise Amongst the Picturesque Greek Isles and 2 Days in Athens*
- *An Outstanding 3-day Add-on in Historic, Exotic Istanbul, Turkey!*
- **Do both weeks or either week alone. Trip can follow BRSC trip to Chamonix.**

Courchevel is perhaps the world's greatest ski resort - the elitest of the Trois Vallées area of France, the largest ski resort complex in the world! You can choose to ski Courchevel or take easy advantage of the largest interlinked

>>Only 1 Space Left!! Call Us Immediately to Sign Up<<

stay at 4* Les Trois Vallées Hôtel for ski-in, ski-out luxury. Just down the slope is the center of the beautiful little town, home of fabulous shopping and restaurants. Enjoy great rooms, all breakfasts and 4 gourmet dinners in the hotel's lovely mezzanine. 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, fablised Turkish sites, as well as the most famous Greek Islands, **Mykonos**, Patmos, Rhodes, Crete, and Santorini. On our return, we have a **tour to Delphi** with lunch. Too soon, March 30 we return to the United States. **SPECTACULAR PACKAGE TO TURKEY:** A special 2 night 3 day add-on in Istanbul: air from Athens to Istanbul, stay at 4 * Taxim Plaza, day 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

To reserve, send your check for \$250 to Ray McKinley at 2326 North Upton Street, Arlington, VA 22207. Please call us for more information or other options at (703) 527-7126.

HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE

The explanation that benefits from health insurance can be denied for skiing and other activities is given on page 181 in the September issue of Ski magazine. PVSers should contact their Congressional Representatives as we don't want to see skiers denied benefits this winter. A sample letter to Congress written by the editors of Ski Magazine is available on the PVS web site. Additional copies will be available for members not having a computer at the PVS meeting in September.

PAST EVENTS

GOLF AT LEISURE WORLD.....by Liz Triau

A sunny day with a gentle breeze was a perfect day for our group of fifteen PVS golfers including Jeannette's friend, Martha, who helped to host us at the Leisure world Golf Course in Silver Spring on Thursday, August 2, 2001. A few people had met at noon at the Clubhouse for lunch and by 1 pm our whole group had assembled to prepare for our 1:30 tee time.

Off we went on the beautiful course for our 18 holes of golfing fun. This writer was privileged to play in the foursome that included PVS golf star, Byoung Schuler, whose expertise enabled her to par seven holes and finish with the best score among the ladies (and most of the men as well !).It was fun to play also with Sue Walsh here from Arizona for the summer and playing excellent golf.

The early finishers enjoyed cool drinks and golf talk on the Terrace of the Clubhouse while waiting for the last groups to finish Finally, everyone arrived back at the Clubhouse and during our casual dinner there, the golf stories multiplied with golf scores lowering as time went on (golfers tell the tallest tales) and a good time was had by all.

Thanks to Jeannette Albersheim for another outstanding PVS golf outing. Let's do it again!



PVS GOES TO THE THEATER

Sunday, August 5, found a group of PVS's and friends at the Olney Theater to attend a performance of Philip Barry's Award winning play, HOLIDAY. The play takes place in New York City in the mid twenties. The cast of twelve did a remarkable job in characterizing New York High Society. Film versions were made on Holiday in 1930 and again in 1939. Katherine Hepburn and Cary Grant appeared in the 1939 version. After the performance we journeyed to the Gazebo restaurant for an Early Bird dinner. The day ended with some of the group going to the Flaherty's home for continued conversation and PVS comradery. Many, many thanks to Jeannette Albersheim for making all this possible.

Bill Anderson

LISTED AS BEER TASTING AND PICNIC
FRIDAY, AUGUST 10, 2001

As most P.V.S.'ers know, our fun times are always GOOD. However, this new Beer Tasting Picnic at the home of Gene and Wilma Sharer's was OUTSTANDING. As the knee might say, "this was way above being good".

The Sharer home at 12404 Beall Spring Road, Potomac, is beautiful inside and outside. Their two acre plus abode is fantastic with their very large deck and lovely swimming pool.

The guest house, with its changing rooms, and full of tools, tractors and grass cutting equipment would be a great hideout if you ever need a place to "get away".

Although it was very hot the week of August 5th and everyone of the 35 guests were looking forward to the picnic and swimming outside the weather started off raining lightly on Friday evening. Everything was moved into the large garage until the rain stopped about 8:15 P.M. We then moved everything back onto the deck.

We had beer tasting of 3 domestic lagers, 3 imported lagers, 3 craft lagers and 2 ales. The winner was a domestic lager. By the way there were 4 P.V.S.ers (drinking folks) who tasted all 11 flavors. It was even between 2 ladies and 2 gentlemen - enough said.

Two guests went swimming and enjoyed the lighted pool. George Hicho and Jack Peoples and the hell with the weather.

Gene Sharer and his wife Wilma were excellent hosts. Gene cooked all the hot dogs and hamburgers, while Wilma fixed the baked beans, potato salad, sliced tomatoes and onions. Some people had to wait in line for the great food which was monitored by Genee Boykin (she'd make an outstanding 1st sergeant). Oh yes, after beer tasting, the wine flowed.

To top off, we had a sort of Good Humor (but better) for dessert.

Thank you Gene and Wilma. We'll all come again anytime we get invited.

JACK PEOPLES



THE KNEE

by
Ray McKinley

I can tell that we are headed down the slippery slope to winter. It is now dark at

7:30 pm. And perhaps more important the first of the big fall, fat with new equipment ads, ski magazines arrived. But it isn't time to think of the upcoming joys of skiing. The Knee kneeds your help. It really is important that all of your beady little eyes continue to read this column. And you can only read it if you send in your membership.

In 1989, the Knee composed some poetknee to spur on membership--and soon we reached our 200 person limit. So you know what you will be missing if you don't rejoin, herewith (I love to use legal words like "herewith" and "sue") an updated version of the Knee's classic ode.

Your monthly ration of Knee isn't free.

You must pay for me by rejoining P V

S.

*The Knee tells all,
in Summer, Winter, Spring and Fall.
He's got up-to-the-minute gossip,
including some he makes up.*

*Now you can join a big ski club
or you can join a slight one.
Or you can join a black ski club
or you can join a white one.
But it's best for you to be
In our PVS, "the Club with a Knee."*

*The Club with a Knee,
the Club with a Knee.
PVS --
the club to be
in.*

Now be honest, doesn't that leave you just a bit teary? It has an epic flavor--a light opening, a strong central theme and a lyrical, airy coda. And I'm certain you noted the splendid change of

cadence in verse 3. It also shows my consummate understanding of those major poetic terms like illiteration and automated poea. Simply wow.

This year a gaggle of PVSers tied for first to get our dues in first. First place awards went to Bill Anderson, Carol Bridgers, John and Ellen Burgess, Kirk and Peggy Burns, Jean and Nick Chybinski, Mike Hatanaka, and, from New England, Geoff Wadey. Membership Chair Marilyn Clark says that well over half of us have followed. Send in your dues now. We kneed you.

Speaking of knees, Bob Grasley has a new one. It's a wonder of titanium and plastic. Bob's just finishing rehab and plans to be back skiing this winter. Right on! Actually it was left on.

Because of cancer, Emmi Plowman had a kidney removed at the end of August. Emmi, all of PVS wishes you the best, and a speedy recovery.

The Knee has a new addiction, and it could kill me. I religiously use a PerioAide to massage my gums whilst driving. They talk about cell phone distractions--let me assure you PerioAides ain't hands free! I can see the Washington Post Headline now "Driver Hits Tree Cleaning Teeth--Periodontist Sought as Accomplice."

Sue Walsh is staying in town through at least October, so she can put her home up for sale. It was Sue who recently said, "Thank God for sex." She said more, but that was the good part.

Gene and Wilma Sharer's beer tasting was a ball--or at least a *stout lager*. Most went away hardy and *ale*. The tasting was held on Charles and Genee Boykin's ankneeverserknee. They threatened to kill the Sharers if ankneeeone found out, so Gene made an announcement to everyone.

Back home after three weeks at their Finger Lakes cabin are Dick and Marilyn Clark. While there they were visited by Jim and Charlotte Kline, and they visited the great Corning Glass Museum. Dick refuses to make any *sharp cracks* about the museum visit, but he thought it a *pane*.

Barbara Leonhardt is visiting one of my favorite cities Talahasknee. Barb and Fred are just back from visiting Cooperstown NY's baseball Museum. They had a *ball*. *Strike* that! It was based on an *error*. I apologize, those were *bat*.

CALENDAR

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 - Oct. 16 .. Monthly meeting at the Marxes
 - Oct. 23 .. ExCom *Fri 23*
 - Nov. ~~16~~ *17* .. Arts Club Dinner *Oct 27*
 - Nov. 17 .. Annual Chili Hike with the McKinleys
 - Nov. 20 .. Monthly meeting @ Powers
 - Nov. 27 .. ExCom
 - Dec. 18 .. Monthly meeting at the Strands'
- Leonhardt*
October 20 30-10 AM
capitol explosion
W 24) TH 27, FR 28 SAT 29

PLEASE VOLUNTEER TO HOST MEETINGS/EXCOMS

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