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### President's Message: Skiing Moguls



This month I write a ski column – going downhill. Next month, I may ascend to a universal message like *War and Peace*.

Those who have seen me ski, probably from the bottom of a trail looking upwards, may question my qualifications. I found a solution. Research. I ventured into the PVS Archives to a December 2011, column (V. 46, No. 12) by one Cara Jablon, discussing skiing mogul terrain “with a semblance of elegance and grace.” Quoting Dan DiPiro, “Everything The Instructors Never Told You About Mogul Skiing,” Cara instructed:

1. Stand tall, facing the fall line, with little or no lateral movement.
2. Keep your skis fairly close together.
3. Your hands should be shoulder width apart. Pole plants should be rhythmic with a flick of the wrist on the top or back of the bump.
5. Use an absorption/extension technique. Absorption requires that you bend at the ankles, knees and hips as you go up a bump; extend your legs as soon as you enter the valley. As you extend, drive your hips skyward and down the hill.
6. As you execute your turn,

*press the ski tips down.* 7. Maintain shin to tongue of boot contact. 8. Control your speed with an edge set somewhere on the uphill side of the bump at the end of each turn. The rest of the time, your skis should be flat in the bumps.

Cara added, courtesy of Liz Warren-Boulton, “if you are skiing bumps in the woods, leaning into the turn with your shoulder can be helpful to make sure that you ski the space between the trees, rather than the alternative.”

I abbreviated and modified the quotations. But, certainly, in skiing tree bumps, you do not want to ski the spaces between the spaces because trees will be in those spaces.

I provide added advice because since 2011, snow has changed. See *Google*, “Snowflakes Different” (June 20, 2017.) Notwithstanding discredited snow change deniers, scientists are clear that current snowflakes are different than those that fell previously. For example, I find that snow gets more slippery every year, giving rise to the skiing term, “fall line.” Skiers have been falling over Di Piro’s moguls. Corrections are needed.

Cara has collected added techniques for older skiers who no longer go straight down at least on purpose. She says that it is now acceptable and, indeed, desirable, to “drift” down from one mogul to another. Another contemporary technique is to end a mogul turn with the skis turned slightly uphill (it used to be called an uphill Christie - but styles change) to slow your speed. If terror sets in, and you have no choice but to go down, try a series of linked hockey stops – a technique for steep seemingly unskiable slopes. (This last technique comes from Sammy Reid, an old-time ski instructor at Alta.

The most important guide to bump skiing need is finding good mogul runs. I generally do this by mistake. I go down a well-groomed trail to a not quite clear sign and am somehow in the middle of bumps, lying face down. I do not always remember how I got face down. But, I am getting ahead of myself.

The first task in skiing moguls is *both* getting on and getting off appropriate chair lifts, a requisite to bump skiing that the 2011 TOOT column does not consider. It is important to find a chair attendant who puts skiers on the chair lest they escape and go elsewhere and another attendant to stop the chair if the one misses. Going up the chair, the skier must hold on to both the side of the chair or safety bar and his or her ski poles. In this way, he or she will not fall off the chair, but if he or she does fall, he or she will have poles to help him or her get up. This column does not discriminate in any manner. Getting off the chair is too complicated for this column, but I refer readers to the famed article, "Crossing Skis in a Hurry" by Ms. Lindsey Vonn.

The next step is to find a good mogul run. Head down a blue trail – or black if you prefer – that is listed groomed on the grooming report and keep going. Eventually you will be on a mogul trail. Here, Mr. DiPiro's list is very helpful. If you are on a mogul trail, take out the list. It should be in one of your ski outfit and matching jacket's eighteen pockets next to the resort's emergency ski patrol number and your medications list. Don't worry. If you are sufficiently scared to proceed, you will have plenty of time to read either the mogul's instruction list or your medications list, whichever you find most relevant.

At some point, night comes. Therefore, you will have to start skiing. If there is only one mogul on the trail, you may make it; if there are more, fall gracefully. In this way you will look more like an accomplished skier, attracting help from those who may be willing to help only if they do not have to work too hard in getting you up off the snow. However, once you have fallen, at some point you will have to get up. Maneuvering yourself towards a steep mogul would be preferable. If you lean against one, you will be almost standing. You can attach your poles to the ground using them as posts and holding on. Aren't ski poles attached to the ground?

If this does not work, with luck, four nearby skiers will help you. Four will be necessary to analyze, instruct, lift and watch. Now ski to the next mogul – you can make it - go to a third, where you will likely fall again. The people who graciously helped you before will have escaped, but more will undoubtedly come.

Thus, skiing moguls is simple: iteratively fall, get help, ski, and fall again. Ultimately, a ski patrol person will get you to safety unless you are sufficiently foolish to say: "I can do it." If you are this foolish, it is possible to slide sitting down to the bottom of any mogul trail. I have done this successfully.

Upon returning to the lodge, with a glass in hand, you can now tell everybody, "I skied Garrett's Gulch," a trail on the Snowmass trip on which you can practice the above. However, should you decide to take a lesson to fortify your skiing with "elegance and grace" (see above), I would recommend against telling the instructor that you were anywhere near Garrett's Gulch unless you are looking for a good place to rest in the snow, or unless you do ski moguls with elegance and grace.

Remember, mogul skiing aids snow resting.



**An added thought:** Executive Committee meetings by telephone or otherwise are open to any who want to attend. Also, we are open to member suggestions on all ski club matters. Please feel free to participate. If you plan to do so, you might call me or others ahead of time.

Past Event

**-- SUMMERFEST --2017--**  
June 17, 2017 at the home of Bob and Cara Jablon



Bob, Cara, their son Stephen, and 4-footed Tila and Lexie (8-footed total) welcomed us as we trooped into their home with our appetizers, salads, and desserts to share. The lower (party) level overlooks their pool, but no one seemed tempted because of Washington's heat wave. However, there was a critter in the pool. The robot cleaner, attached to a long hose wagged its tail as it randomly cruised the pool. Mesmerizing.

As you know, PVSers are creative cooks and bring imaginative selections. We had appetizers available as members arrived. The refreshing salads included, potato, watermelon, tossed, pasta, and wild rice. The desserts included berry cheesecake, fruit, chocolate chip cake, German chocolate cake, apple Bundt cake, homemade chocolate cookies, and a fruit tort. Cara and Bob provided hamburgers and hot dogs with fixings and quite an array of beverages.



The call to order went out and Bob led the brief meeting. This was the time for our two trip leaders, Kathy Lake and Inge Lesjak, to present the 2018 ski trips in detail and exhibit brochures and information. Snowmass and Big Sky trips are ready to go.



Thanks to all of you Jablons for hosting the Summerfest.



Submitted by Jan Marx

**Past Event**

**PVS TACKLES WILSON BRIDGE, INDULGES IN MGM WINDOW SHOPPING, AND TAKES OVER THE FOOD COURT  
FRIDAY, JUNE 2, 2017**



On a most perfect Friday morning at 10:30am, five PVSers and one guest, strolled across the Wilson Bridge, stopping and reading the signage along the way and enjoying the view.



The sky was blue with only an occasional fluffy cumulus cloud and the temperature in the 70s. Indeed, Rosemary Schwartzbard, Shirley Rettig, Jill Nelson, Ellie Thayer, Jan Marx, and Jan's guest, Rebecca, enjoyed a perfect day for a three-mile plus hike.



On the Maryland side at the MGM complex, the hikers met up with Dick Schwartzbard, Carolyn DeVilbiss, Dave DeVilbiss, and Inge Lesjak. The food court offered outdoor seating, crab cakes, beer on tap, and more, and that was the lunch option we chose without regret. It was leisurely and most enjoyable. We all traversed the Wilson Bridge back to Virginia; some by car and Rosemary and Ellie by foot. Thank you Rosemary for arranging this terrific outing.

**Submitted by Ellie Thayer**



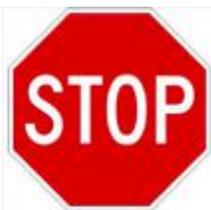
**HAPPY BIRTHDAY &  
CONGRATULATIONS  
SHIRLEY**



On Sunday, May 28, Charles Huggins, Sara Huggins, and John Smith went to the Golden Coral restaurant in Frederick, Maryland to celebrate Shirley Rettig's 90th birthday. Charles



Huggins made the arrangements. Happy Belated Birthday, Shirley!



The PVS 2015-2017 biennial dues cycle is ending on June 30, 2017.

This means that PVS dues for the new biennial dues cycle of July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2019 is imminent.

**PLEASE NOTE: Your dues invoice/Renewal Application will be electronically distributed in the same e-mail that contains this July 1, 2017 TOOT**

# Members' Corner



By J. David Warthen, Jr.  
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## Croatia & Venice, May 17 – 28, 2017

Sheila (my sister-in-law) and I embarked on a trip to Croatia and Venice led by Roz, a retired art and architecture professor, and 15 fellow travelers seeking high adventure in new territory, good food and wine, stunning scenery, and lots of Italian art. We were not disappointed.

Croatia is shaped sort of like a boomerang with the left handle on the eastern coast of the Adriatic Sea. The coast of Italy is on the western Adriatic across the way. Popular Split, Dubrovnik, and many sailable islands are on the southern part of the left handle. We were not there. The reaches of the right handle, such as Vukovar, were hard-hit during the Balkan War in the 1990s. We were not there. Where the heck were we? We were at the point of the

boomerang and the middle bulge. Our first stop was in the capital city of Zagreb and then we proceeded to the Adriatic coastal city of Rovinj via the Plitvice Lakes National Park. We either stopped at or took side trips to Opatija, Motovun, Porec, and Pula.

Zagreb was delightful. From my hotel window I could see a wagon on the main pedestrian street loaded with boxes of strawberries. Later, I had strawberries for dessert and they tasted like strawberries tasted 40 years ago – full of intense flavor. We visited a botanical garden, several museums, and more than a few churches. St Mark's Church had a spectacular tiled roof. Croatia's preeminent sculptor, Mestrovic, created powerful figures displayed in his former home. One of the quirkiest and fun museums I have ever visited was the Museum of Broken Relationships, which Sheila and I did on our own. It consists of brief letters, by mostly jilted lovers, who leave a letter (some funny; some poignant) and a physical memento from a broken relationship. It is hard to describe the appeal of this exhibit, but it is popular and travels all over the world. I heard that Los Angeles is planning on opening a similar museum.

From Zagreb, our group bused to the Plitvice National Park, home to 16 lakes, numerous waterfalls and cascades, and miles of rickety, rotting, and elevated walkways made from uneven logs. It was the only day with rain, but only a little, and we enjoyed the scenery.

On to Rovinj where we stayed in a five-star hotel; a first on a Roz-led trip - It was unbelievably luxurious and the place where numerous members of the group decided they needed a day off. Hmmm. Two memorable side trips were to Pula and Motovun. Pula boasts well-preserved Roman ruins, including a large amphitheater. Motovun is a small Croatian hill town famous for its truffles and vineyards. One of the funniest moments of the trip was when our local guide told us that the stone held by St. Stephen in his hand in a Motovun church was really a truffle. Roz cracked up. Especially in Motovun, I felt like I had been transported to Italy.

My overall impression of this part of Croatia was that it was very clean, had friendly people who spoke English, displayed a wide variance in scenery including the beautiful coastal cities and towns, and exhibited a strong Italian influence, especially in its food, which highlighted pasta, risotto, and seafood. I'm so happy that I visited.

We had a very smooth ride on a ferry across the Adriatic from Rovinj to Venice about two-thirds of the way through the trip. From the Venice airport, a water taxi took us to our hotel. I had been to Venice before, but it never fails to enchant me with its uniqueness. Fortunately, the first two days were spent in museums, churches, and three nearby

islands and not in San Marco Square. There were so many people walking through the Square and nearby small streets that one could hardly move. Our guide told us that July and August experience gridlock. I observed a new phenomenon in Venice – selfie sticks. Among some large tourist groups they were nearly universal. On the other hand, tourists did not walk through the streets staring at their electronic devices.

Our local Venice guide was an art historian and he made Venetian art come alive. Considering my ignorance going in, he managed to bring appreciation and understanding to Gentile Bellini and Vittore Carpaccio's works. I must admit that my knowledge of Bellini and Carpaccio did not extend much beyond the peach nectar/Prosecco drink made famous by Harry's Bar in Venice and thinly sliced meat. Oh, the opportunity for education opened up by travel!

Sheila and I saved a visit to St. Mark's Basilica until our last free day in Venice because of the ever-present line waiting to enter. We dutifully stood in the long line, which did move remarkably quickly, until we reached the sign that noted (arbitrarily) that it had been decided to close St. Mark's that day. By that time the line behind us was hundreds of people long, but we decided not to try to pass the word because of the language barrier. Viva l'Italia.



*St Mark's Church in Zagreb*



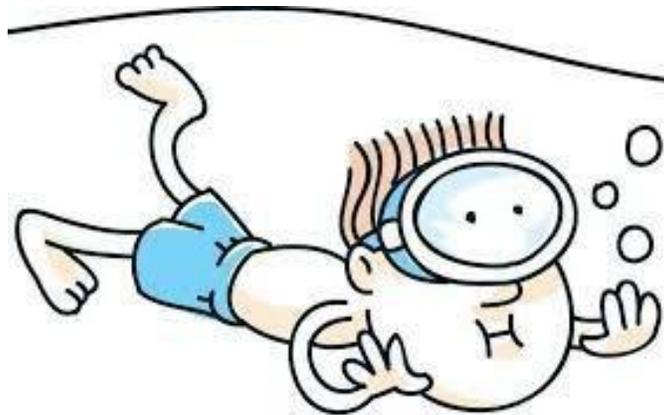
*Mestrovic Statue*

*--Ellie Thayer*



# STEAK AND SWIM

At the residence and pool of Marianne and Kerry Hines  
Saturday, August 5, 2017, at 3pm - Rain or Shine  
11019 John Marshall Highway, Delaplane, VA 20144



This is PVS' oldest annual (or almost annual) club event! Celebrate summer at the Hines' beautiful Delaplane, VA home, where the livin' is good and the steaks are delicious. Limited to 30. Reserve now! Deadline to sign up or cancel: August 1st.

**BRING:** Your own bathing suit and towel and either an **appetizer, salad, or dessert.**

**INCLUDED:** steaks, baked potatoes and fixings, beverages and lots of fun!!

Cost: Approximately \$15 per person.

**NOTE:** Because of the cost outlay to our hosts, "no-shows" will be responsible for price of steak, potatoes and beverages supplied by our hosts if reservations are not cancelled by August 1st.

To sign up, phone Kerry or Marianne 540 364-4810, or email [mchines@erols.com](mailto:mchines@erols.com) to tell them what you'll bring.



# Potomac Valley Skiers

## 2018 Snowmass, Colorado Ski Trip

Wednesday, January 10-Wednesday, January 17

### Trip Details

Once again we will be staying at the [Snowmass Mountain Chalet \(SMC\)](http://www.mountainchalet.com) which offers a convenient ski in, ski out location. Check the website at [www.mountainchalet.com](http://www.mountainchalet.com). The “**Land Only**” package includes: transportation to and from Aspen airport (7am -11pm); 5 day Senior lift pass ([good for all four ski areas in the Aspen complex, free shuttle bus](#)) with option for extra days; 7 nights lodging (double occupancy); daily breakfasts; daily soup lunch; luggage handling; a welcome reception, an “all guest” hotel sponsored party, a pizza party and a farewell group dinner to celebrate our trip. Additional nights at Snowmass are an option **based on availability**. Trip insurance is available through Encompasse Tours and is [highly suggested](#). For trail information check [www.aspensnowmass.com](http://www.aspensnowmass.com).

**The basic package at \$1,630 includes a lift pass discount for skiers 65 and over. Skiers under 65 will have to add \$93.00.**

<u>Costs:</u>		<u>Price</u>
Basic Snowmass Package (65 and older)		\$1,630
Under 65	add	\$ 93
Single Supplement	add	\$1,044
Extra hotel night (pending availability)	add	\$ 310 per room per night
Non-skiers	deduct	\$ 224
Extra ski days (65 and older)	add	\$ 65 for a 6 day Senior pass
	add	\$ 110 for a 7 day Senior pass
Under 65	add	\$ 172 for a 6 day pass
Silver Pass (70+ skiing 8 or more days)	add	\$ 196

**NOTE:** The Silver Pass is available for skiers 70 and older for an additional \$196. If you are over 70 and plan to ski 8 or more days, you should buy the Silver Pass.

### Payment Schedule

**\$300 deposit is due with application.**

**Second payment of \$750 is due **August 15th.****

**Final payment is due **September 15th.****

### **To sign up please send:**

- (1) the [Application form](#) -- one per person or one per couple residing at the same address
- (2) a [Deposit of \\$300 per person](#) and/or your [payment due](#), and
- (3) the [signed Waiver of Liability Agreement](#) by each party taking the trip

Checks should be made out to **Kathy Lake** and mailed to 11677 Fox Glen Drive, Oakton VA 22124 (put [PVS Snowmass 2018](#) on the check memo line).

**Kathy and Barry Lake are the trip leaders. For more information, feel free to contact us at 703-625-2715 or [kathylakehomes@yahoo.com](mailto:kathylakehomes@yahoo.com)**

## [The Mountain Chalet](#)

The Snowmass Mountain Chalet is an independent lodge, managed on-site, with easy access to the slopes. Each of the 64 rooms has either 2 queen beds or 1 king bed, depending on availability. All rooms have: hair dryer, TV, small refrigerator, etc. The lodge has a nice lounge on the main floor with chairs, game tables, fireplace, and large windows overlooking the slopes. There is an elevator, exercise room, outdoor pool, a hot tub and laundry facilities. A full breakfast is served family style each morning. A complimentary soup lunch is served from Noon to 1:30 PM. The lodge has no restaurant for dinner. However, the Snowmass Mall, on the level above, and hotel area below (via the small gondolas) has diverse restaurants at all price levels. Bus service stops are nearby for trips to a nearby grocery store, into the town of Aspen, to other Aspen ski areas, and to Glenwood Springs.

### Trip Insurance

**Trip insurance is recommended.** Travel Guard is available through our travel agent, Encompasse Tours, at [Encompasse.com](#). (The insurance link will connect you to Travel Guard.) The insurance provides coverage for accident, illness, injury, or death to attendee or immediate family member and will refund all expenses associated with PVS Snowmass 2018 in these circumstances alone. There are several options available, depending on your situation. Please read carefully before choosing. And, be sure to save all receipts concerning your trip!

### Cancellation Policy and Fees

If it becomes necessary for you to cancel your trip, the trip leaders will try to minimize your losses, although some fees are mandated by the hotel and tour operator. All cancellations must be in writing. **[We strongly urge you to purchase trip insurance](#)** (see above).

Please take the time to ensure the information you provide is correct, and take note of deadline dates!

**Cancellation fees are as follows:** *Dates and costs are consistent with requirements and penalties imposed by vendors per contracted agreements.* LAND Only Package: \$300 after September 28th until December 1st; after December 1st, cost is entirely non-refundable.

**If you are a “single” participant** requesting space on a PVS-endorsed ski trip and need a roommate, we recommend each of you purchase insurance to cover both of you if one of the roommates cancels. Otherwise, you will be offered the choice of one of the following three options:

- 1) Helping the trip leader find a replacement trip participant who will fill the space vacated; **or**
- 2) Staying on the ski trip by paying the “single supplement” **or**
- 3) Canceling from the ski trip and paying all currently due penalties.

**APPLICATION FORM**

Potomac Valley Skiers Trip to                      Snowmass, Colorado                      January 10-17, 2018

Name (List both names if a couple) as on your Official ID: \_\_\_\_\_ Age 65 or older    Y    N  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Age 65 or older    Y    N

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact and Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: Please let trip leader know of any special medical issues, which may affect your trip.

Roommate (if a separate person) - Official name as on ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Bedding choice (if available): \_\_\_\_\_ 1 king or \_\_\_\_\_ 2 queens

	<u>Price per person</u>
Basic Snowmass Package (65 and older)	\$ 1,630
Under 65	add \$ 93
Single Supplement	add \$ 1,044
Extra hotel night (pending availability)	add \$ 310 per room per night
Non-skiers	deduct \$ 224
Extra ski days (65 and older)	add \$ 65 for a 6 day Senior pass
Under 65	add \$ 110 for a 7 day Senior pass
Silver Pass (70 & older skiing 8 or more days) add	add \$ 172 for a 6 day pass
	\$ 196

Please check all appropriate spaces:

Cost (will be filled in by trip leader):

\_\_\_\_\_ Basic package \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Single supplement \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Extra hotel nights \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Non-skier \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Extra day(s) of skiing \_\_\_\_\_ days \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Silver pass \_\_\_\_\_

**Total price of trip** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Additional nights at SMC: yes \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_ if yes, what dates? \_\_\_\_\_

Additional comments \_\_\_\_\_



# The Potomac Valley Skiers invite you to ski Big Sky Montana

## February 14 - 21, 2018



**Package price: \$2,350 per person** (includes airfare from Washington-Dulles)

Non-skiers or skiers age 80+ ski for free! Please deduct \$350 from the package price.

Out-of-town skiers, please add \$25 for deviation airfare.

**Only 23 spaces available – first come first serve**

We will be staying in First Class Queen and Queen Hotel Rooms at the **Huntley Lodge** located just steps from the lifts. The well-appointed rooms offer guests a wet bar, coffee maker, refrigerator and sitting area. The Huntley also offers onsite restaurants, including the Huntley Dining Room, ski storage, and more.

Big Sky offers acres of terrain on three immense mountains. The base at Big Sky is a comfortable 7,500 ft. There are 5,800 skiable acres of interconnected trails and lifts, all with one pass including Moonlight Basin. Lone Peak Tram at Big Sky will take you to the 11,116-foot summit, which offers 360-degree views of Yellowstone Park, the Tetons, and all three bordering states!

### Trip Package includes:

- Roundtrip Air - Washington IAD – Bozeman, Montana via Salt Lake City
- Roundtrip Bus Transportation Bozeman-Big Sky via private coach (1.5hr) incl. stop at grocery store
- Seven nights lodging in **The Huntley Lodge** in First Class Queen Rooms and Queen Hotel Rooms (ski in ski out)
- Full hot and cold breakfast buffet daily
- Valentine themed Welcome Reception
- PVS Happy Hours and at least one dinner
- A five-day Big Sky Lift ticket (skiers 80+ ski free)
- Use of outdoor heated pool and hot tub

**Optional day trip to Yellowstone National Park will be offered.**

**Trip Insurance** is recommended and is available through our travel agent, Encompasse Tours at [Encompasse.com](http://Encompasse.com). (The insurance link will connect you to Travel Guard.) There are several options available, depending on your situation.

**Payment Schedule:** \$300.00 is due with application; \$800.00 by **20 July**; \$800.00 by **20 Sep**; Final payment is due on **20 Nov 2017** (please make checks out to Inge Lesjak for Big Sky and mail to: Inge Lesjak, 8123 Kingsview Ct., Springfield, VA 22152)

**To sign up:** Please send Trip Application form with 'payment due' plus signed Waiver Agreement to: Inge Lesjak, 8123 Kingsview Ct., Springfield, VA 22152)

**Questions?** Contact Trip Leaders Inge Lesjak [Lesjak.inge@gmail.com](mailto:Lesjak.inge@gmail.com) (703-869-7248) or Marianne Sponis at [Marianne.sponis@gmail.com](mailto:Marianne.sponis@gmail.com)

## Come ski with us!

Flight	#	Date	Origin	Destination	Departure time	Arrival time
DELTA	2240	02/14/18	Washington Dulles	Salt Lake City	07:30 AM	10:10 AM
DELTA	4461	02/14/18	Salt Lake City	Bozeman	11:00 AM	12:24 PM
DELTA	4461	02/21/18	Bozeman	Salt Lake City	01:00 PM	2:24 PM
DELTA	2249	02/21/18	Salt Lake City	Washington Dulles	05:00 PM	11:08 PM

**INCLUDED FEATURES - SKI WEEK BIG SKY, Montana - \$2,350.00 p.p. Double**

**FEBRUARY 14 - 21, 2018**

- Round trip air transportation between IAD and Bozeman, Montana via Salt Lake City
- Round trip transfers between Bozeman Airport and Huntley Lodge, Big Sky incl. stop at grocery store
- 7 nights accommodations at The Huntley Lodge in First Class Queen Rooms and Queen Rooms (ski-in ski-out)
- Full hot and cold breakfast buffet daily
- Valentine themed Welcome Reception
- PVS Happy Hours and at least one dinner
- A five-day Big Sky Lift ticket (skiers 80+ ski for free)
- Complimentary use of the hotel's outdoor heated pool and hot tub; use of the hotel ski room
- All current air taxes and fuel surcharges. (Subject to change)

**AIRLINE TARIFFS:** Airfare in conjunction with this program is the airfare in effect for 2017. The tour prices quoted DO INCLUDE: Current fuel surcharges, departure taxes, customs, agricultural and airport PFCs. However, rates may be affected by subsequent surcharges deemed necessary by various government agencies or by airlines due to increases for fuel charges or other reasons beyond our control. Airline taxes are subject to change until ticket is issued. Additionally, PVS is not responsible if an airline cancels, reschedules, or delays a flight for any reason; and cannot provide any refund for portions of trips missed due to canceled, rescheduled, or delayed flights.

**LAND ONLY PASSENGERS,** making their own air arrangements are considered "Participants Pursuing Personal Itineraries" or PPPI.

**PPPI:** It is imperative that any and all people falling under this category be fully aware of the following facts pertaining to the tour program:

Transfers between airports and hotels are always arranged for the main group and are coordinated with the main group's flight itineraries.

1. The transfers also pick up and drop off only at airport terminals that are in the main group's itineraries.
2. It is the responsibility of PPPI passengers to coordinate their flights with the group and to be at the appointed place and time that the group is being picked up.
3. There can be no special arrangements made for PPPI passengers for alternate pickups or drop offs by the transfer companies involved.
4. All of the above is equally applicable to any luggage that such PPPI passengers are bringing.

**CANCELLATIONS:** Charges for cancellations depend on the date that the written notice of cancellation is received in our office and the departure date of the tour. Those dates and charges are as follows:

Up to 90 days prior to departure.....	NO PENALTY
Between 89 & 60 days prior.....	\$ 250.00 PER PERSON *
Between 59 & 45 days prior.....	\$ 500.00 PER PERSON *
Between 44 & 30 days prior.....	\$1500.00 PER PERSON *
After 29 days prior.....	FULL PENALTY

\* PLUS ANY OTHER NON-REFUNDABLE CHARGES FOR AIRLINES, HOTELS AND SUPPLIERS. NO REFUNDS FOR UNUSED ACCOMMODATIONS OR SERVICES. **(Please see information about trip Cancellation/interruption insurance.)** NO SHOWS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL CANCELLATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED IN WRITING BEFORE CALCULATING THE AMOUNT OF REFUND DUE.

**AIRLINE SEATING:** Requests for special seats can be taken, but cannot be guaranteed. Exit row and/or bulkhead seating can only be assigned at the airport.

**TRIP CANCELLATION/INTERRUPTION INSURANCE:** Trip cancellation insurance is available and is highly recommended. The premium depends on the amount of coverage desired and is based on the tour cost as indicated and will cover all non-refundable amounts in the event of a covered cancellation or trip interruption up to the amount of coverage selected, plus the following additional coverage:

\$ 750. for Travel Delay (\$150. maximum per day)

\$ 1,500. for Baggage and Travel Documents.

\$ 400. for Baggage Delay.

\$ 50,000. for Medical Expense.

\$250,000. for Emergency Medical Transportation.

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INSURANCE COSTS:	<u>TOUR COST P.P.</u>	<u>PREMIUM P.P.</u>
	\$2,001.-\$2,500.	\$145.
	\$2,501.-\$3,000.	\$172.
	\$3,000.-\$3,500.	\$194.

**\*\* Optional "Cancel for Any Reason" provision:** For an additional 50% of the insurance premium, you can add this feature, which will allow you to cancel for ANY REASON up to the day of departure and receive 75% of your total trip cost refunded. *(This must be purchased within 14 days of receipt of deposit and it is not valid for residents of the State of Washington.)*

**INSURANCE ENROLLMENT FORMS:** Please note these forms must be completed with the amount of coverage circled and returned to us with payment. Payment can be either individual checks and enrollment forms sent individually or one check from the club with all forms attached. Checks should be made payable to Holiday. Insurance forms must be submitted at least 60 days prior to departure to be effective. Also please note that insurance premiums are not refundable. Please also note that if the "Cancellation for any Reason" option is selected, enrollment for that coverage must be submitted no later than 14 days after initial deposit.

Big Sky Montana: <http://bigskyresort.com/things-to-do/dining#sm.000193xg311dv8f2avvpuu0zgctel>

**PVS TRIP SIGN UP FORM for Big Sky, Montana**

**DATES: February 14 – 21, 2018**

Member of PVS \_\_\_ Member of other BRSC club \_\_\_ Would like to join PVS \_\_\_ Member of Best of Times Ski Club \_\_\_

Name (same as on passport or ID): \_\_\_\_\_

Passport No. or ID No.\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth\*: \_\_\_\_\_ Place\*: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel #: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Information. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

**!!! RECOMMENDATIONS FOR EMERGENCIES:**

1. Become more familiar with apps on smart phones such as ICE-BlueButton app where you can carry medical information on your phone.
2. Add local ski patrol number on phone.
3. Carry medical insurance cards, ID and Emergency Information with you when you ski; plus a list with any medical conditions, allergies and important medications!!!

**Preferred Lodging:** Single Room (surcharge applies) \_\_\_ Double Occupancy/2 Queen Size Beds \_\_\_  
Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Skiing Ability:** Beginner \_\_\_ Intermediate \_\_\_ Advanced \_\_\_ Non-Skier \_\_\_

**Options:** Ski Rentals \_\_\_ Lessons \_\_\_ Day Trip to Yellowstone National Park \_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

(NOTE: each trip participant must submit a trip sign up form and SIGN and submit the Waiver printed in this TOOT)

\* *Conforms with TSA*

WAIVER

**RELEASE, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY AGREEMENT PERTAINING TO  
2018 SKI TRIPS OF POTOMAC VALLEY SKIERS**

(1) I acknowledge that there are inherent risks in the sport of skiing and other sports or activities in which I might participate during this trip, and in the process of traveling. There may be bodily injury, illness, accident, death, property loss or damage, and unanticipated additional costs or other economic losses. I fully and willingly accept the responsibility and liability for all such risks, dangers, costs, and losses.

(2) I agree not to sue or hold responsible the trip leader, Potomac Valley Skiers, Inc. (hereafter PVS), its officers and members of the Executive Committee, or its members for: (1) any accident, personal injury, illness, or death occurring to me or to any other trip participant, arising directly or indirectly from this trip; (2) any loss of deposit of payment, any other property or economic loss, or unanticipated additional costs, delay, or change of itinerary arising out of any action or inaction of any hotel, airline, tour operator, land transportation operator, or other entity or person providing services on this trip; and (3) any trip cancellation, delay, early termination or extension due to acts of God, forces of nature, or other force majeure events or situations. I willingly and with full knowledge assume these risks.

(3) I understand and agree that the trip leaders, and the tour operators or agents with whom the trip leaders have contracted, have the right to substitute accommodations of similar or better quality, to change transportation arrangements and providers, and to modify other services. In the event of such changes, no refund or credit will be provided if the accommodations, transportation, or services are of comparable or better quality and cover the same approximate time period.

(4) I agree that I am not entitled to a credit or refund for any included trip service that is not used by me.

I have read and I fully understand this "Release, Assumption of Risk, and Waiver of Liability Agreement," the final trip flyer, and the trip application, and I agree to all of the specified terms and conditions.

Signature of Participant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name of Participant: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Participant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name of Participant: \_\_\_\_\_



**PVS Calendar 2017:**

Aug 05 Sat Steak & Swim, 3:00 PM, Hines, Delaplane, VA  
Sep 19 Tue September General Meeting, 7:30 PM, Dallaire's, Chevy Chase, MD  
Sep 26 Tue EXCOM Meeting, 7:30 PM, Jablon's, Washington, DC

**PVS Ski Trips 2018:**



January 10-17, 2018  
**Aspen/Snowmass 2018**, Colorado (Barry & Kathy Lake)

February 14-21, 2018  
**Big Sky Montana**, (Inge Lesjak & Marianne Sponis)

**Useful Ski "Links"**

- [Potomac Valley Skiers](#)
- [BRSC Sanctioned Trips](#)
- [DC Ski Online News](#)
- [Best of Times Ski Club](#)



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