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### President's Message

Summer is coming closer to an end. Where has it gone?

Steak and Swim was a great event at the wonderful home of Kerry and Marianne Hines. It was a pleasant blue-sky day; the pool was very refreshing; and member attendance was good. Kerry and Marianne were, as ever, gracious hosts and Kerry, as usual, did an excellent job barbequing the steaks. There were plenty of delicious dishes kindly contributed by attendants. Barry and Kathy Lake provide a more detailed write-up on page 13.

Have you noticed that, to date, the Washington, DC area has had more than 51 days with temperatures at or above 90°F this year? July 2019 is reported to be the hottest month worldwide on record. Washington, DC averages 36 days with high temperatures at or above 90°F. The all-time record for Washington, DC is 67 days of 90+°F. The Washington Post article on Aug 14, 2019 included a map of the lower 48 States showing the average temperature change from 1895 to 2018. It is fascinating to see the temperature changes displayed across the country. The average temperature increase in the Washington, DC area, as I interpret the map, appears to have been within 1.8°F for this time. I also noticed that some of the largest average temperature increases, as I interpret the map, were in New England (up to 3.6°F in the ski areas of Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine); and in Utah (Wasatch Mountain ski areas) and Colorado (Rocky Mountain ski areas) up to approximately 5°F. These average temperature increases may be significant for potential snowfall in these ski areas, especially if the average temperature continues to increase. So, this map provides some insight into where there may be snow or the lack of it in coming years. Check it out on the [Washington Post website](http://www.washingtonpost.com). (Scroll down to the end to see the map with key.) My advice is to consider skiing now in the areas where there have been significant average temperature increases, as it may be more difficult to ski at these ski areas in the future. Just a thought!

September is the time to start thinking about skiing for the approaching season, if you have not done so to date. Kathy and Barry Lake, our outstanding Snowmass trip coordinators, report that 35 participants have signed up. There is need for one more male member or PVS guest to share a room. This annual ski trip is always a lot of fun. More folks are attending this year than last. There will be different and more après ski activities this year because it is also a Blue Ridge Ski Council sponsored trip. As a result, there will be an opportunity to meet and ski with members of the other BRSC ski clubs.

For the Park City Trip in March, Bob and Cara Jablon, our coordinators extraordinaire, report that there are twelve people signed up as of this writing. I believe that you need to sign up for the trip before October 1, if you want a guaranteed non-refundable room. After that date there is some flexibility to work with the hotel. Bob will work with people's timing and needs to secure a hotel room. The earlier the better since the Peaks Hotel is popular. See the Park City flyer page 8. Please contact Bob and Cara Jablon soon if you decide to take advantage of the trip and the Jablons well known 'restaurantouring'. I am pleased to announce that Marianne

Soponis has agreed to be Events and Meetings co-chair along with present co-chair, Nancy McKinley, to help coordinate the various PVS events and activities. I very much appreciate Marianne's willingness to undertake this responsibility. She is replacing Ray McKinley who

had been the sole chair for many years and, within the last few years, co-chair with Nancy. We sincerely thank Ray for his dedicated service to PVS over these many years. We are very grateful for everything that he has done for PVS.

I look forward to seeing you at our September 17<sup>th</sup> meeting at the home of John Holt.

--Tom

### Next Monthly Meeting

John Holt's Home  
1424 Highwood Drive,  
McLean, VA 22101  
Tue, Sep 17, 2019,  
7:30 PM

*See directions on next page*

**September Meeting**  
**Tuesday, September 17, 2019, 7:30 PM**  
**At the Home of John Holt**

**HOLT DIRECTIONS – 1424 Highwood Drive, McLean, VA 22101**

**From Washington DC, via Chain Bridge**

**Take Chain Bridge onto N. Glebe Rd., crossing into Virginia.** Go straight (not turning right on Chain Bridge Road). As you go up the hill to Glebe Road, do not take the turnoff to Military Rd. At the top of the hill after a big curve, the first right is River Street – there is a sign there that says Chain Bridge Forest. **Turn right onto River St.** Go 3 blocks on River. You go down a hill and up the next. At the top of that hill (the third left) **turn left on Highwood**. Go to the very end, about 4 or 5 blocks, ending in a cul-de-sac. I am at the back of the cul-de-sac.

**1424 Highwood Dr. 703 534 2512**

**From the Beltway (I-495)**

**Take the Georgetown Pike exit (exit 44) east.**

**Turn left onto Route 123, Chain Bridge Road.**

**Turn right onto N. Glebe Road.** As you go up the hill to Glebe Road, do not take the turnoff to Military Rd. At the top of the hill after a big curve, the first right is River Street – there is a sign there that says Chain Bridge Forest. **Turn right onto River St.** Go 3 blocks on River. You go down a hill and up the next. At the top of that hill (the third left), **turn left on Highwood**. Go to the very end, about 4 or 5 blocks, ending in a cul-de-sac. I am at the back of the cul-de-sac.

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**From Virginia via the Dulles Toll Road**

**Merge onto Route 123 N via exit 19B toward McLean.**

**Turn right onto N. Glebe Road.** As you go up the hill to Glebe Road, do not take the turnoff to Military Rd. At the top of the hill after a big curve, the first right is River Street – there is a sign there that says Chain Bridge Forest. **Turn right onto River St.** Go 3 blocks on River. You go down a hill and up the next. At the top of that hill (the third left), **turn left on Highwood**. Go to the very end, about 4 or 5 blocks, ending in a cul-de-sac. I am at the back of the cul-de-sac.

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**In VA**

Depending on where you're coming from, **go to N. Glebe Road**, heading toward the Potomac River and Chain Bridge. A few blocks past the light on Glebe and Chesterbrook, is **River Street – turn left** - there is a sign there that says Chain Bridge Forest. Go 3 blocks on River. You go down a hill and up the next. At the top of that hill (the third left), **turn left on Highwood**. Go to the very end, about 4 or 5 blocks, ending in a cul-de-sac. I am at the back of the cul-de-sac.

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***Boat Tour of the Anacostia River***

***Tuesday, October 3, 2019***



*Boat Captain*

If you've paddled on the Anacostia or biked along the Anacostia River Trail, you may already know of the progress made on this "forgotten sister" of the Potomac River, less well-known but full of exciting possibilities. If not, you may like to join us on our boat tour!

We've organized a tour given by the Anacostia Watershed Society on Thursday morning, October 3, 2019, from 10 to noon on a flat-bottomed boat with a "bimini cover", for 20 people. The tour goes up the river for an hour and then an hour for the return. There will be commentary on the history of the river and conservancy efforts, and discussion of the planned bridge connecting the National Arboretum with the Kenilworth Gardens. Questions are welcome. You might also see rowers, paddlers, and a variety of birds. But no alligators!

The tour is free but the society does accept donations. We've been asked to have participants: sign up online at [Anacostia Boat Tour](#).

It will be "first come, first served". If you have any questions, please contact Marianne Sponis, 202-363-5250; cell: 301-332-3039; email: [Marianne.sponis@gmail.com](mailto:Marianne.sponis@gmail.com)

The Bladensburg Water Park where we will meet has ample parking and picnic tables, if anyone would like to bring lunch. There also is a restaurant a mile or two away if some would like to check out Franklin's, a restaurant with an interesting general store in Hyattsville: [Franklins Restaurant-Brewery-General Store](#).

Hoping to see you on October 3!

*--Marianne Sponis*

## SKI TALK, September 2019



Last ski season was one to be remembered. I have never before experienced such perfect ski conditions. Days were filled with champagne powder. The snow just kept falling. There was so much snow in California that resorts there had to close for a week or so in February. Mammoth stayed open through July. Breckenridge pushed its closing day back twice and did not close until June 9. Killington closed just a few days earlier. Mad River Glen was open for 136 days, its longest season in the 70 years it has operated. Twenty inches of snow fell in the mountains of Colorado on the first day of summer! On July 4, skiers at Arapahoe Basin were wearing Hawaiian shirts and gliding on nearly four feet of snow pack. Vail boasts they had a 20% increase in skier days.

We can only hope this pattern holds and next ski season will also bring us awesome powder. Please take some time to look at the fliers for our ski trips next season. We are going to Snowmass January 25 and to Park City/Deer Valley March 7. Our Snowmass trip will be in conjunction with the Blue Ridge Ski Council (BRSC). We will again stay at the Mountain Chalet and do many of the usual PVS social events. In addition, we will join the happy hours and dinners set up by BRSC. There will be several other ski clubs from the metropolitan area at Snowmass staying in other hotels.

We have not been to Park City for many years. Park City is now owned by Vail, and it is covered by the Epic Pass. I may go to Vail for a few days before I go to Snowmass so I will probably get an eight-day Epic Pass for skiing in both places. Unfortunately, there are not many lift ticket bargains for seniors anymore.



This is the first year that our ski council, BRSC, is running Asiafest to Japan. While PVS is not sponsoring a group to go, our intrepid ski leader, Inge Lesjak, is going with the Pentagon ski club and is encouraging other PVSers to join her. As a member of PVS, you are entitled to go with any other ski club that is part of BRSC without joining the club. Please let Inge know if you are considering this trip or have any questions.



The annual **Sun and Ski Blowout** (Falls Church store at Seven Corners) will be the first weekend of October. This is a super sale and not to be missed. It is a good time to take inventory of your ski gear. You may want to upgrade your equipment and check your clothing and accessories. Here are the dates and hours of the sale:

Friday, October 4, noon to midnight;  
Saturday, October 5, 10am to 10pm;  
Sunday, October 6, 10am to 6pm.

--Rosemary *Schwartzbard*, [rosemaryschw@gmail.com](mailto:rosemaryschw@gmail.com)

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**Bumps for Boomers Classes at Aspen** by Cara **Jablon** (Cara's full article will be published in the October TOOT.)

Aspen, Colorado has pioneered a new approach for teaching older skiers to ski the bumps. Aptly named "Bumps for Boomers," these four-day clinics at Aspen mountain are offered throughout the ski season. The one closest to our Snowmass trip (January 25 – February 1) is February 3 – 6. Clinics are also offered January 6-9, January 11-14, January 15-18, February 10-13, and March 2-5. Although expensive (\$1846 without lift tickets; discount of \$200 **if booking made by September 30**), these classes would appear to offer a significant benefit not only for older skiers who want to play in the bumps, but also to those who simply want to ski efficiently with as little effort as possible. The website is [Bumps for Boomers](#).

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*Bob Jablon has revised his Skiing Dictionary: Do not miss this edition of [SKINGS'S WORDS](#)*

Ski Trip



**Potomac Valley Skiers**  
**BRSC Snowmass, Colorado Ski Trip 2020**  
Saturday, January 25 – Saturday, February 1, 2020

**MALE ROOMMATE NEEDED**

**Trip Details**

Once again we will be staying at the **Snowmass Mountain Chalet (SMC)** which offers a convenient ski in, ski out location. Check the web-site 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 breakfast & soup lunch; luggage handling; a welcome reception; BRSC sponsored après ski events & a dinner**, plus the **NASTAR ski race**. Additional nights at Snowmass are an option **based on availability**. Trip insurance is available through Encompasse Tours and is [highly recommended](#). For trail information check [www.aspensnowmass.com](http://www.aspensnowmass.com).

**The basic package at \$1,820 includes a 5 day Senior lift pass for skiers 65 and over. Skiers under 65 will have to add \$81.00.**

**Costs:**

Basic Snowmass Package (65 and older)

Under 65

Single Supplement (1 person **only** in a room)

Extra hotel night (**pending availability**)

Non-skiers

Extra ski days (65 and older)

Under 65

Optional roundtrip air to Denver available

**Price**

\$1,820

add \$ 81

add \$1,218

add \$ 328 per room per night

deduct \$ 250

add \$ 82 for a **6-day Senior pass**

add \$ 150 for a **7-day Senior pass**

add \$ 196 for a **6-day Adult pass**

\$ 481 plus shuttle \$121

**Payment Schedule**

\$300 deposit is due June 15th.

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

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

**Planned Events**

PVS Welcome Reception

BRSC Welcome Party

NASTAR Race

BRSC Après Ski Party

BRSC Farewell Dinner & Dance

**To sign up please send:**

(1) [Application form](#) -- one per person or one per couple residing at the same address

(2) [Deposit of \\$300 per person](#) and/or your [payment due](#), and

(3) [Signed Waiver of Liability Agreement](#) by each party taking the trip [[waiver of liability](#)]

Checks should be made out to **Kathy Lake** and mailed to 11677 Fox Glen Drive, Oakton VA 22124 (write [PVS Snowmass 2020](#) 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](http://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. There are several plans available, depending on your situation. You will have more reimbursement options by purchasing shortly after sending in your trip deposit. 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 25 – February 1, 2020

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 Preference (Pending Availability): \_\_\_\_\_ 1 king or \_\_\_\_\_ 2 queens

		<u>Price per person</u>
Basic Snowmass Package (65 and older)		\$1,820
Under 65	add	\$ 81
Single Supplement	add	\$1,218
Extra hotel night (Pending Availability)	add	\$ 328 per room per night
Non-skiers	deduct	\$ 250
Extra ski days (65 and older)	add	\$ 82 for a 6-day Senior pass
	add	\$ 150 for a 7-day Senior pass
Under 65	add	\$ 196 for a 6-day pass
Silver Pass (70 & older skiing 8 or more days)	add	\$ TBD

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 \_\_\_\_\_

**PARK CITY – DEER VALLEY, March 7-14, 2020**

**Park City and Deer Valley are premier ski destinations. We invite PVS skiers and their friends to a unique PVS Park City – Deer Valley trip.**

PARK CITY has varied terrain for all skiers. It has 348 trails, close to half of which are suited for intermediate skiers, 13 bowls and a 3,200-foot vertical drop with advanced and expert terrain. It now incorporates the Canyons ski area. *Park City has broad skiing opportunities for everybody.*



Known for its upscale amenities, including fine mountain dining and shopping, DEER VALLEY claims to be the nation's premier ski resort. It has an uphill lift capacity of 50,470 skiers per hour. Notably, *Deer Valley does not allow snowboards and limits ticket sales to prevent overcrowding.*

**PARK CITY's Main Street is on the National Register of Historic Places and is home to dozens of fine restaurants, bars, unique shopping experiences and art galleries.**

**TRIP INCLUSIONS:**

- Seven nights at the Peaks Hotel Park City (two to a room), including lodging taxes and baggage handling. *The Peaks is a full service hotel with pools, a sauna, fitness center, and ski storage.*
- Daily breakfasts.
- Welcoming dinner – Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Departing dinner – Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>.
- At least 3 Après Ski events.

**SLOPES TRANSPORTATION:** A City ski bus stops 21 steps from the hotel entrance. Buses come every 20 minutes. Also, the Peaks has a private Park City shuttle every hour on the hour and a Deer Valley shuttle every hour on the half hour.

**AIR:** Because of different travel and payment preferences, we do not include air transportation and airport shuttles. Doug Horstman of Encompasse Tours recommends Canyon Transportation, which can be booked online, for transportation between the airport and hotel.

**LIFT TICKETS:** Trip participants may want to ski four days at Park City and two at Deer Valley, but they can vary lift ticket purchases to meet preferences. Lift ticket prices vary with skier ages, the number of ski days purchased areas, ski pass arrangements and the like. There are ski area discounts for 20 tickets, which need not necessarily be for the same day or person. Doug Horstman will package participants' lift tickets for convenience and to obtain the best available prices. We shall charge separately for ski lift tickets when they are purchased closer to the trip.

**SIGN-UPS:** The trip should be during a good ski weather week. We shall try to maximize trip cohesion and provide for coordinated group-member skiing, good restaurants and other desired, joint activities. **Prices for included items - \$1,260 per person; initial deposit - \$50 per person.** For answers to questions, additional payment information and trip details please contact us ([rcjablon@aol.com](mailto:rcjablon@aol.com); [robert.jablon@spiegelmc.com](mailto:robert.jablon@spiegelmc.com)) and see Application Form and Release. Current sign-ups assure room availability and terms.

*BOB & CARA Jablon*



**APPLICATION FORM**

**Potomac Valley Skiers' Trip to Park City-Deer Valley, Utah March 7 – March 14, 2020**

-Name (List both names if a couple):

\_\_\_\_\_ Age 65 or older Y N

\_\_\_\_\_ Age 65 or older Y N

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

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

-Work (other) Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

-Emails: \_\_\_\_\_

-Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

-Emergency Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

-Roommate (if a separate person): Name: \_\_\_\_\_

-Bedding Preferences (Pending Availability): \_\_\_\_\_ 1 king or \_\_\_\_\_ 2 queens

-Price per person trip cost estimate \$1,260.00 per person. Includes Peaks Hotel Lodging; welcoming and departing dinners; at least three Après Ski Events; daily breakfasts and baggage handling at Peaks Hotel.

-Ski lift tickets will be arranged and charged separately. Participants provide their own air transportation and transportation from the Salt Lake City Airport (about \$82.00 round trip).

-Single Hotel Room Supplement is \$930 additional.

-Payment Schedule: Initial Deposit \$50 per person. Additional payments due September 1, 2019 (\$500.00) and December 1, 2019 (\$710.00). Lift ticket payments due as needed for payment as specified by participants to be ordered by Encompasse Tours at a subsequent date before the trip.

-Cancellation Policy: As required by the Peaks Hotel, after October 1, \$992 is non-refundable. In the event a trip participant is required to cancel after that date, if another participant can fill the cancelled space, we shall refund the applicable amount that may be recovered. If a cancelling trip participant has a roommate who must bear hotel or other costs due to the cancellation, unless the roommates agree otherwise, the cancelling participant shall pay the pay amount of the single room supplement (*i.e.*, the amount attributable to the unused space). **We strongly recommend travel insurance to avoid losses caused by trip cancellations.** The Encompasse Tours website connects to Travel Guard travel insurance (TravelGuard.com/ASTP – 1-877-249-5376). Please note that insurance coverage may be more favorable if one signs up for insurance at or near the time one first agrees to participate on the Ski trip or makes a first payment.

-Trip participants may request additional hotel nights. Encompasse Tours will attempt to accommodate subject to availability and arrangements with hotel.

**WAIVER, RELEASE, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY AGREEMENT PERTAINING TO THE POTOMAC VALLEY SKIERS TRIP TO PARK CITY-DEER VALLEY, UTAH, MARCH 7 - MARCH 14, 2020 AND TO THE PVS/BRSC TRIP TO SNOWMASS, JANUARY 25 - FEBRUARY 1, 2020**

(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: \_\_\_\_\_

## AsiaFest with the Blue Ridge Ski Council and Pentagon Ski Club Base Trip - Feb 21-29, 2020 - \$3500.00

Inge Lesjak has signed up for this trip with Pentagon Ski Club and would like to encourage other members of PVS to join her in this adventure to Japan. As a current member of PVS, you may sign up for trips with other BRSC clubs. This is an opportunity to experience the Japanese culture while enjoying some fantastic skiing. While you have to sign up with Pentagon on your own, Inge can coordinate activities with PVS members.

### **Base Trip to Hakuba Ski Area - Japanese Alps**

includes:

- Round-trip air transportation between Washington Dulles and Tokyo via ANA non-stop flights
- Meet & Greet at Tokyo Airport with local representative
- Transfer between Tokyo Airport and Hakuba via private coach with English speaking assistant
- Luggage transfer between Tokyo Airport and Hakuba Hotel
- 6 nights accommodation at [Mominoki Hotel](#)
- Late dinner at hotel on the evening of arrival
- Welcome reception at the hotel
- Daily full hot and cold breakfast buffet
- Dinner for 3 evenings during the week at the hotel
- Special Ezura Goryu Drumming and Dinner Show, including transportation
- Mid-week Apres-Ski Party
- Farewell Party, including a buffet dinner and DJ entertainment
- Complimentary mountain escort for 3 hours on the first day of skiing
- Complimentary local guide at the hotel each evening to assist with day tours
- Optional day tours from Hakuba include Matsumoto Castle, Nagano Temple and Olympic Village, Saki Brewery, Snow Monkeys, and much more
- Transfer between Nagano and Tokyo via bullet train
- 1 night accommodation and breakfast at the [Grand Takanawa Hotel Tokyo](#)
- Transfer between hotel and Tokyo airport via private coach with English speaking assistant

There is also a pre trip to Niseko and a post trip to Tokyo and Kyoto.

You can download the Pentagon trip flier:

<https://pentagonskiclub.org/event-3275924>

Let Inge know if you sign up for this trip. She will be the PVS Coordinator.

Inge Lesjak cell: 703-869-7248. Email: [lesjak.inge@gmail.com](mailto:lesjak.inge@gmail.com). To sign up for this trip with Pentagon Ski Club, you must be a current member of PVS.

Past Event

*Steak and Swim, 10 August 2019*

Another successful Steak and Swim was graciously hosted by Kerry and Marianne Hines! The weather was a perfect mid-80s degree day with low humidity, especially for August. There were 23 PVSers who attended the event. Bruce King, Jim Slack and Mary Ellena Ward came from as far away as Lexington. Inge and Sam Lesjak just returned from Ocean City that morning to be there.



We gathered poolside to sip from a variety of wines while enjoying an assortment of delicious appetizers that included salmon, deviled eggs, veggies, crackers and dips. Conversations could be overheard discussing summer plans and vacations, and, of course, ski trips for next year.



There was a brief impromptu meeting called to order by Bob Jablon, with the approval of the current President. Bob thanked the Hines for their hospitality. Then he promoted the Park City/Deer Valley ski trip which has availability. The Lakes discussed the Snowmass trip and the need for a male roommate.

There was something for everyone. Marianne Sponis, Ray McKinley, Nancy McKinley, Susan Sinclair, and Linda Sernoff explored the backyard to see the many garden areas. The gardens consisted of flowers, herbs and vegetables. Reg Heitchue, Joe Jevcak, Clare Sponis, Mary Tycz, and Shirley Rettig enjoyed being in the shade discussing past and future vacations.



A few folks decided to take a dip in the pool. Cara Jablon swam laps while Tom Tycz, Bruce, Barry Lake, and Kathy chatted and observed the solar-assisted heating for the pool. Kerry and Marianne explained how it worked, which was quite interesting.

Once the steaks were ready, our President tried to get everyone's attention to move upstairs where the food was being served. We had delicious steaks (cooked to order), baked potatoes and an assortment of very tasty side dishes including cucumber, chopped vegetable and quinoa



salads. Over dinner folks were reminiscing of old times and gatherings.



After dinner, a plentiful spread of desserts appeared. Burr Schuler brought a special cake to celebrate the tradition of the annual Steak and Swim. We also had strawberry pie, blueberry cake, Bundt cake, brownies and many chocolate specialties. All were delicious!

Throughout the afternoon, the Hines' sweet dog Gunner meandered around to greet all of us. It was a fabulous day in such a beautiful setting. Thank you to Marianne and Kerry for welcoming us to their wonderful home and being such a great host and hostess!



*Submitted by Barry & Kathy Lake*



# Members' Corner

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PVS Biennial Dues Cycle: July 1, 2019-June 30, 2021

I thank those who have renewed their PVS membership and look forward to receiving a dues renewal application and check from the rest of you. For those of you who have not completed this task, you will be receiving an electronic '60-DAY DUES-IN-ARREARS-NOTICE' today. It is important to complete your PVS Renewal Application even though your contact information may not have changed. The survey portion of the application is used by our chairpersons to plan ski trips, to plan events, and to recognize volunteers for many behind the scenes activities of your ski club.

As with every dues-renewal period, membership tends to decrease because of moves, hanging up one's skis, etc. Therefore, it is important for you to identify possible candidates for PVS Membership, and notify me. I can then get new Member Applications in their hands as quickly as possible. Word of mouth has always been the most successful method of increasing our membership.

As of today, 95 members have renewed for 2019-2021. Quick math tells you that 41 members have not responded to membership renewal.

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**SEPTEMBER** signifies the end of summer with the leaves beginning to turn and youngsters and post-teens heading back to school and college. Shorter days and longer nights begin to occur, and there again will be a chill in the air to remind us that snow and skiing are around the corner. Many of us no longer ski, but we have fond memories of zooming down the slopes in better days when we had reliable balance and an absence of artificial joints. 😎

We also could get our boots on and find the correct zippered pocket containing our kleenex, key, cell phone, lift pass, or key to whatever. Just the memory of those things keeps me smiling. 😊



Ski season is just around the corner, and it is a good time to begin planning for those ski trips. Make those deposits, and get your ski gear ready for action. See the 2020 ski trip flyers in this TOOT; dates posted on the last page.



*In Memoriam*  
*Frank V. Adamthwaite, Jr (90)*  
*July 10, 1928 – July 20, 2018*

Frank V. Adamthwaite, Jr. died on July 20, 2018 in Arlington, Virginia.

He was born on July 10, 1928, in New York City and earned a BA in Physics from Lehigh University and an MS in Electrical Engineering from Newark College of Engineering (on the GI bill). He served on the front lines in Korea in the Army. He had several patents with the General Electric Company where he worked for many years.

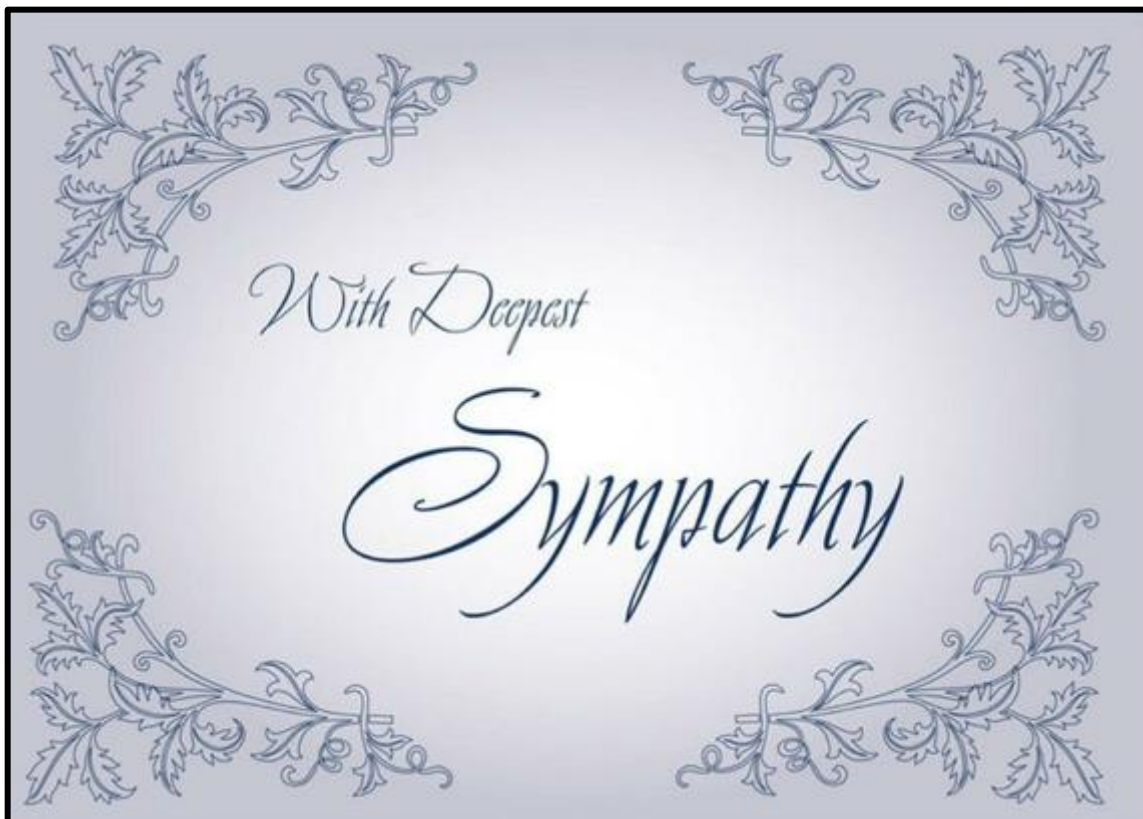
He was extremely active throughout his life. He loved both the sea and mountains. In the winter months, up to and including his 89<sup>th</sup> year of life he skied various mountains in Colorado every year. He was an avid lifelong sailor during the summer and since 1983 was a member of the Solomon's Island Yacht Club on the Chesapeake Bay. He was a former member of the Surf City Yacht Club in NJ. Ever the engineer, he tinkered with computers, and as a member of the Capital Cotillion Club enjoyed ballroom dancing.

Mr. Adamthwaite is survived by his daughter, Leah Gower of Kennett Square, Pa (George Gower), William Adamthwaite of Boulder and Frank Adamthwaite, III of Philadelphia, 5 grandchildren; and a former wife Ann R. Dettwyler.

Mr. Adamthwaite's charities included; The Salvation Army, The Wounded Warriors Project and the Boys Club.

*--Leah Gower of Kennett Square, Pa*

(Frank was a member of the Capital Golden Skiers, and transferred to PVS in July, 2013.)



*Giorgio Vittorio Borgiotti*

**1932-2019**

On August 17, 2019, Giorgio V. Borgiotti passed away at age 86 in Rockville, Maryland.

Giorgio was born on November 23, 1932 in Rome, Italy, where he and his sister Franca were raised by their parents Silio and Caterina Borgiotti. Giorgio was a dedicated student and earned a doctoral degree in Engineering from the University of Rome in 1957. He emigrated to the United States in 1965 and ultimately settled in Washington, DC in 1980. Following a distinguished career as an engineer working for various defense contracting firms, Giorgio joined the faculty of George Washington University in 1987, retiring in 1999 as a Professor Emeritus of Engineering and Applied Science. He enjoyed the outdoors, and was happiest skiing, sailing, or playing tennis. Giorgio also had a great appreciation for music and participated in Washington's vibrant choral community for many years.

He is survived by his two sons from his first marriage, Claudio and Sergio (wife Amanda); his four grandchildren, Isabella, Giovanna, Maximilian, and Gabriela; as well as his sister, Franca, who still lives in Rome. He was predeceased by his wife Janet Sexton Borgiotti, who passed in 2011.

Giorgio's life and memory will be celebrated on September 22, at 10:30 a.m. at the Cosmos Club, located at 2121 Massachusetts Avenue in Washington, DC. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Sierra Club.

*Washington Post, Aug. 27, 2019*

*Giorgio was formerly a member of the Capital Golden Skiers, and transferred to Potomac Valley Skiers in August 2013.*





## PVS Calendar 2019

Sep 17 Tue September General Meeting, Holt, McLean, VA, 7:30 PM  
Sep 24 Tue ExCom Meeting, 7:00 PM, telephonic  
Oct 03 Thu Boat Tour of the Anacostia River, M. Soponis, DC, 10:00 AM  
Oct 12 Sat October General Meeting, Nossuli, Potomac, MD, 2:00 PM



## PVS Ski Trips 2020



January 25-February 1, 2020  
[Aspen/Snowmass, CO](#) (Kathy & Barry Lake)

March 7-14, 2020  
[Park City-Deer Valley, UT](#) (Bob & Cara Jablon)

February 21-29, 2020 (base trip)  
with BRSC & Pentagon Ski Club  
[AsiaFest, Japan](#) (Inge Lesjak)

### **Useful Ski "Links"**

[Potomac Valley Skiers](#)

[BRSC Sanctioned Trips](#)

[DC Ski Online News](#)

[Best of Times Ski Club](#)

## **ExCom**

### **Officers:**

President – *Tom Tycz*  
V. President – *Kal Nossuli*  
Secretary – *Ellie Thayer*  
Treasurer – *Dick Schwartzbard*  
Ex Officio - *Bob Jablon*

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#### First Term:

*Jannes Gibson*  
*Jan Marx*  
*Mary Rose Valladares*

#### Second Term:

*Melissa FitzGerald*  
*John Holt*  
*Barry Lake*

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