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Hi folks –

We're galloping along right into the winter holiday season again and right on its heels is the season of snow and skiing. I'm ready and have signed up for two PVS ski trips this coming year – hope you have too!

This time of year also signals the beginning of the time when we choose new club leadership. During December we'll create a Nominating Committee to prepare a slate of nominees for club officer positions that will be open in April. It seems like a long way off but it's time to get going.

That leads me to ask you – do you want to get more involved in PVS? Ever wonder how the club keeps on clicking along? I'll tell you – we have a great group of folks who like to talk about how we keep those wheels turning and who enjoy finding ways to make our club even better. You could be one of them so consider talking to one of our Executive Committee members about what would be expected. You can see their names on the last page of this TOOT. You have a lot to offer our club, so give it a shot.

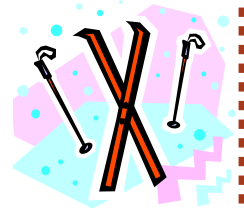
See you at the next monthly get together on November 18th at The Ski Center in Washington DC. This is a fun event whether you ski or not – it's always amazing to find out the latest gadgets in the ski world from one of the country's most knowledgeable ski equipment experts.

Nancy



Monthly

Meeting



Brian Eardley
will tell us "What's New in Equipment and
the Ski Industry"

November 18 --- 7:30

At the *Ski Center* in DC

**4300 Fordham Road NW
Washington, DC 20016
(202) 966-4474**

<http://www.skicenter.com/hours.aspx>

Snacks start at 7:30 and Brian will begin
about 8:15

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



(202) 966-4474

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

From Beltway and River Road –

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

Directions from I-495 outer loop. From Beltway and Connecticut Ave. –

Take Connecticut Ave. south toward Washington, DC for 2.6 miles to Chevy Chase Circle. Take 3rd right off of circle (Western Ave) and go 2 miles to the next traffic circle (Westmoreland Circle). Go 3/4 of the way around and get off on Massachusetts Ave. toward Washington, DC. Go right at 2nd light (49th St), 1/2 block and left into the gated parking lot.

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

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

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See the updated PVS Roster circulated 11-1-14



**Join PVS for the
Eclipse Chamber
Orchestra's
concert Sunday,
November 23 at
3:00pm**



In its 23rd season of world-class performances, Eclipse Chamber Orchestra offers audiences an eclectic pastiche of music. Once again the critically acclaimed ensemble, composed of musicians from the National Symphony Orchestra, will play its subscription season at the George Washington Masonic Temple in Old Town Alexandria, VA, one of the D.C. area's most intimate concert venues with free parking and located near the King Street Metro stop as well. Please join PVS to enjoy the upcoming concert, only 1 of 3 performances in the season. www.eclipseco.org

SUNDAY, November 23 at 3 PM

J.S. Bach: Orchestral Suite No. 2 in B Minor
Telemann: Concerto in G Major for two violas
Vivaldi: concerto in B Minor for four violins
J. S. Bach: Brandenburg Concerto #6 in B Flat

A reception follows the concert in the Great Hall. Optional: gather for a local dinner after the concert.

Eclipse Chamber Orchestra is committed to bringing quality music at a price that everyone can afford. Therefore it's "pay as you can." Donations are made at the door or you can donate online. Please RSVP to Ray and Nancy McKinley at 703 527 7216 or at raymckin@gmail.com by November 20 to let us know you're coming.

We'll see you there!

Past Events

HIKE AROUND CLOPPER LAKE



Thanks, Shirley Rettig, for leading the hike around the lake and then leading the group to the Fontina Grille for a well-deserved lunch.





Past Event

On a beautiful Sunday afternoon, Potomac Valley Skiers and guests were greeted by Bob and Louann Eadie and their unique Terra Cotta Warrior "friend" for the annual PVS Oktoberfest held in their lovely home. There were 31 of us.



Authentic costumes, including lederhosen, socks, vests, suspenders, a dirndl, sweaters and hats (one with a provocative feather!), added joviality to the occasion. A plate of giant pretzels, various cheeses, deviled eggs, and smoked salmon tasted fine to get us started accompanied by beer, assorted soft drinks, and wine.

While snacking, members were entertained with a Schuhplattler Dance by John Holt who led Nancy McKinley around the floor while he was not jumping to the music, hitting his feet in a rhythmic pattern, front and back, and, showing no signs of breathlessness. We all were in awe!

A smoking grill announced that the juicy "wursts" and buns were ready to accompany sauerkraut, red cabbage slaw, spinach and asparagus, eggplant "cookies," potato salads and a medley of pasta, mozzarella and tomatoes. Yum!



In between bites, members discussed their summer trips (and some of those still to come), the upcoming hike, sports scores (the Nationals 18 inning loss to San Francisco was historic in that it was the longest playoff game recorded!), ski trips, etc. The TV was on at a low volume to satisfy football junkies, showing the hospitality of the hosts and the desire of Washingtonians to cheer for some winning team!



Washingtonians to cheer for some winning team!

Along with a plum pie, pumpkin bread and baklava for dessert, an apple cake with candles was presented to Carolyn DeVilbiss, who celebrated her birthday with her many friends. She listened to a hearty "Happy Birthday" song, the tribute adding to a lovely afternoon celebrating this Bavarian holiday.

Submitted by
Marianne Soponis



October 21, 2014 PVS Meeting at the home of Barbara and Fred Leonhardt

There were 27 attendees who ventured forth through rain, wind, and rush hour to attend the PVS October meeting at the home of Barbara and Fred Leonhardt. The drive was worth it. Barbara, as usual, prepared a delicious array of homemade treats for us to enjoy. On her beautifully laid table were her warm baked brie in puff pastry, warm cheesy dip, veggies, spreads, deviled eggs, and her unforgettable liver pate ring. Thank you, Barbara!



President, Nancy McKinley, opened the meeting at 8:35 pm. Nancy stated that she was concerned by the poor response to the survey regarding afternoon versus evening meetings that was sent out to members following issuance of the TOOT. So far, Nancy has received only 37 responses. Several members noted that they had not received the survey, so a second email will be sent.

Ray McKinley, events chair, announced the following upcoming events:

1. Wilson Bridge hike & Ferris wheel ride at National Harbor on Friday, October 24;
2. Ski and Snowboard Expo, Monday, November 3rd at Tysons Corner;
3. Brian Eardley talk at the Ski Center in Spring Valley on November 18th;
4. Eclipse Chamber Music Concert in Alexandria on November 23rd; and
5. Holiday party on December 16th at the home of John and Blanca Hotaling (don't miss it!).



George and Celia



The 2015 ski trips were announced:

Snowmass - Marianne Sponis reported that the January 2015 Snowmass trip was filled, but if interested, contact her for availability;
Mt. Bachelor - Cara Jablon reported that the February 2015 trip was to a beautiful place with lots of snowshoe trails and with Crater Lake nearby; and
Austria - Inge Lesjak said that the BRSC Eurofest trip to Hintertux/Zillertal, where traditionally there is lots of snow, included pre- and post-trip extensions to Vienna and Slovenia. Everyone will be staying in the same hotel. For more details on these activities and trips, please check past and future TOOTs.

The meeting ended with delicious desserts, which included Barbara's notorious (in a good way!) ice box cookies, lemon bars, and orange (appropriate for the season) cake, plus coffee and lots of conversation.

Big thanks to Barb and Fred.

"Along the comfortable couch"



Submitted by Marianne Jacobs

NATIONAL HARBOR – FERRIS WHEEL HIKE & RIDE

A close to nearly perfect day for a hike, Friday, Oct. 24, was bright and mostly sunny with a strong breeze.

by Sue Lyon



We met at Jones Point Park at 10:30am. From there, 10 PVS members, Marianne Gustafon, Inge Lesjak, Sue Lyon, Jan Marx, Nancy McKinley, Shirley Rettig, Dick & Rosemary Schwartzbard, Jana Lee Sponberg, and Ellie Thayer, and two applicant members, Mary & Tom Tycz, plus four guests of Rosemary's - Diana, Maggi, Marti and Viviana - hiked across the Wilson Bridge to National Harbor.

Once across the bridge we met Celia Chen walking up the path along the river's edge to greet us.



She had parked her car at National Harbor to help avoid the late time traffic going home.

Most of us rode the newly-built Capital Ferris wheel, which just opened this past May. It's well worth the ride. The cost for seniors 65 and above is \$13.50. The enclosed gondola-like cabins remind me of the cable cars at Snowmass; however, there is no place for your skis. These are very comfortable and temperature controlled. The cabin sides are enclosed with clear glass from top to bottom and from top to mid way in front and back. This enables you to see very well and, at 180ft., the view is fantastic. The ride lasts about 10-15 minutes and, as Ellie says, about eight revolutions.



After the ride we met at the Red Stone American Grill for lunch where we joined up with PVS members, Carolyn and Dave DeVilbiss. We rested up a bit and enjoyed a delicious lunch while socializing with each other. After lunch, we split up from those

who had driven to National Harbor. Celia offered to give three people a ride back to their cars at Jones Point. The rest of us hiked back across the bridge, which for some of us (maybe it was just me) was at a much slower pace. All in all it was a very enjoyable day.

Thank you Rosemary for planning this event. Hopefully we might do this again next year.

SKI TALK

November 2014



The Blue Ridge Ski Council (BRSC) is an umbrella organization of 29 of the ski clubs in the Mid-Atlantic area. The Council meets two times a year and representatives of each club attend. The fall meeting this year was in Columbia, Maryland, on October 11. Inge Lesjak, Dick Schwartzbard and I attended. BRSC plans two trips each year: a Western Carnival in the western US or Canada and Eurofest in one of the major European ski areas. During the meetings the representatives vote on future ski destinations and select the tour operators who arrange the trips.

Major Decisions Reached

2016 Eurofest: Madonna di Campiglio, Italy (Dolomites). Tour Operator: Group Trips Unlimited (Judy Miller).

2016 Western Carnival: Snowbird, Utah. Tour Operator: Group Trips Unlimited (Judy Miller).

2017 Eurofest: Morzine, France. Tour Operator TBD.

2017 Western Carnival: Breckenridge, Colorado. Tour Operator TBD.

Information on 2015 BRSC Ski Trips

Nine clubs are participating in the Mt. Bachelor ski trip. Over 275 people have signed up. Five clubs are participating in the Austrian ski trip. Over 80 people have signed up and a number of them are joining in the Slovenia and/or the Vienna extensions.

Spring 2015 Meeting

The next BRSC meeting will be held at Maggianos in Tysons II on May 2, the day after the Paul Weber Spring Ski Show.

2014 Fall Ski Expo Show

Plan on attending the Ski Expo Show on Monday evening, November 3, 6:30-9:30, at the Marriott Tysons Corner. You can get there from Route 7 or I-495, Exit 47A. Admission is free and there will be representatives from ski clubs, resorts, lodging and equipment vendors. There will be on-going raffles. Representatives from PVS will be there at the BRSC table. Stop by and say hello and help promote your club. Bring a friend!

If you have not yet signed up for a club ski trip, please read the fliers and sign up as soon as possible. There may still be spaces available!!!

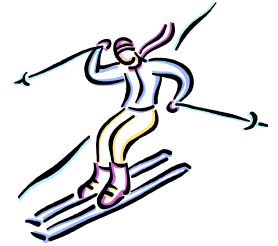
Rosemary Schwartzbard
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Ski Trip:

PVS Ski Trip to Snowmass, Colorado ---- January 14-21, 2015

We are happy to report that our trip is filled for our stay at the Snowmass Mountain Chalet. If you are interested in joining our trip, please check with Marianne Soponis: (Marianne.soponis@gmail.com) or 202-363-5250; cell: 301-332-3039 for possibilities. Thank you!



NOTE: Final payment for current trip participants is September 15, 2014.

We will again be staying slope-side at the Snowmass Mountain Chalet (SMC), just below the Snowmass Mall. Do check the website at <http://www.mountainchalet.com>.

The total package includes:

- United Airlines from Dulles to Denver and Denver to Aspen and return, plus the land-transfer from Aspen airport to SMC and return;
- 5-day lift ticket (good for all four ski areas in the Aspen complex, free shuttle bus) with option for a sixth ski day;
- 7 nights lodging (double occupancy);
- daily breakfasts; daily soup lunch;
- luggage handling; a welcome party, an “all guest” hotel-sponsored party, a pizza party and a farewell group dinner to celebrate our trip.

Travel Guard trip insurance is available through our tour company at <http://www.Encompasse.com>, and is highly recommended.

For additional nights at Snowmass, please make requests through the trip leader.

Air flights can be altered to accommodate resulting date changes and will be quoted on an individual basis.

<u>Costs:</u>		<u>Price</u>
Full Snowmass Package		\$2075
Land only	subtract	\$ 515
Single Supplement	add	\$ 935
Non-skiers	subtract	\$ 272
Sixth ski day*	add	\$ 79

Airline Schedule (most likely subject to changes in United schedules):

Jan. 14: United flight #403 at 8:25 AM Dulles to Denver (arrive at 10:32 AM); then flight #6320 at 11:20 AM to Aspen (arrive at 11:56 AM).

Jan. 21: United flight #6320 at 12:31 PM Aspen to Denver (arrive at 1:16 PM) then flight #452 at 1:47 PM to Dulles (arrive at 7:07 PM).

For baggage requirements and fees, check the United Airlines website (www.united.com)

If you need to pay your final payment in September: Please send your check made out to Marianne Soponis, 3513 Quebec St. NW, Washington, DC 20016 (“PVS Snowmass 2015” on the check memo line).

Ski Trip:

PVS/BRSC SKIING AND SIGHTSEEING ADVENTURE MT. BACHELOR AND BEND, OREGON JANUARY 31-FEBRUARY 7, 2015

Mt. Bachelor is the largest ski area in central Oregon, with terrain for all levels. The mountain is an extinct volcano, and you can ski with full lift service 360 degrees off the top for 3,365 vertical feet to the base, often through light, dry powder! It has the highest skiable elevation of any resort in Oregon or Washington and is far enough inland for drier snow conditions. The resort gets an average of 462 inches of snow a year on 88 runs, served by 10 lifts. (Mt. Bachelor is adding over 400 acres of ski terrain that is scheduled for opening in 2015). In addition, the resort has more than a dozen cross-country trails, 35 miles of which are groomed. The mountain grooms 40 of the 88 runs. Volunteer Mountain Hosts will ski with you all or part of the day, at your request.



The mountain is a 30-minute bus ride from Bend where you will be staying in the newly upgraded Double Tree Hotel. There is an indoor pool and hot tub. You can walk to the historic downtown district of Bend with lots of shops and restaurants. Buses will pick you up at the hotel and take you directly to the mountain where you will store your skis. No long walks are involved. Non-skiers will have options to go to Crater Lake, the town of Three Sisters, wine tasting, dog sledding, snowshoeing and more. Included in this package are:

- 7 Nights Lodging at Double Tree Hotel
- Round Trip Air into Redmond (20 minutes from hotel)
- Transfers to and from Hotel
- 5 of 6 Day Lift Ticket (discounted rates for seniors)
- Personalized tours of the mountain by Mt. Bachelor Ski Ambassadors
- Daily Hot Breakfast
- BRSC Super Bowl Welcome Party with Dinner
- BRSC Night at the High Desert Museum with Dinner
- BRSC Hawaiian themed entertainment and Dinner
- Two PVS Apres Ski parties
- Bus Trips Directly to/from the Mountain



The cost will be approximately \$1825.00 per person. We have limited seats on the flight to Redmond. The first 16 people will get those flights. **To reserve a space send a deposit of \$300 to: Cara Jablon, 4573 Indian Rock Terrace, Washington, D. C. 20007.**

Cara can be contacted at 202-333-5332 or rcjablon@aol.com. Additional information will be provided shortly on the dates for the remaining payments, trip insurance, and the cancellation policy.

Ski Trip:

It's not too late to sign up for the BRSC Western Carnival at Mt. Bachelor and the Eurofest in Austria. Come ski with us!

Potomac Valley Skiers present

BRSC Eurofest in Hintertux/Zillertal, Austria

7 days, March 6 – 14, 2015 \$2,460 pp*

Including pre-trip to Bled, Slovenia

11 days, March 2 – 14, 2015 \$2,935 pp*

Including post-trip to Vienna, Austria

10 days, March 6 – 17, 2015 \$2,900 pp*

Including Bled and Vienna

14 days, March 2 – 17, 2015 \$3,375 pp*

Trip Leader:

Inge Lesjak

8123 Kingsview Ct.
Springfield, VA
703-869-7248 c

ingelesjak@aol.com

Price Includes: airfare/shuttles & lodging at 4-star hotels

with daily breakfast buffet and 4-course dinner

thermal pool, sauna, spa

Internet access

ski guide/free shuttle bus to lifts

and BRSC parties & some sightseeing

Zillertal: A paradise for winter hikers & cross-country skiers.

Badhotel Kirchler: Family run hotel with daily breakfast buffet, afternoon snack and dinner; charming rooms, thermal pool, sauna, local cuisine, friendly service. Welcome party & two après ski parties Tyrolean style, plus fee-based sightseeing tours.

UPDATE! As of 25 August, 22 PVSers and friends are participating and there is room for more... Especially for 1 single female and 1 single male roommate. 16 PVSers plus 11 members from other BRSC ski clubs are joining the pre-trip to Bled, Slovenia and 13 PVSers are ending the Eurofest in Vienna. **Looking forward to skiing with you, Inge**

Payment Schedule

1 July	\$200
10 Sep	\$500
10 Oct	\$800
10 Nov	\$500
10 Dec	Final

Members' Corner



By J. David Warthen, Jr.
dwarthen@verizon.net

Trip to Normandy, October 9 – 17, 2014

--Ellie Thayer/Jack Chapman

Along with my brother and sister-in-law, Jack and I embarked on our fifth European Viking River Cruise.



This time, we started in Paris, stopped in Giverny and Rouen to see many Claude Monet sites, and were then bused to the Normandy beaches. It was a special and emotional trip.

Ah, Paris. I love the City of Light. In the evening, the Eiffel Tower lights up at nine, ten, and eleven o'clock for the

initial five minutes of each hour. Our ship was docked nearby and the lights sent every traveler to the front of the ship for pictures. I visited the Musee L'Orangerie in Paris where Claude Monet's giant paintings of water lilies are exhibited. Soon, we sailed from Paris to Giverny to see the real thing. Monet created a water lily pond and garden, which inspired him to paint over 100 versions of his cherished water lilies. Although many of the flowers were no longer blooming, the site was serene and beautiful.



We sailed on to Rouen where we gazed on the cathedral, much as Monet did as he painted its exterior more than 30 times. There was obtruding scaffolding in front, but the cathedral was nonetheless awe-inspiring. Our city guide told us that she had never seen the cathedral without scaffolding, but the 50-year cleaning project was soon to be completed.



The ghost of Joan of Arc permeated the city of Rouen, where she was burned at the stake as a heretic.



The highlight of the trip was a full-day excursion to the Normandy beaches. We visited Juno Beach and Omaha Beach. The American cemetery at Omaha Beach, where more than 9,000 American soldiers who lost their lives at the D-Day invasion on June 6, 1944 and subsequent days, lie buried. The rows and rows of white crosses are beautiful, evocative, and sobering

all at the same time. Especially poignant are the grave inscriptions for the unknown soldiers: "Here rests in honored glory a comrade in arms known but to God." There was a special ceremony honoring the WWII veteran who was on the Viking cruise with us. There was not a dry eye in the entire group by the end of the ceremony. The Normandy beaches looked so different from my imaginary images based on reading and television. It was the same for Monet's water lily gardens. A great reason to travel – to see the real thing.





THE KNEE

by Ray McKinley

RaysKnee@gmail.com

Since this month begins our club's 50th anniversary year, I will briefly provide some Knee History. The column began in 1979 when I was President and decided PVS needed a gossip column. We asked Lu Beale to do it. She declined, so it fell into my lap.

A name was essential. At that time the Washington Star newspaper had a gossip column called "the Ear." Since this would be at a "lower level," and I had just twisted my knee in Aspen, "The Knee" was it. Because of my hard-hitting, dig-up-the-dirt style of journalism, the column was initially written under a pseudonym, "Big Foot." After some months the Knee came in from the cold. When gossip is scarce, I either make it up or create kneepuns.

Kneepuns are clearly not natural and the kneepun gene is recessive. Indeed, kneepuns are Japakees. However, that's another story. I started this column as a kneephyte, and it continues even today in my kneeclassical style.

Where did you learn to ski? President Nancy McKinley learned on a small hill constructed on a garbage dump in Southern New Jersey. The "mountain" had another name, but everyone called it Mt. Trashmore. Her trashy beginning didn't affect her ardor for the sport; Nancy plans to take two trips this season—to Austria and Mt. Bachelor.

Nancy and the Knee have also just returned from a non-ski trip to Scotland. Whilst boating on Loch Ness, The Knee snapped the attached photo. Kneet.

As PVS ages, fewer of us are skiing. The Knee offers this suggestion to increase attendance on our ski trips. We should run "Ski and Bingo Trips." This would require a slight change from our normal procedures. But it's important for us to remember that change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.

I'm still trying to find Gertrude Stein's recipe for Spanish rice *arroz is arroz is arroz*.

We all had a ball, and a bier or two, celebrating *Oktoberfest* and the superb weather at Louann and Bob Eadie's lovely Reston home. VEEP John Holt in full German lederhosen and accoutrements demonstrated several German drinking dances. John cajoled Pres. Nancy,

dressed in non-German black slacks, into being his partner. Bob and Louann were still rejoicing (they had joyed earlier) because Bob has remained healthy. Sal Mahallati was chipper after successful surgery.



A tip of the ol' Knee Cap goes to Jan Marx, Marvin Hass and Dave Warthen. They jointly have agreed to put out all of the TOOTs for this season. Thanks so much! It's quite difficult to read the Knee without TOOT.

Carolyn and Dave DeVilbiss were the only PVSers to arrive at *Oktoberfest* with kayaks. Yup they had two strapped atop their car from attending a previous event. Jan Marx also had a ukneque *Oktoberfest* addition. She drank her bier from a krug made in *Rothenburg ob der Tauber*.

Dick and Sandy Laeser attended the *Washington Nationals* 18-inning 6-hour playoff game. They only lasted 15 innings. At *Oktoberfest* Jack Chapman was dressed in black to mourn the Nats' loss. Of course, all were "Nattily" attired.

As usual, PVS continues to travel extensively during the non-ski season: Clare Saponis was in Ohio for a Lithuanian festival. Celia Chen and George Birnbaum toured seven Eastern European countries in three weeks. Shirley Rettig was also in Eastern Europe. Sam and Inge Lesjak were in Munich for *Oktoberfest*. And for the 25th year Betty Byrne and Marvin Hass visited Cape May. (FYI: to bring the city more up-to-date, the city fathers are considering changing the name to Cape June.)

Finally, speaking of "planes," which I wasn't, (what a segue!) earlier this year the FAA announced new anti-hijacking rules. Flyers must fly nude. This caused a huge increase in sales. But (or perhaps butt) there was still the baggage problem. The FAA now has the ultimate solution to stop hijackings--passengers will simply no longer be permitted on airplanes.

Carpooling to PVS meetings or events? Contact dwarthen@verizon.net for list of members, whom you can contact in your ZIP Code or town.

OR: Go through your Roster for members who live in your zip code or your neighboring zip codes. Call them; Ask about sharing rides.



PVS Calendar 2014:

Nov	03	Mon	2014 Washington DC Ski & Snowboard Expo & BRSC Raffles, 6:30-9:30 PM, Marriott – Tysons Corner, VA
Nov	18	Tue	Monthly Meeting, Washington Ski Center, 7:30 PM, Washington, DC
Nov	23	Sun	Eclipse Concert, George Washington Masonic Temple, Alexandria, VA 3:00 PM
Dec	9	Tue	ExCom Meeting, Telephonic, 7:30 PM
Dec	16	Tue	Monthly Meeting-Holiday Party, 7:30 PM, Hotalings, Arlington, VA

PVS Ski Trips 2015:



January 14-21, 2015: PVS Snowmass, CO (Marianne Soponis)
 January 31-February 7, 2015: PVS/BRSC Mt. Bachelor and Bend, OR (Cara & Bob Jablon)
 March 6-14, 2015: PVS/BRSC Eurofest to Hintertux/Zillertal, Austria (Inge Lesjak)

Useful Ski "Links"

- Potomac Valley Skiers..... potomacvalleyskiers.org
 PVS Website login: Username = Member, member, or MEMBER; Password = TOOT
- BRSC Sanctioned Trips..... skicouncil.com/tripsbydate.htm
- DC Ski Online News..... dcski.com
- Best of Times Ski Club bestoftimeskiclub.org
 BOT Ski Trips:
 http://bestoftimeskiclub.org/content.aspx?page_id=22&club_id=5186&module_id=32832

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PVS' 50th Anniversary is Coming Up in 2015!

Want to be involved in planning for the big event?
 Suggestions are welcomed for a venue, which will accommodate up to 200 partygoers.
 Contact Nancy McKinley, 703-595-8375 or nancymckin@gmail.com.