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This ski season is off to fantastic start with a lot of snow at all ski resorts (except Liberty), and the first PVS ski trip to Steamboat was a great success with excellent ski conditions and a fun time for all participants. I would like to add here, that for those members still considering the Lake Tahoe trip, run by Shirley Rettig, that area got EIGHT (8) feet of snow Christmas week end; so there should be plenty left on February 18, 1997 when that trip starts.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This month I want to promote our last club trip of the season, to Val D'Isere/Tignes, France, on March 7-16, 1997 run by Karen and Knox Felker. This trip was a big hit from the very first announcement thanks to the splendid job done in planning for the event by the trip leaders. It should be just great to ski at the site of the '92 Olympics as many improvements had been made to the facility for the world event. The trip includes many extras, such as buffet breakfast and five course dinners each day at the hotel. The good news for anyone interested in still signing up for this trip, is that at the writing of this TOOT, there is room for two people to join- so find your passport and call the Felkers' ASAP if interested.

I would just like to note what a joyous time everyone had at the PVS Christmas party at the Heitchues', again many thanks to Jean and Reg for holding this event. See you on the slopes.

  
Serge Triau, President

**! FIRST MEETING OF THE NEW YEAR !**

**8 P.M., JANUARY 21, 1997**

Home of Jan and Bob Marx  
8312 Oakford Drive  
Springfield, VA 22152



**DIRECTIONS:** Take Beltway Exit #5 onto Braddock Road. Go about 6 lights to left on Rolling Road (at King's Park Shopping Center). Continue (crossing railroad overpass) to left on Forrester (which has a light). Go two short blocks to a right on Oakford. No. 8312 is near the end of the road on the left. Questions? Call 703-451-9158.

COMING EVENTS....

HILLWOOD MUSEUM TOUR AND TOUR

As a reminder, the Hillwood Museum tour and lunch event is scheduled for Saturday, April 26, 1997. The 2-hour tour will begin at 9:30am; lunch reservations are at 12 noon. Total cost for the event will be about \$25.50.

NOTE TO folks who have verbally signed up for this event (call me if you are uncertain): I need a \$15 deposit (each person) to confirm your tour and lunch reservation. Please make your check payable to Genee Boykin and send to my home address listed below. I need your check by 31 January so that I can mail a deposit to the musuem.

Home Address: 1411 McLean Mews Court  
McLean, VA 22101

If you have not signed up and are interested, call me to find out if there are any vacancies **BEFORE YOU MAIL A CHECK.** If the event is booked, I will be happy to put your name on a waitlist. My home is 703-790-8277.

I will provide more details later.



SPECIAL NOTICES:

Treasurer and Chief Cook Nancy Garrett asks anyone who wishes to receive reimbursement for food contributions to the November meeting at the Colonnade to please send receipts and recipes to her at 5804 Canvasback Road, Burke, VA 22015. "If you don't want to send a receipt," says Nancy, "please send recipe."

*Nominating Committee*

The PVS nominating committee will meet on January 7 to select a slate of 3 Excom members and a president to be voted upon at the April meeting. If you have any suggestions, please contact any of the committee members before the meeting date: Jan Marx, Chairperson, Bette Walker, Ray McKinley, Shirley Rettig, Nancy Ewing or Bob Marx.



# SKI

| <u>SKI TRIPS IN BRIEF:</u> | Place, dates, leaders, |                      |
|----------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| Ski Liberty                | Jan. 9                 | Charles Huggins      |
| Snowmass, CO               | Jan. 11-18             | Dina Taylor          |
| Sugarbush, VT              | Jan. 25-Feb. 1         | Jack Peoples         |
| WISP                       | Jan. 15-17             | Jan & Bob Marx       |
| Utah                       | Feb. 6-13              | Nancy & Ray McKinley |
| Lake Tahoe                 | Feb. 22-Mar. 1         | Shirley Rettig       |
| Val D'Isere, France        | Mar. 7-16              | Karen & Knox Felker  |
| Valle Nevado, Chile        | Aug. 14-25             | Nancy & Ray McKinley |

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### JANUARY MIDWEEK SKIING - Liberty - Thursday Jan. 9th.

Charles Huggins will lead the first midweek skiing of the year. Lift passes are \$29. Four hour flex time tickets are available for \$24, and seniors 65 and over ski for \$14.

Interest skiers should call Charles Huggins (301) 424-5725 as we will car pool to the slopes from the parking lot of the Fairlanes Bowling Alley on Shady Grove Road departing promptly at 7:30 A.M. for Liberty.

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**JANUARY 11 - 18, 1997 - SKI SNOWMASS. Dina Taylor leading - 301-663-6089.**  
 All participants please remember, the flight schedule has changed as stated in my letter. We'll be leaving from Dulles 1/11/97 at 2:55 pm, United Airlines flight 501, changing planes in Denver to flight 5663 and arriving 5:45pm in Aspen, Co.-I will bring your airline tickets. Please be at the airport 1 1/2 hours before departure time with 2 photo ID's. If you have any questions, please call me. See you at the airport. - *Jane*

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**S K I V E R M O N T ' S B E S T**

(See SKI Magazine, December 1996 issue, page 130.)

**MOST ECONOMICAL PVS TRIP IN THE 50 STATES!.**

Sugarbush, Vermont, from Saturday, Jan. 25 to Saturday, February 1st. Sponsored by the Blue Ridge Ski Council.

Priced from only \$385 to \$615 for transportation, room, 5½ days lift ticket. 2,650 vertical, 4 detachable quads, plus 14 others. Call Jack Peoples, 301-881-6220 for information.

**WISP-----MID-WEEK-----97**

**January 15-17**

**CALL NOW—1-800-462-9477—there may be rooms left.**

**Tell them you are with Ski Chalet for Demo Day for the \$39 room rate**

**so**

**IF SPACE IS AVAILABLE, Join us !!**

\$2.00 lift ticket vouchers for those under 70 are available at Ski Chalet.

Then call us (Bob and Jan) to let us know you are coming so we can plan for Apres Ski goodies. 703-451-9158.

February 6-13, 1997, You're Invited to Join Nancy & Ray McKinley To

*Ski Utah's Best*

*We'll Have a Ball at Park City and Deer Valley, the Two Best Ski Resorts in Utah and Perhaps the West. Share 8 Days and 7 Nights (10 Night Option to Feb 16) with us, a Superb, Slopeside Resort with Splendid Meals, Great PVS Friends and an Unbelievable Price. Perfect Powder and Grooming Make a Memorable PVS Ski, Ski, Ski Vacation.*



*Our trip is now full. Limited additional space may be available. Call us at (703) 527-7126 if you are interested. Only the seven night option is possible.*



*January 25, 1997 Ski Utah's Best Pre-Trip Party 6:30 pm at the McKinley's. Lots of Great Food, Libations and Ski Info*

# August, 1997 - Ski in Chile

Join Nancy and Ray McKinley in Valle Nevado, Chile from August 14-25, 1997. The Valle Nevado Ski Resort looks out at magnificent snow covered Andes on all sides. You can ski all day over the 4,000 vertical feet and 40,000 acres (Steamboat has 2,300 acres!) that comprise the Valle Nevado skifields. All the skiing is above tree line and very European, you can ski on or off-piste to your heart's content. There's also heliskiing (they have two helicopter pads) and dog sledding. But skiing isn't the only reason to go to Chile. There is much else. Thus, we are planning an 11 day trip (shorter and longer stays are possible). After a week of skiing and eating fine Chilean food, we'll travel to Santiago to the 5-Star Hotel Carrera, with its Chilean murals, commanding staircase, and huge windows looking out at the President's palace. We will tour in beautiful Santiago, along the splendid seacoast and at an 1840's winery nearby.

Despite this being a 1997 trip, there are only three hotels at Valle Nevado (and thus no liftlines), so early reservations are essential. We expect the 1997 trip will cost about \$2,400, with a \$70 to \$100 discount for seniors. This includes lift tickets, heavenly full breakfasts daily, all dinners at Valle Nevado, some in Santiago and all touring. Final prices will be available soon. Please call us at (703) 527-7126 if you have questions, we have lots more information. To assure a spot, please send your check for \$100 (fully refundable through February) to 2326 North Upton Street, Arlington, Virginia, 22207-4045, payable to Nancy McKinley.

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## SKI LAKE TAHOE

BRSC WESTERN WINTER CARNIVAL FEB 22 - March 1, 1997

There's still lots of space on the BRSC trip to beautiful Lake Tahoe. The package includes roundtrip airfare from Washington to Reno, transfer to the resort, 7 nights lodging at the Horizon Casino, 5 of 6 days lift tickets interchangeable at Heavenly, Squaw Valley, Northstar, Alpine Meadows, and Kirkwood, parties and a dinner dance, NASTAR race, and shuttle service to the ski areas.

TOTAL PACKAGE PRICE: \$1110  
LAND PACKAGE ONLY: \$550

For more info or to receive a flyer, contact Shirley Rettig (703) 836-0147.

## STEAMBOAT SPRINGS TRIP

Sue Walsh

There is nothing so special as the first skiing trip of the season, especially when the destination is Steamboat Springs, combined with superb accommodations and a terrific group of PVSers.

Early on December 5 we arrived at Dulles Airport and soon found ourselves airborne. The flight was uneventful with the exception of a piece of wood in Jessma's bagel. Rosie Solar was concerned as she had left her carry on bag with her nightclothes, cosmetics and medicines sitting on the curb in front of her house in Silver Spring. Luckily a neighbor found the bag and kept it safe until Rosie's return. We arrived at the hotel to discover that Gladys Youngblood had been involved in an auto accident the day before and could not drive through the newly fallen snow. Tony Drago, John Matthews and Lee Coleman assured us the skiing conditions were top notch as they already had skied for the past four days.

After a welcoming wine and cheese party and picture taking for our ski passes, we had the first of many delicious dinners arranged by our leaders. Lu Beale found herself holding court at her table as the only female in a group of five males. Pres Serge wondered what word was the opposite of harem??? (hissem or scarem)?

First day on the slopes we had fresh powder and most of us returned exhausted. Liz Triau was ecstatic as she was on skis for the first time since her accident. It was reported that evening Betty Lawrence was seen in the hotel bar hugging an attractive young man. Betty claimed he was a neighbor from Great Falls.

By Saturday afternoon the sun was shining brightly and the skiing was fantastic as the dreaded crowds never materialized. Although the throngs were not present, Marianne Cook and George Hicho both managed to be in the paths of two reckless skiers. Although bruised and sore, both were back on the slopes the following day. Nothing deters determined PVSers. Jack Regan tried the accommodations at the local hospital after experiencing chest pains. He decided after four days and many tests that the Sheraton was a better deal.

Although we experienced heavy snow and wind on the final day, Fred Leonhardt pronounced it the best skiing ever. Shirley Rettig, Frank Shelburne, Serge and Liz, Betty Lawrence, Fred and Barbara all braved the elements. Lu Beale kept promising her ski mates she would slow down and take a break, but of course she never did. Ski on, Lu! Others chose to shop, take walks, or engaged in a hot game of high stakes bridge.

Our final night was a special champagne party organized by Jessma. The hotel graciously provided each past participant with a bottle of the bubbly and we all shared in the bounty. After a memorable meal with additional champagne, Marianne Cook entertained us with songs at the piano. Jack Regan decided he's had enough of hospital hospitality and arrived with Irene Farrell at dessert time.

Jackie and Ned Flaherty did a great job of leading the trip and provided door prizes at the Apres Ski parties. The final night there were ten different prizes. I so loved the shirt Betty Byrne won, I bought one just like it. Ned informed us the hotel staff thought we were the best group they ever had.

### BUT OF COURSE, WE'RE PVS!

#### PVS OFFICERS

|                     |                  |
|---------------------|------------------|
| President .....     | Serge Triau      |
| Vice President .... | Lu Beale         |
| Secretary .....     | Irene Farrell    |
| Treasurer .....     | Nancy Garrett    |
| Membership .....    | Marilyn Clark    |
| Program Chair ..... | Ray McKinley     |
| TOOT Editor .....   | Jessma Blockwick |
| TOOT Production ... | Bette Walker     |
| Ski Trip Chair .... | Glade Flake      |
| Midweek Activities. | Charles Huggins  |
| Ombudsman .....     | Bill Anderson    |

#### EXCOM:

##### First Term:

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| Nat Seeman     |
| Nancy McKinley |
| Genee Boykin   |

##### Second Term:

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| Ned Flaherty   |
| Ray Garrett    |
| Shirley Rettig |

An Old Favorite

by Nancy McKinley  
(my apologies to C. C. Moore)

'Twas the week before Christmas and through Heitchue's hall, PVSers were stirring and having a ball;  
 Great goodies were laid on the table with care, known that by close time, none would be there;  
 The skiers were clustered all 'round the nice places while visions of ski trips danced on their faces;  
 And Jean in her sweater and Reg in his shirt had just settled themselves to start quenching our thirst;  
 When out in the living room there arose such a clatter we sprang to the place to see what was the matter.  
 When what to our wondering eyes should assemble, but a PVS group - full sixty-five members;  
 With a little young Pres, oh yes, could it be? Oh! I knew in a moment it must be Serge Triau.  
 More rapid than eagles he started his meeting and he whistled and shouted and called them in greeting  
 Now Marilyn! Raymond! Now, Glade, Charles and Nancy! Give us your reports, but don't get too fancy!  
 To the top of the lifts, to the top of the slopes! Now ski away, ski away, ski away, folks!  
 They were dressed all in red from their heads to their feet And their socks, ties, and earrings said  
 "Christmas!" How sweet!  
 A bundle of savories they brought for our pleasure and we ate and we drank and we talked at our leisure;  
 Our eyes how they twinkled! Our dimples how merry! Our cheeks were like roses, our noses like cherry;  
 Huey's droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow and the beard on his chin was as white as the snow!  
 Some talked of old Steamboat and others of chic Vail; still others are thinking of trying out Whitetail!  
 We spoke lots of words and wouldn't you know? They mostly were talking of play in the snow.  
 Our thoughts full of skiing, we then had to reason, it was time to go home now and dream of the season;  
 We sprang to our cars, with fond "Thanks!" to our hosts and away we all drove disappearing like ghosts;  
 We heard ourselves yell, ere we drove out of seeing, "Happy Christmas, PVS, and to all it's good skiing!"

For those whose French is fractured or missing entirely, here is a translation of the cartoon in the December TOOT:

### The Skier's Prayer

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| 1) Lord, give us our daily snow.  | 2) Or, more or less, ... the hope of seeing it fall.                               |
| 3) Give us the strength and the courage.  | 4) And if possible, the perseverance...!   |
| 5) Save us from the trials here on the base level. (Lift lines)                     | 6) Forgive us our lack of foresight?!!<br>(Broken skis and poles in chicken house) |
| 7) Forgive us our mistakes on "the boards."<br>(Snowball picture)                   | 8) Remove the obstacles from our path?!!<br>(Cows crossing)                        |
| 9) And let us not succumb to temptation.<br>(Following pretty girl down a ♦♦ trail) | 10) At least to that which is not your will ♪♪♪<br>(In hospital bed)               |

# COOK'S CORNER

by

Nancy Garrett



!!!!HAPPY-NEW YEAR!!!!  
The recipes below are to  
let you started into  
1997. There are still  
several recipes that  
were requested from the

November meeting. Hope to have them  
for you in February.

## BRANDY/WALNUT PATE

Marilyn Clark  
(from Janet Waln)

Mix together well and let sit in  
refrigerator overnight so that flavors  
can mingle:

- 1/2 cup finely chopped English walnuts
- 1 (4-1/2 oz.) can Underwood  
    deviled ham
- 1 (4-1/2 oz.) can Underwood  
    roast beef
- 2 Tablespoons soft butter or oleo
- 2 Tablespoons good Brandy
- Snipped parsley for garnish

Serve on plain crackers. The Pate was  
served at the November meeting and was  
devoured.

## COUNTRY FRESH CORN CHOWDER

In 3-quart heavy saucepan, cook until  
crisp:

- 4 strips bacon

Remove bacon, crumble and set aside.

To bacon drippings, add and saute until  
tender:

- 1 cup chopped onions
- 1/2 cup chopped celery

Add and simmer until tender:

- 1-1/2 cups finely diced potatoes
- 2 cups water
- 1 teaspoon granulated chicken  
    bouillon
- Salt and pepper to taste

Combine and stir until smooth:

- 1/4 cup flour
- 2 cups milk

Add to vegetables and cook until  
chowder thickens slightly, stirring  
frequently.

Add:

- 1 (16 oz.) package Yellow Sweet Corn
- 1 cup light cream
- 8 oz. processed cheese, cubed

Heat until cheese is melted and soup  
is hot. Serves 6 - 8.

## CARAMEL APPLE PIE

Nancy Garrett

Preheat oven to 375\*.

Defrost and set aside:

- 1 (12 oz.) package Stoffer's  
    Escalloped Apples

In a mixing bowl combine:

- 6 oz. cream cheese, softened
- 1 egg
- 1-1/2 teaspoons vanilla
- 3 Tablespoons sugar
- 1 Tablespoon flour

Spread above mixture over:

- 1 (6 oz.) graham cracker pie crust

Place in refrigerator for a few minutes  
to set cream cheese mixture.

Combine:

- Defrosted apples from above
- 1/3 cup caramel topping\*\*
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon

Gently spoon mixture over cream cheese  
layer taking care to keep two distinct  
layers. Bake for 40-45 minutes or  
until apples bubble up around edge of  
pie crust. Serve at room temperature.  
Promptly store leftover pie in  
refrigerator.

\*\*To make the caramel topping, place  
8-9 caramels in glass cup. Add 2  
teaspoons water. Microwave 2 minutes,  
on high, stirring after one minute.





## THE KNEE

by

Ray McKinley

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Once again let me be the First (and perhaps only) one to wish you a Happy Knee Year. The Chikneese have officially declared 1997 to be "The Year of the Knee?" Of course it's true. Would I ever write ankneething inkorekt?

Ankneeway, 1997 is the year to be good to your knees. After all, you don't ski on your elbows. Make a Knee Years Resolution to massage your knees. I massage mine with, of course, kneetsfoot oil. It keeps the knees from getting red. I do not massage this column with kneetsfoot oil. This Knee is intended to be read. That was bad. I love it.

Like most of us, Jim Arnold is no fan of snowboarders. So he is trying to start a new Alpine Biathlon program. Special lift tickets include a rifle and points dependent on the vulgarity of the snowboarder shot. Jim is still refining the details.

Bing Poon is apparently the first PVS snowboarder. He tried it last season and now owns a 'board. Unfortunately, after Bing's first lesson he was hospitalized. Some guy with a rifle shot him!

Bob Grasley has been skiing for a long time. He first skied in Iroquois Falls, Canada in 1929, using 7' 6" wooden skis with bear-trap bindings. Bob fell a lot in 1929--as did the stock market. Blame both on the bears.

Newly retired after 35 years of (relatively) civil service is Bill Hager. He plans to move to Reno, Nevada. You bet-cha!

Recovering nicely from shoulder surgery is Gorman Young. However, the surgeon told him he would never play basketball again. Gorman hasn't played basketball in 60 years.

Glade Flake reports Ski Liberty received two votes in PVS's recent, favorite ski area survey. Both were from Bob McNeill.

In Indokneesia, reports Bob Marx, they do their census by counting everyone's knees and then dividing by two. Ahem. On his arrival in Indokneesia Bob broke into song, "Hello Bali..."

From my Odd Department: Ron and Nancy

Ewing received some literature from Sun Valley, but it was addressed to Dick and Marilyn Clark. Coincidentally the Clarks got a similar Sun Valley package addressed to the Ewings. Hmhmhm.

From my Even Department: 2.

And now a bit of bad knees. Both Bob Barry and Paul Yessler have just completed knee replacement surgery. Paul is rarin' to be back skiing. Bob will have his other knee replaced next fall and then try cross country. Cross country is not as dangerous as snowboarding, because people don't shoot at you. Was that a cheap, ahem, shot?

At the Heitchue's splendid Holiday PVS meeting, everyone was dressed to the nines, OK two PVSers only made it to the eights. Also, Shirley Rettig wore a lovely, ivory scarab. She got it from a street vendor in Cairo some 20 years ago. Huey Roberts showed up in a Santa-like white beard. He was resting his ankle after 55 ski days!

Joe Blum managed to have 10 people for Thanksgiving dinner and totally avoid doing any cooking. He was, however, stuck with the dishes.

From my Ma Bell from Hell Department: Jackie and Ned Flaherty's telephone was out of service the evening before their trip. (Obviously done by some ding-a-ling.) But with no net negative effects--other than a temporary rise in blood pressure. Ned claimed the group had "fresh snow" daily. No one ever claims "stale snow."

Occasionally I forget what I've written in this column. Could it be amkneesia?

With unreal early season western skiing, lots of the rest of us also headed west. The Knee to ski in Utah and prepare for our trip, Reg and Jean Heitchue, Jim Wingrove and Angie Smith to Vail, where the met David and Rachel Abraham. They didn't see Kirk Burns, Sally Finan and George Welti who were also in Vail. Applicant members John and Polly Brunelli went to Winter Park to begin winter, and just missed Nat Seeman, Norm Engelman and Charlie Huggins. Winter Parkian Dick Harsh enjoyed skiing in Canada. The Knee and Nancy brought in the New Year at our favorite ski spot, Whistler. And finally, on a soggy note, at Bob and Jan Marx water skied--in Florida.

THE KNEE



CALENDAR

- Jan. 5 ... Pre-France-Trip party.
- Jan. 9 ... Midweek Skiing at Liberty, p. 3.
- Jan. 16 ... and 17, WISP ski days.
- Jan. 21 ... Monthly meeting at the Marxes'.  
NOTE THIS IS CHANGE OF PLACE
- Jan. 25 ... Utah pre-trip party.
- Jan. 28 ... ExCom at Lu Beale's
- Feb. 18 ... Monthly meeting. *HCAW*
- Feb. 25 ... ExCom at the Garrett's.
- April 26 ... Tour of Hillwood museum and lunch, p. 2
- March 18 Ruth Power*
- " 25 Smtley Roffly*
- " 29 Wine Tasting*
- April 19 Pysomner*
- May 27 Mills Below*

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