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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

At the June meeting, presentations were made concerning two ski trips for the 1991 ski season. In July we hope to make plans for 2 or 3 more trips for the year. Be sure to read your summer TOOTS to get the most current 1991 PVS ski information and make your ski decisions early so you may be assured a place on a trip and also provide some help to the trip leader.

For all those planning to attend the July EXCOM meeting, please note the change in date and time: 4 P.M. Sunday July 29 in Leesburg.

Dick Comerford, President



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## Special Event

### STEAK AND SWIM AT THE ELRODS



WHEN: Saturday, July 21st at 2:00 P.M.  
(Rain date: Sunday, July 22nd)

WHAT: Annual blast at the Elrods' fabulous new home in Triangle where you can swim in the pool, laze in the jacuzzi, towel off in the PVS Room and pig out on the best steaks in town cooked to order by Master Chef Roy Elrod.

COORDINATOR: Myra Evans (620-0545). Reservations are limited to 50 and deadline is Monday, July 16. Call now and make your reservation and don't forget, no-shows will be responsible for the price of their steaks.

BRING your own plate, eating utensils, and salad or dessert for 10 or 12. Let Myra know what you plan.

COST will be \$12 or \$15.

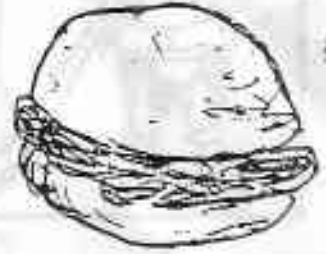
Directions: Take Route I95 south towards Richmond. Take the Dumfries/Manassas exit for Route 234. Go left on Rte. 234, then right on old Route 1 to left on Virginia Route 1107 at the Triangle Plaza sign. Follow 1107 to a T-type deadend and bear right on Cabin Road. Continue on Cabin Road to Hemlock Point - last street on left.  
Address: 3100 Hemlock Point Phone: 703-221-4127

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# COMING EVENTS

## PICNIC/SWIM/SAIL AT THE FLAKES

When: Saturday, August 11. (Rain date: Sunday Aug. 12)  
 Anytime after 1 P.M. Supper will be around 5 P.M.  
 Where: Home of Joan and Glade Flake in Annapolis.  
 If weather is "IFFY" call Joan (301-858-5345) for  
 rain day decision.



What: Sailing and other water sports. Eating and other land sports.  
 Coordinator: Rosy Soler (649-2155). Guests are limited to 30 so call NOW!!!

Instructions: Bring your own burger, steak or weenie (and roll)  
 to grill. Plus dessert or salad to share. (Check with Rosemary)

Cost: For a small fee, beverages, utensils, etc. will be provided.

### DIRECTIONS:

From Highway #50 exit at PAROLE Exit (first exit for  
 Annapolis) take left turn on West Street and go to second stop  
 light where turn right on Solomon Islands Road. Go one long block to  
 first stop light and take a left on Forest Drive and proceed about  
 5 miles - (name of Drive will change to Bay Ridge Rd and, then, to  
 Farragut Avenue). Enter gates which have a sign "Bay Ridge" and  
 take first left on East Lake Drive. Bear to right and continue around  
 lake until reaching Number 40 - the Flakes! (Don't PARK ON STREET!)  
 40 East Lake Drive, Bay Ridge.

PVS MATINEE AT THE KENNEDY CENTER ON SATURDAY JULY 14 WAS CANCELLED  
 DUE TO FAILURE OF ENOUGH MEMBERS TO SIGN ON IN TIME FOR SPECIAL RATE.

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"CARRY ME BACK TO OLD VIRGINNY!" - SEPTEMBER 2 (RAIN DATE SEPT. 3)

Time: 1 P.M.

### ANNUAL LEESBURG BIKE/HIKE/SUPPER WITH THE COMERFORDS



Join fellow PVS bikers for a ride on the the tree-lined Washington and  
 Old Dominion trail from Leesburg to Purcellville. The 10.5 mile trail is  
 in a delightful pastoral setting with views of the Blue Ridge Mountains.  
 Rest and refreshment stop in Purcellville :

Bicycles can be rented from the Leesburg Cycle Shop located adjacent to  
 the trail.

Non-bikers may hike part of the trail or ramble around historic Leesburg.

Bikers, hikers, and walkers will return to the Comerfords for refreshments.  
 Costs to be shared by participants - \$8 - \$10 range.

Reservations: Call Dot Mills - 527-5036. Cut-off date August 26.

Directions to the Comerfords in Leesburg will be in next month's TOOT.

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COMING EVENTS

THE FIRST AUSTRALIAN WINE TASTING -Saturday, August 25th

This special event hosted by new members John and Dorie Waddick is limited to 20. The tasting will consist of three flights: 2 whites, 3 or 4 reds, and several dessert wines. All to be accompanied by appropriate hors d'oeuvres and followed by vintage and non-vintage Port wines.

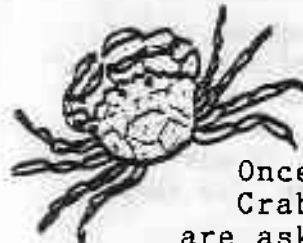


Don't miss this opportunity to sample some of Australia's finest!! Call the Waddicks at 703-751-3143. They live on 1605 N. Howard St. in Alexandria.

Directions in August TOOT.

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CRABFEST AT BARBARA WINGROVE'S



Sunday, Sept. 9th. 1:30P.M. for swim & games.  
4:00 for the feast.

Once again, don your bibs and prepare to pig-out (crab-out?) Crabs and beverages (and utensils) will be provided. Guests are asked to bring salad or dessert. Non-crabbers may bring their own burger, weenie, whatever, to grill. Costs will be announced in August TOOT.

Call Coordinator Ruth Schröder (770-3438) to reserve a place. Guests are limited in number. Place is 9211 Overlea Drive, Potomac, Md. Directions in August TOOT.

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MORE ON THE SEPTEMBER REHOBOTH BEACH WEEKEND



The roster for the Barry/Brown Beach weekend at Rehoboth September 21-23 is filling up quickly, so call Vivian (560-3127) to reserve your spot. Checks (\$65 per person) should be made out to Vivian Barry and mailed to 2535 Ogden Street, Falls Church, VA. 22043.

Once the limit of 18 is reached, a standby list will be created; full refunds upon cancellation if replaced by someone from this list.

The schedule of events is as follows:

Sept. 21 - 7 PM. Welcome to the Beach Cocktail Party at the Barrys' Beachhouse. Please bring your favorite hors d'oeuvre plus bathing suit for the hot tub.

Sept. 22. Breakfast at individual quarters.

Sept. 22 - 5 PM. Cookout at the Barrys'. (On beach, weather permitting.) Please indicate lobster or crabs for cookout.

Sept. 23 - 11 AM. Grand finale Brunch at the Browns'.

Directions to sleeping quarters will appear in September TOOT.

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# THE KNEE

by  
Ray McKinley



It's the end of our fiscal year (June 30) and the start of a new one and I thought I would take a moment and recount the year's highlights.

On the positive side, we had a wonderful article about us covering half a page in the Washington Post. As a result we have lots of potential new blood. We've also had some great meetings and a veritable plethora of great events. And we even did a bit of skiing....

On the other hand, we did little to solve the drug problem (which will get Barryed ankleaway), we removed no conventional forces from Europe (indeed, with the help of Karen and Knox Felker, we invaded Europe!). Further, we didn't even attempt to secede from the USSR - and everyone did that!!

Overall, the Knee assesses it as just another boring PVS year.

I received a nice letter from Janet and Chris Waln. It was a "g".

Seriously (at least a bit), both Janet and Chris are jogging and biking regularly and have lost weight (I found it). Good news is that a job transfer could bring them back to DC by September.

I also received a handwritten note from Bill Stecher addressed to Ray "the True." It was only later that I realized it was to "the Knee". They don't teach penmanship in Med School.

Notwithstanding, we're all invited to Kaiserslauten, Germany, on August 4th to help celebrate Bill's 60th birthday. Call "the True" for more information.

If you're headed in the other direction this summer and get to Santa Fe, NM, be sure to visit the 17th Century Palace of Governors where they have a wonderful exhibit of turn-of-the-century photographs by Paddy Frucht's father, Nathaniel.

Jim Wingrove just finished his 20th year on the ski patrol at my favorite ski area - Ski Liberty. The Knee understands that after 20 years, Jim is well into his second thousand vertical feet!

Bob and Vivian Barry are selling their lovely Falls Church house. After Bob retires at the end of the year, they will move to Rehoboth Beach and devote full time to their B & B there. I personally prefer my Benedictine straight.

Here's a bit more news to add to last month's words on PVS progeeknee: Don and Pat Cope's daughter, Karen, plans to marry next March.

I will not comment on Patricia Wyckoff and Jack Peoples - especially after their tete-a-tete at Wolf Trap.

Mary Jane McCarthy's daughter recently graduated from Georgetown Medical School. Mary Jane held a post-graduation party in a tent in her back yard. Mary Jane is always intents. Besides, if it was indoors, inevitably someone would ask "Is there a doctor in the house?"

Several months ago I noted that the Marquardts did not send postcards. I just received one from Fumiko who is visiting in Japan. She observed that everything was abloom there but that June skiing in Tokyo was terrible.

I have a new favorite opera. It's Wagner's Ring of the Kneebelingen.

Let me update you on a couple of items. The May PVS meeting, planned for the Hensleys, was our first meeting cancelled for other than snow. Jean's father had a massive heart attack. He survived and is now doing quite well with the uninjured 30% of his heart. We send our very best wishes to Jean.

Ex PVSer Peggy Lacey recently got married.

Enroute to the Copes' last International dinner, both Hank and Aina Thomas and Glade and Joan Flake were delayed 40 minutes when the Woodrow Wilson Bridge was opened. They were ready for a cool drink when they arrived.

More ubiquitous PVSers: Returning recently from Europe recently, Doris and Othmar Mair ran into Bing Poon in London's Heathrow airport.

Did you notice that TOOT has a new look? Editor Lu Beale's typewriter went rapidly downhill two months ago. It lost completely the letters "a" and "s". (Luckily, it didn't lose a second "s".) All resuscitation efforts failed so a new font is now in place.

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PAST EVENTS

BRIDGE OF HIGHS by Jane K. Miller

Bay Bridge 1990 certificates for braving the elements to walk the 4.3 miles of the eastbound span on the Chesapeake Bay Bridge on Sunday, May 6, were awarded to more than 65,000 including Dorothy MacCauley, Shirley Rettig, Ruth Schröder, Jane K. Miller, Ray McKinley and John Newdorp.

Kudos to the MD Transport Authority for this highly organized event. The public was treated to comfortable busses to and from pickup points (ours was the Annapolis Mall) and numerous water stands and "johnies" were available along the route.

Everybody who was anybody was on that walk! Many families strolled the concrete bridge holding hands, pushing baby carriages or pulling little red wagons loaded with laughing or dozing little people.

Our group strolled along in a leisurely fashion as we philosophized, ogled people and gawked at the scenery. Ruth shared her delicious healthy bran muffins, Ray pulled out his famous trail mix with yogurt-covered raisins and shared his leaky thermos. John studied a barge pulling seagulls.

After the walk we cued up for a bus trip to Sandy Point State Park where, for a price, we had crab cakes and sand (\$4.00), clam chowder, ribs, etc. and live music entertainment until finally it was time to cue up again for the bus back to Annapolis Mall and our ride home.

We arrived back at our Cooper School rendezvous at 4:00 P.M. (having left there at 9:05 A.M.) after a well spent day - another wonderful "First" for PVS.

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SIXTEEN STITCHES OF HISTORY - AN ACCOUNT OF OUR MAY 27th THEATRE/ DINNER PARTY AT MONTGOMERY PLAYHOUSE AND THE HUGGINS' by Jan Marx



Thirty of us settled in to watch as an historical quilt was pieced together. "The Quilters" told the adventures and myths of women pioneers through the beautiful voices of the all-female cast. Their performance was enhanced by the clever handling of the props. It was a full house and an extremely well-done production.

The rains held off for the follow-up cookout at the Huggins'. Hamburgers and dogs were accompanied by Sara's beans plus nibbles, salads and desserts provided by the rest of us.

Responding to a special request, Sara displayed their collection of quilts made by their great-grandmothers, grandmother, and aunt. One was made from Sara's baby clothes. Of special note was a museum quality one made by her great-grandmother. I have NEVER seen one with so many tiny stitches in it's interesting, flowered piecework. Ask the Prez or Huey about quilting. I took them into the bedroom and told them more than they ever wanted to know....about the subject. It definitely was an educational and fun event.

Sara did a superb job and was a true sport for carrying through with the planned event even though Charlie couldn't provide his usual amount of expert assistance. A multitude of waving flags for the Huggins !!

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PAST EVENTS

HIKING IN THE RAIN by Frank Shelburne

The annual spring hike, 'scheduled for Saturday, May 26, was cancelled because of rain and rescheduled for Monday, Memorial Day. That was to have been the day the sun finally came out but it stayed behind the clouds and, as we gathered at the trailhead of Little Devil Stairs in Shenandoah National Park, the rains came.

The trail crosses and recrosses a stream that cascades down a steep and narrow canyon. On either side, sheer rock faces rise towards the sky. Rock slides come down from the top. The stairs are rock steps put in by long-ago trail builders. Today they were awash with cascading water.

Still, the 17 hikers managed to get safely to the top of the ravine. Lu Beale demonstrated her leadership talents by falling headlong into the first stream. Jamie Miller followed suit an hour later and Myron Marquardt crashed into icy Piney Branch near the end of the day.

Jan and Bob Marx, acting as sweeps, shepherded the last stragglers up the Stairs to rendezvous at Fourway. Here 7 of the group, citing the weather, elected to go down the fire road to the cars, settling for some five or so miles of hiking. The other 10 sloshed on to the Piney Branch Trail and the full 10 mile circuit.

To keep warm in the drizzle Bette Walker, Irene Farrell, and Svava Vernhards set a fast pace along the wild and rushing Piney Branch. The stream was very full and there was a waterfall with what looked like a swimming hole at the bottom. Unfortunately, we had to rock-hop and wade across the Piney twice.

At Keyser Run Road we turned for the last mile trek back to the cars. There, in a lovely forest setting under the tall poplar trees, we had a gala happy hour. The rain had stopped and the hikers were beginning to dry out.

Now that I look back on it I think we've learned something from this hike. You enjoy hiking when the weather's fine. And you can enjoy it when it's raining, too. But it's harder.

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FIGHTING HEADWINDS TO TILGHMAN by Shirley Rettig

About 20 PVSers gathered at noon on Saturday June 2 for the second annual bike tour from St Michaels to Tilghman. Luck was with us in the form of a beautiful sunny day with no threat of rain. However, brisk headwinds which increased as we approached Tilghman made the outward leg of the trip a real workout. Everyone was glad to take a break for refreshments at a restaurant overlooking what must be one of the world's busiest drawbridges.

Gorman Young was intrigued by the thought of soft-shelled clams and ordered a "bucket" which turned out to be sufficient for everyone who wanted to taste a clam or two. They looked rather disgusting to this observer but those who tried one pronounced them good. Meanwhile, Sheldon Drews amused himself by prodding crabs in the nearby holding pens. Some of them were very lively.

The way back was made easier by a good tailwind. Nonetheless, several very occasional bikers covered the last couple of miles in Joe Lewis's van.

When everyone had made it back to St. Michaels, we adjourned to nearby Longfellow's Restaurant for dinner. Our early dinner hour of 5:30 enabled us to get seats in the nicest section of the restaurant on a porch overlooking the harbor.

After a good dinner and a round of applause for Irene Farrell and Huey Roberts who organized this fine event, we all climbed into our cars for the long trip back over the bridge and home to Washington.

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AN EVENING AT WOLF TRAP by Jean Heitchue

On June 6th about 30 PVSers and guests spent a beautiful clear evening at Wolf Trap. At 6:30 P.M. we gathered in the "Special Events Picnic Area" to dine on a five star picnic prepared, transported and set up by Barbara Leonhardt and husband Fred.

First we helped ourselves to hors d'oeuvres while sipping cool drinks and socializing. Then on to an elaborate buffet of chicken, cold cuts and cheese, sandwich makings and salads - all highlighted by Barbara's delicious potato salad. We finished this grand feast with fresh fruit and homemade chocolate chip and peanut butter cookies.

After clean-up, we headed for the "Triple Brass Spectacular" concert featuring the Canadian Brass and their guest New York Brass musicians, and conductor Eiji Oue. The versatile program ranged from Beethoven and Bach to Sousa and Glenn Miller. The Canadian Brass' talent for blending musicianship with comedy delighted the audience which gave a standing ovation before the concert ended with a lively Dixieland encore.

Thank you Barbara and Fred for all your efforts to make this a memorable evening.

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Because of lack of space, an account of the June monthly meeting at June Read's home will not appear until the August issue.

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!! SKI TRIPS !!

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MONT SUTTON January 13 - 20, 1991.

This trip is already 30 percent full. The new timetable for the first \$200 payment is AS SOON AS POSSIBLE and definitely no later than August 1st.

First come, first served! Call leader Jack Peoples (301-840-2213) and send your application with check to Jack at 8907 Edgewood Dr. Gaithersburg, Md. 20877.

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SKI THE WEST - Crested Butte (February 18-25 ).  
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You can sign on for either week or for both.

Because of fluctuating prices, a definite price has not yet been named for this great Colorado trip. Watch for flier with full details in August TOOT.

In the meantime, call trip leader Jack Peoples for information. (301-840-2213).

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CALENDAR

- July 21 ... Steak & Swim at the Elrods'. See Page 1.
- July 29 ... ExCom at Dick Comerford's Leesburg home. 4 P.M.  
Please note that this is on a Sunday, not Tuesday.
- Aug. 11 ... Boating/Picnicking at the Flakes'. See page 2.
- Aug. 25 ... Summer wine tasting at the Waddicks. See page 3.
- Aug. 28 ... ExCom at the Wyckoffs.
- Sept. 2 ... Bike/Hike/Supper with the Comerfords. See page 2.
- Sept. 9 ... Crabfest at Barbara Wingrove's. See page 3.
- Sept. 16 ... BRSC Fall Meeting in Baltimore.
- Sept. 18 ... Monthly meeting.
- Sept. 21 ... Weekend at Rehoboth Beach. See page 3.
- Sept. 25 ... ExCom at Dina Taylor's.
- Oct. ? ... Boating with Dean Worcester.

Nov. 3 ... 25th Anniversary Dinner!!!

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IN MEMORIAM

On June 14th, Emile S. Sherrard of Bethesda, Maryland, died after a long and valiant battle with cancer. We will always remember Emile as a gallant man who, undaunted by his illness, enjoyed continued participation in ski trips and other PVS events. We send our sympathy to Emile's son, Gregory, and to his two sisters. The family suggests that memorial contributions may be made to the Hospice of Washington, 3720 Upton St. NW, Washington, DC 20016.

Bob and Janet Marx  
 8312 Oakford Drive  
 Springfield, Va. 22152

