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## President's Message

PVS delegates Bill Anderson, Nancy Laymon and Serge Triaou, who attended the Blue Ridge Ski Council fall meeting on September 19th in Annapolis, report that the 6th (Wow!) annual National Ski Expo & Winter Sports Festival will be held at Ballston Common on November 5, 6, and 7. See page 3 for more information.

For those of you who have not paid your club dues, be advised that this is your last issue of TOOT. Ouch!

*Mary Jane*

Mary Jane McCarthy, President

## MONTHLY MEETING

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1993  
8:00 P.M.

WHERE: Home of Ned and Jaclyn Flaherty  
15305 Narcissus Way, Rockville, Md.  
Telephone: 301-929-9664

WHAT: Join first time PVS hosts, the Flahertys, and celebrate the Fall season with a sharing of ski plans for the Winter season!



DIRECTIONS: From southern and eastern Montgomery County take Connecticut Ave. or Georgia Ave. north to intersection of Georgia & Connecticut in the Aspen Hill area. From there proceed on Georgia Ave. north 1.8 miles to the fourth traffic signal at Norbeck Road (Rte 28). Turn left and go .8 mile to Carrolton Rd and turn right. Go 3 blocks north to left onto Jasmine. Take the first right onto Narcissus Way. (Where else would a clinical psychologist live??? Guess the Knee got scooped on that one!) The Flahertys' house -15305 - is the first on the right. If coming via Beltway, Take Exit for 270 north. Exit at Montrose Rd. Exit 4A East On the ramp, bear left and turn left onto Tower Oaks Blvd. Proceed 0.6 miles to the traffic signal and turn right onto Wooten Parkway. Proceed 1.2 miles to the intersection of Rockville Pike (Rte 355). Cross 355 and then cross Viers Mill Road (Rte 586) onto Norbeck Rd (Rte 28). Proceed 3.3 miles, passing five traffic signals, to left onto Carrolton Road. Go 3 blocks north to left on Jasmine. Take first right onto Narcissus Way and 15305 on the right.

## COMING EVENTS

BLOB'S PARK - October 9, 1993

Reservations unlimited but please call Myron Marquardt, (301)460-3269, so enough tables can be secured for our group. See September TOOT for details.

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DINING OUT GROUP - Oct. 12, 1993



Join us for dinner on Tuesday, October 12, 1993. Meeting and greeting at 6:30, Dinner at 7:00 P.M. This month dinner is planned at NIZAM'S 523 WEST Maple Ave. (Rt. 123) Vienna, VA. NIZAM'S is a very interesting, moderately priced Turkish restaurant.

Directions: From the Capitol Beltway (Rt. 495) in Virginia, (near Tysons Corners) take exit 11B, Chain Bridge Road (Rt. 123) South for approx. 4 miles. Chain Bridge Road becomes West Maple Ave. NIZAM'S is on the right side in the Village Green shopping center.

From Virginia Rt. 66, take exit 16 (Rt.123) North onto Chain Bridge Road. approx. 2 miles. Restaurant is on the left.

So that we may know how many to expect, please call Pat Tengel or John Smith at (301) 299-8376 by Monday Oct. 11.

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WASHINGTON & OLD DOMINION BIKE TRIP - Tuesday October 12, 10 A.M.

Mid-week bikers will meet promptly at 10 A.M. for a 17 mile ride from Vienna to Reston and return.



Directions: Take the beltway to route 66 and go west to route 123. Take route 123 to Vienna and turn left on Park Street to the parking lot at the Community Center on right. (You can recognize Park Street as Southern States Garden Center is on the left corner.) For further information and to let us know you're coming, call Shirley Rettig (703- 836-0147).

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FALL HIKE AND DINNER AT THE MILLERS' -- Saturday, Oct. 23

RAIN OR SHINE!! We will meet at the Cooper School just inside the Beltway at Exit 13, Rte. 193 (Georgetown Pike) at 9:30 A.M.!!. The school is on the south side of Rte. 193 on Balls Hill Rd. We will arrange car pooling here, so if you are not planning to meet us here, please notify Bob Harmon (703) 820-6561.


There have been requests for a shorter hike and Lu Beale has kindly agreed to lead one, which will entail hiking part way along the main trail and returning. At this time there is a waiting list for the dinner, but the hike is open to all.

BRING: Lunch & beverage, an extra layer of clothing, and maybe rain gear.

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## COMING EVENTS



### WEEKEND AT THE BEACH OCTOBER 15 - 17, 1993

There's still room. Call the Barrys now to reserve a place (302) 227-7000. Cost of \$80 a person will include room, Friday night cocktails (please bring a favorite hors d'oeuvre), Saturday breakfast, Saturday lobster dinner, brunch on Sunday. Event is limited. (No children, please! ) Send check to the Barrys: 442 Spring Lake, Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971-1725.

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### CATOCTIN MOUNTAIN MID-WEEK HIKE - TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26. 9:30 A.M.

Jackie Wilson and Mary Riley will lead a four and one half mile hike in Catoctin Mountain Park to enjoy the fall foliage. Upon completion of the hike, we will have lunch at the Mt Gate Restaurant in Thurmont. Interested mid-week hikers should call Charles Huggins (301) 424-5725, for 8:30 A.M. car pooling from the Fair Lanes Bowling Alley on Shady Grove Rd to Catoctin Mtn. Those going straight to trailhead meet at Catoctin Park Visitors Center at 9:30 A.M. Take I-270 north to US 15 near Frederick and proceed north to Rte 77 near Thurmont. At exit turn right and go west about 3 miles to Visitor Center on right.

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### DINNER AT THE ARTS CLUB

The third annual Autumn Dinner will be held on Friday November 5, 1993. This increasingly popular event will begin promptly at 7 p.m. with a cocktail reception, followed by a full course dinner and after dinner cordials and coffee. So please come and join your PVS friends for this optional black tie gala evening in the historic home of the very late President James Monroe. (Absolutely no beach, crab feast or ski attire allowed) The cost is \$47.00 per person.



Please mail your checks payable to Bill Anderson on or before November 1, 1993 to 4711 De Russey Parkway, Chevy Chase, Md. 20815.

The Arts Club of Washington is located at 2017 Eye Street, N.W. between 20 and 21st Streets at Pennsylvania Avenue.

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ANNUAL SKI EXPO & WINTER SPORTS FESTIVAL at Ballston Common in Arlington, Va. November 5, 6 and 7, 1993. Sixth annual "Super" sale, Exhibitions, "Mega" swap, Fashion Bonanza, Warren Miller Movie and much much more. Sponsored by the BRSC. Admission free. Friday 4 - 9:30 P.M., Sat. 10- A.M.-9:30 P.M., Sunday 12-6 P.M. For more info or to volunteer your services call Zedeck Associates (703) 719-0442.

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CHILI HIKE - November 13, 1993. This event is limited in number for those who sign up for both hike & chili. No limit for those who only hike. Call the McSexes to sign up, be wait-listed or cancel (703) 527-7126.

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WOLF TRAP REVISITED by Lu Beale

On September 2, it was another hot night at Wolf Trap - 93° (comfort index 103°) as 25 PVSers gathered for the second time this summer to picnic and enjoy another musical performance. As usual, Barbara and Fred Leonhardt, who orchestrated the whole event, arrived early to reserve 5 tables and set out a vast array of wine & beer coolers, fabulous hors d'oeuvres chez Leonhardt, and desserts to complement the BYO entrees. They also managed to conjure up a small breeze which greatly improved the comfort index.

At 8, we proceeded to our orchestra seats for a sensational performance of Andrew Lloyd Webber's Jesus Christ Superstar which many of us had seen almost a generation ago. Now, much older than thirtysomething, some of us found it difficult at first to relate. Comments gathered at the intermission -John Smith: "Volume too high. Needs mellowing." Nancy Laymon: "Not at all sacrilegious, as I had feared." Jessma Blockwick "Voices wonderful although I can't understand a word they are singing." Jean Heitchue: "It all brings back wonderful memories." Reg: "Marvelous." Bill Anderson "The dancing looks just like Pajama Party night at La Paimpolaise." Alice Swalm: "Over amplification distorts the sound."

No matter, we ALL enjoyed and ALL agreed the cast was outstanding and the performance electrifying. Many thanks again to the Leonhardts for planning and executing these unique and welcome additions to the club program.

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PVS DOES CRABS by Mary & Jim Ward & Slack



Crabs love water. PVS&Eers love water. Particularly the snowy kind of water. Also the wet kind of water found in a swimming pool. And even the steamy kind of water hanging in the air on the recent September the 4<sup>th</sup> when PVS&Eers congregated in, on, and around Betty Lawrence's pool and deck to snack and yack. There was much talk of sheep and snow by those just back from skiing the snowy waters of New Zealand. Our host, Betty Lawrence, wore the grass skirt she purchased in Hawaii on the return leg of that trip. Now that's pretty steamy.

Now you understand that crabs prefer cold water. They hate steamy water because steamy water means that, well, you know, their goose is cooked; much to the delectation of most of the assembled PVS&Eers. (There were some who preferred their goose in the form of hot dogs and hamburgers. Something about not bruising fingers with crab mallets or cutting them open on crab claws.)

The crabs arrived late. They were shy. In the meantime, our illustrious President jumped in the pool and turned kinky. That's pretty steamy, too. She's not shy.

A fun time was had by all. Many thanks to Betty for such a superb picnic; especially considering she had just gotten off the plane from the New Zealand trip.

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SUPPER WITH THE COMERFORDS (or the Bike Hike That Wasn't) by Irene Farrell

Due to the uncertain weather on September 25th, cancellations and re-ups were coming in faster than Betty could record them. Fifteen hardy souls (13 bikers and 2 hikers) arrived at the Comerfords to find Dick lounging in a hammock with his favorite beverage. By the time he was dislodged, the rains came and Dick announced it was time for the après bike party to begin. And it did. (Continued on next page.)



SUPPER WITH THE COMERFORDS by Irene Farrell (Continued from previous page.)

There was a lot of lively discussion about skiing, but only a very mellow debate on the current state of the nation. Could it be that the amount of time PVSers are spending on the slopes in Colorado is moderating our political views? Despite having to go to work that morning at the crack of dawn, Betty managed a hearty feast of beef stew, pork and chicken barbecue, cole slaw, potato salad, etc. and mouth-watering desserts. Thanks, Betty and Dick, for a great day. Didn't miss the biking at all. Do you think we need to include it next year?

SEPTEMBER MEETING AT THE HARPERS' BY Jessma Blockwick

A severe thunderstorm watch was just ending as PVSers headed for the home of Marijane and Don Harper for the September 21 meeting. The winding country road was wet and eerie wisps of steam were rising from the pavement but a large number of members were undeterred. At the end of the road they found delicious food and drink and excitement bubbling over the coming ski season. Beautiful strawberries, fire-hot salsa, and tiny quiches highlighted the menu.

In the absence of President McCarthy and Program Chair McKinley, VP Serge Triau displayed his flexibility by standing in for both.

Membership Chair Marilyn Clark reported 131 members - 71 female, 60 male - had paid their dues, and those in that group who were present received one of the new PVS pins. Laggards were threatened with loss of the November TOOT unless they paid up by the end of October. (Marilyn also provided a fascinating tidbit: more PVS men are named Bob than any other name.)

~~In honor of Columbus Day, Bob Marx offered PVS cookbooks for \$5 and headbands for \$8.~~

The evening ended on a celebratory note. Byong Shuler had come back from 5 strokes down in a golf tournament at Ft Belvoir to win the second flight. And further, it was her birthday. Both events were noted in the decorations on the delicious chocolate cake which PVSers devoured after a rousing rendition of "Happy Birthday".

All thanked the Harpers for a very fine and special evening.

*All  
trips  
are go!!  
(there may  
still be room  
for you on  
some. Call leader)*

**!! SKI TRIPS !!**

1. STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, CO. 12/4/93 - 12/11/93  
Leader: Dick Comerford (703) 777-9374.
2. WINTER PARK, CO. 1/13/94 - 1/23/94  
Leader: Dina Taylor 1-301- 663-6089
3. BANFF, Canada - 2/ 5/ 94 - 2/12/94  
Leader: Jack Peoples (301) 881-6220
4. SUN VALLEY, ID. 3/1/94 - 3/10/94  
Leader: Nancy Laymon (703) 379-7323



# New Zealand — Seen and Skied

by Bette Walker



This is about what may be the first PVS See and Ski Trip. The 32-hour flight for Betty Lawrence, Ray McKinley, Nancy Sexton, Jeanne Strickland, Dina Taylor and Bette Walker was broken by stops in Atlanta; LA; Tahiti (where we were serenaded with South Sea Island music at 2 am and served champagne before breakfast on leaving); Auckland; and ending in Christchurch on the South Island.



New Zealand is a splendid country, wild and wonderful, deserving Michener's premise that it is the most beautiful in the world. It is a land of Kiwis: the bird, the fruit and the native, the latter friendly, charming, cheerful, humorous, and helpful. A land where sheep (outnumbering the natives by 55 million) wear woolen coats, horses wear woolen blankets, and deer and cattle roam in the buff.

Our leader, who met us at the plane and stayed with us for the entire trip, was Earl Holliday, an instructor at Wintergreen! Our ski adventure began with a 2 1/2-hour bus ride over precipitous mountain roads to Mt. Hutt, a ski field (so-called because skiing is above the tree line) so isolated that a doctor is on duty daily, and those who cannot be treated are heli-lifted. Although the runs were somewhat limited, the snow was fine, and the trip down as breathtaking as the trip up.

Next stop Queenstown, a resort city on Lake Wakatipu in the Southern Alps. There we had access to three ski fields. A road-closing blizzard kept us from Cardrona, the most distant and largest field, but Coronet Peak's undulating pistes were suitable for all levels and we took in unparalleled views of valleys, blue lake, and snow-capped peaks.



The remarkable thing about The Remarkables ski field is getting there. An unpaved road snakes up near-vertical mountains, providing unprecedented views--and white knuckles. The area is compact, impeccably groomed, sun-drenched and downright fun to ski - with no lift lines! This was our skiing highlight as we opted not to heliski, and weather prevented the ski-plane trip to the 12-mile runs on the world-famous Tasman Glacier.

Non-skiing activities were as exciting as the skiing. The exquisite scenery made all excursions a pleasure. Akaroa and Milford Sound and the boat rides at each were especially magnificent. Ray noted, "This doesn't remind me of anything I've ever seen before! It's unique and awesome."

The Shotover River jet boat ride through a narrow, craggy chasm at the speed of sound left us speechless. We were entertained by a sheep herding and shearing demo; visited a kiwi farm; were introduced to deer farming; watched bungy jumping, dined sumptuously in the manor house of a sheep ranch; and shopped till we dropped. Woolens and leathers were at prices too cheap to miss.

Dina's missed August 14 birthday (because of crossing the date line), was celebrated later with champagne and a few of our 80 fellow travelers.

From Auckland we bused past beautifully green, rolling hills to the Waitomo Glow Worm Caves and on to Rotorua, land of geysers, bubbling mud flats and Maoris. An evening Maori hangi (feast) ended with an excellent Maori concert.

A stopover in Honolulu for rest and warmth was much appreciated. A 60-cent bus ride around the lush island was capped off by lunch at Turtle Bay Resort. Our trip ended in confusion and missed flights, but all arrived home in time for the Crab Feast, which was propitious, as our hostess was among us.

It is safe to say that we were all exceedingly glad to have made the trip, would encourage everyone to, by all means, go to New Zealand, but if your goal is purely skiing, go west.





# THE KNEE

by

Ray McKinley

The Knee was in Knee Zealand so last month's column was written well in advance. (Advance is a village on Knee Zealand's South Island--and, yes, it was fairly well written.)

Anykneeway, we have a bit of catching up to do. At a recent event, Bob McNeill started a conversation with Pres. Mary Jane McCarthy thusly, "We've got enough signatures for your recall..." Bob has such an ingratiating manner.

After spending the better part of a year in Spain, Jim Arnold has now moved permanently--to New Hampshire.

Almost half of you haven't paid your PVS dues yet. (See the July TOOT). Please do it now; the Knee kneeds every reader.

Let's catch up (no mustard) on some PVSers' recent travels. Olga Gilloegly visited the opera in St. Petersburg (knee Leningrad), and Moscow. While there, we hear, she read "Ruble Without a Cause."

Joe and Nancy Lewis visited Colorado Springs and loved it; they sold a house, bought a house, Nancy retired, and now they've moved. Right on--or is that, right out?

Received a card from Myron and Fumiko Marquardt with lots of Greek letters; they said they visited Thessolo knee a. Also one from Aina Thomas from Alaska. It was a picture of my mountain, Mt. McKinley in Dkneenali (ouch!) Park. However, the postmark read Rockville. Hmm.

Marianne Cook's postcard was from Tiffaknee Stained Glass studios in New York. She was sad she missed New Zealand and her mountain, Mt. Cook, New Zealand's highest.

A few tidbits about New Zealand. (There will be more when my notes are unpacked!) As we left the US, Dick Comerford called to wish bon voyage to Ray, Nancy and the Honeymoonettes. The name stuck.

New Zealand was discovered by the Maoris, who paddled there from, ahem, Polykneesia. They named it Ao Tearoa which means long white cloud. It was so named since the Maoris first saw the snow capped Southern Alps Mountain Range. The South Pacific Islanders had no concept whatsoever of snow--hence the name.

Purely personal observation: New Zealand is the most beautiful place I've ever been and the ski trip was the best I've ever taken. I skied two days (of 21). You can ski anywhere! The rest of Ao Tearoa is incomparable and singularly ukneeque. Ya shoulda been there.

Here's great news!? A recent GAO report says US ski areas underpay the government for the use of Forest Service land. And the result, inevitably, will be higher lift prices.

It was Bill Brown who huffed, "In PVS, fitness is being able to hoist a 3 liter wine bottle." Beery interesting.

Some regulars were missing from the September meeting (including the Knee who was in Califorknee). However, all of the Harpers' goodies were consumed with gusto.

Pres. Mary Jane spent the week at Hilton Head Island where she visited Aase Berling, the PVS HHI contingent. Shopper Mary Jane, ahem, "toured" the recently opened Bogner factory outlet store.

Aase enjoys her many visitors. She's almost a charter member of the Hilton Head Island Ski Club. The club is quite active, but HHISC, its acronym, doesn't have the lilt of PVS.

Jan Marx, Lu Beale, and Carol Parmenter were in Knee Hampshire hiking at Lu's retreat of thirty years, Squam Lake. (Obviously named by someone with scant knowledge of ballet.)

Finalknee, last year a Name the Bridge contest gave Vail a bridge named Bob. In a blatant attempt at one-upmanship, Steamboat Springs now has a bridge named James Brown.

NEW CLUB OFFICES

At the September 28 ExCom meeting, the Board made official the addition of 2 new offices to the PVS Board:

1. An Ombudsman whose function will be to address members' legitimate complaints and investigate ways of better meeting member needs.

Bill Anderson, who served the club so admirably as Vice President and President, has accepted this post.

2. A Coordinator of Midweek Activities including hiking, biking, and local ski trips.

Charles Huggins, who for the past several months has done an outstanding job at this task, has accepted the official designation.

**93-94 KSC SKI TRIP  
CALENDAR**

FRIENDS ABROAD

Bill Stecher, one of PVS's founders, and his wife, Elke, now live in Kaiserslautern, Germany where Elke is president of the Kaiserslautern Ski Club (KSC). PVS ExCom recently voted to accept a proposal by the Stechers to make PVS and KSC sister clubs. PVS can attend KSC meetings and go on their ski trips, as they can ours.

On the right, you will find a list of upcoming KSC trips. Prices are in German marks (about 1.6 to the US dollar). All trips leave from Kaiserslautern about 50 miles south of Frankfurt. For more info, contact LTC Wm.A. Stecher, M.D. 2nd Gen Hosp. CMR-402 Box 778. APO, AE, 09180

<u>DATES</u>	<u>DESTINATION</u>	<u>TRANSPORT/ OVERNIGHTS</u>	<u>TRIP PRICE</u>
NOV 24-28	ZERMATT, SWIZ	BUS/4 NIGHTS	500 DM
NOV 24-28	ZERMATT, SWIZ	BUS/3 NIGHTS	390 DM
DEC 17-21	VAL d'ISERE, FR	BUS/3 NIGHTS	720 DM
DEC 19-25	ST VEIT, AUS	U-DRIVE/ 6 NIGHTS	560 DM 600 DM W/BATH
DEC 26- JAN 1	ST VEIT, AUS		
JAN 14-17	CRANS MONTAN, SWIZ	BUS/3 NIGHTS	395 DM
JAN 29- FEB 5	SKI SAFARI, AUS	BUS/7 NIGHTS	620 DM
FEB 18-21	PORTES DU SOLEIL, SWIZ	BUS/3 NIGHTS	370 DM
MAR 4-6	GRINDELWALD, SWIZ	BUS/2 NIGHTS	190 DM
MAR 18-20	ARLBERG, AUS	BUS/2 NIGHTS	265 DM
APR 1-3	VERBIER, SWIZ	BUS/2 NIGHTS	265 DM
APR 22-24	GLACIER RUN, AUS	BUS/2 NIGHTS	290 DM
MAY 27-30	ZERMATT, SWIZ	BUS/3 NIGHTS	370 DM

Country codes: SWIZ-Switzerland; AUS-Austria; FR-France. All trips are subject to change. Please check on changes at your KSC Ski Club meetings. All prices are based on double occupancy.



PVS OFFICERS

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# PVS PICTURE ALBUM



BURR at Stowe  
1993

Barb, Lu, Dot, Bette  
at Sutton 1990



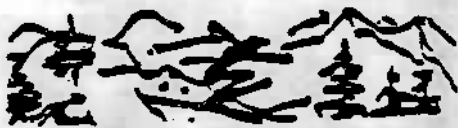
Photo by J. Marx

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- Nov. 16 ... Monthly Meeting at the Marquardts'.
- Nov. 23 ... ExCom at Bill Anderson's home.
- Dec. 21 ... Glühwein Party at the Heitchues'.
- Jan. 20 - 23 - Ski-O-Ree at Canaan Valley.
- Feb. 15 ... Monthly Meeting at Joy McKnight's home.



New Office Telephone for Ray McKinley: (703)267-4267  
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