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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

It is now September and I want to invite everyone to the start of the '95/'96 PVS Ski Season. We kick off this new season with the first general monthly meeting, after the two month summer break, at Nancy and Ron Ewing's house on September 19, 1995. So come and talk up your ski trip and ski activity plans with other PVS'ers. I hope everyone has signed up for the trip(s) they wanted as most are pretty well filled up. There is still plenty of room on Dina Taylor's trip to St. Anton and St. Moritz; a week at each of those two beautiful European ski resorts should provide a fantastic ski outing and European vacation. We have opened Dina's trip to other BRSC ski clubs, so any PVS'ers interested in this trip should sign up now.

I want to remind all members that the two year membership dues must be paid by September 30, 1995, if you have any questions pertaining to this item, please call the membership chairperson Marilyn Clark.

Here's to a great Ski Season for all.

*Serge*  
Serge Triau, President



**FIRST MEETING OF THE FALL!** September 19, 1995, 8 p.m. At the home of Ron and Nancy Ewing, 11535 Clara Barton Drive, Fairfax Station, VA, 22039. Telephone: (703-250-1619) Directions:

**FROM MARYLAND:** Take I-495 beltway to BRADDOCK RD Exit 5 (West) to Rt 123 (Ox Road). Turn Left (South) on Rt 123 and go approximately 5 miles to Clara Barton Drive. Turn Right on Clara Barton Drive and go 1.3 miles to EWINGS.

**FROM VIRGINIA:** There are any number of ways to get to Rt 123. For those not as familiar you may wish to take Braddock Rd West from I-495.

CRAB FEAST - September 2, 1995.

At Betty Lawrence's, 525 Haven Lane, Great Falls, Va.  
Swimming and other activities after 2:30, dinner at 5.  
Reservations and cancellations should be in.

Cost for crabs will be around \$15, and no-shows will be  
responsible for the cost of their dinners. Check August TOOT  
for directions.

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DINING OUT GROUP - Sept. 12, 1995

Join us for dinner on Tuesday, Sept. 12, 1995. This month, we will  
meet at THE TEMPO RESTAURANT 4231 DUKE St., Alexandria, Va. St.,  
(NOTE: This is the part of Duke St. far West of Old Town  
Alexandria). We will meet for dinner at 7:00 P.M.. THE TEMPO is  
a very interesting Continental restaurant.

Directions: From Maryland - take the Beltway (Rt. 495) across the  
American Legion Bridge to Virginia, go South on the George  
Washington Parkway to the center of Alexandria (You will be on  
Washington St.) Turn right on Duke St. and go 3.0 miles to the  
traffic light at Gordon St. The Tempo restaurant is on the right.

From Virginia -- From the Duke St. exit on Rt. 395 (Exit 3A), go  
East 1.7 miles on Duke St. The Tempo restaurant is on the left.

Parking is available in front of the restaurant.

So that we may know how many to expect, please call Pat Tengel or  
John Smith at (301) 299-8376 by Sunday, Sept. 10.

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GOLF! GOLF! GOLF!

Still room for more golfers on Friday, September 15 at Fort  
Meade, Maryland. Call Steve Grenleski (301-384-9013) to sign  
up or to find out more about time or directions. The cost is  
estimated to be \$30 for green fees and cart. The final amount  
will be established when we know how many are coming.

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!!!LAST CALL FOR DUES!!!

DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 30

If you haven't already renewed your PVS membership, send a check  
and renewal form (found in July TOOT) to Marilyn Clark now.  
Remember, dues are for two years.



WASHINGTON & OLD DOMINION BIKE TRIP - THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 21

Mid-week bikers will meet promptly at 10:30 A.M. for a 17-mile ride from Vienna to Reston and return.

Directions: Take the beltway to route 123 and go toward Vienna. 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 Marvin Hass (703- 751-4737).

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**FALL BEACH WEEKEND AT THE BARRYS',**  
SEPT. 29 to Oct. 1, 1995.

Still some spaces as of this writing for this fabulous weekend. Arrive anytime Friday afternoon. The evening features cocktails and copious snacks. Saturday brings Vivian's superb breakfast followed by an afternoon cruise with birdwatching while wining and cheesing, and a lobster dinner. The weekend ends with Sunday brunch. The cost is only \$100 per person, including the cruise.

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS SEPTEMBER 6. Send your check to Barrys' Gull Cottage B&B, 116 Chesapeake Street, Dewey Beach, DE 19971. For information and directions call Bob or Vivian at 302-227-7000.

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**Oktoberfest**



17th annual ingesting of German goodies and music at the Termineigh Farm of Mary Ward & Jim Slack. 3 p.m., rain or shine, Oct. 14.

Call coordinators Nancy Sexton and Ray McKinley to reserve your place (limited to 60) and to check on what to bring. 703-527-7126.

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**FALL FOLIAGE HIKE - October 21, 1995**

Annual trek up and across Massanutten Mountain. Dinner follows at the Millers' home in Strasburg. This event is limited to 30 people, so call hike organizer Bob Harmon (703-820-6561) to reserve your place.



TOOT urges PVSers to send in jokes, ski trivia, interesting statistics, whatever for column fillers. Herewith Myron Marquardt's pioneering contribution:

Let's to Sun Valley with Jack,  
Great memories we'll all bring back.

A trip with Nancy and Ray,  
Will surely brighten your day.

P A S T E V E N T S

**TUBING THE ANTIETAM on August 12, 1995.**

Into our tubes we all did get,  
And soon all our bottoms were wet.  
The sun was so bright  
The creek a delight.  
A day we will never forget.

Shirley R. should work for the weather bureau. Every year she knows when the weather will be perfect for our tubing trip. This year as always, the sun was shining, but enough clouds so it wasn't too hot. Thirteen of us put our tubes into the creek to float leisurely down stream. The water was pleasantly warm. No reported colds or pneumonia of anyones derriere.

We stopped half way to eat our lunches. Drinks and watermelon were available, which might have contributed to all the trips to the woods.

We got back into our tubes for the remaining half of our trip, but were delayed when a distress call from our leader Shirley was heard. She was sinking fast, but we were able to locate her due to all the bubbles from her tube and lungs. After a fast rescue and a reinflation of her tube, we continued down the creek, avoiding rocks just below the surface. Apparently everyone was successful, no loud screams were heard going over the rapids and rocks.

After exiting the creek, we returned to our cars for a short drive to Hilltop House for a great buffet dinner, after which we headed home and looking forward to next year's trip.

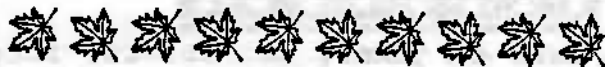
All our thanks to Shirley for arranging another perfect tubing trip.

Myron Marquardt

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**GRASS SKIING - August 8, 1995 By Betty Byrne**

Bryce is the only grass skiing mountain in the US. On Tuesday August 8th, three PVSers (Shirley Rettig, Myron Marquardt, and Betty Byrne) became certified grass skiers or perhaps just "certifiable". Technique involves forgetting all current skills and doing a wide, wide wedge. This method hurts and the falls (there were lots) hurt even more. A good time was had by the three other PVSers who cheered and hooted (Charles Huggins, Nancy Laymon, & Marvin Hass). Marvin did some mountain biking ( a wise man).



**IMPORTANT NOTICE RE OCTOBER TOOT**

Your past and fabulous editor, Lu Beale, will again be editing the TOOT in October. Please see that all materials, notices, articles, whatever (including directions to various events) are in her hands by or before September 26. Any questions, call Lu at 202-363-3521.

## Outing at the Flakes

August 19 arrived full of sunshine but minus the humidity and oppressive heat. 30 PVSers arrived at the Flakes' retreat in Annapolis. The day held everything we have come to expect - boating, both sailing and power boating, relaxing on the dock, munching tasty hors d'oeuvres, sipping libations, singing, dancing and enjoying each other's company.

Host Glade Flake looked especially dashing in his blue SNOWFLAKE tee shirt as did Sarah and Charlie Huggins in matching PVS shirts. ~~Funk~~ Marquardt, back from the West Coast, proudly displayed pictures of her new grandtwins. Bob O'Neill cut in on dancers Jack Peoples and Marty O'Neill and finished the number with Jack as his partner. Bob declared, "Jack dances a mean dance." This writer's favorite memory was following our illustrious president onto the sailboat. As he turned and extended his hand for what she thought was gallant assistance, soon realized he was reaching for his beer can. As he said, "One must have one's priorities." Right on, Serge!

As with most PVS events, the highlight was the delicious barbecue dinner with an assortment of salads, baked beans and fabulous desserts. Thanks to Joan and Glade for their hospitality and to Genee and Charles Boykin for coordinating another wonderful event.

Sue Walsh

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### WINTER PARK TRIP

December 5 through 12, 1995



Thirty-one PVSers have signed up for this trip. We still have room for a few more skiers. Please call George Hicho at 301-963-1836 or Ray McKinley at 703-527-7126 if you are interested.

Final payment for the trip by those signed up is due October 1, 1995.

### SUN VALLEY TRIP

January 27 to February 3, 1996

The trip to Sun Valley--America's favorite ski mountain--is now full. To get on the waiting list, call Jack Peoples at 301-881-6220.

For those who signed up for the land package, please call Myron Marquardt at 301-460-3269 and give him your flight information so we will know how many buses will be needed from airport to Sun Valley.

To utilize the same buses as the main group, flights should arrive at Boise before 1:24 p.m. To return from Boise, flights should leave after 12:51 p.m.



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## SKI TRIP

SKI THE ROMANTIC ALPS Still room on this two-week trip to St. Anton and St. Moritz, with a final evening in Zurich. Breakfast, dinners daily, and 11 apres ski parties are part of the package. Total cost of trip package is \$2,315. Land only is \$1,915.

If interested, please call Dina Taylor. H-301-663-6089. W - 301-427-3240.

### PVS OFFICERS, 1995

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Betty Lawrence





# THE KNEE

by

Ray McKinley

Colorado ski resorts in the summer. From all the locals you hear, "Skiing brought me here, summers keep me here." It's understandable. Nancy and the Knee are just back from preparing for our Steamboat Springs-Beaver Creek Ski Trip. Summer is different, forest green conifers, silvery quaking aspens, light, soft green grasses on the ski slopes. Above this are fluffy white slowly drifting cumulus clouds set in a sky so piercingly blue it almost hurts your eyes. And, of course, wildflowers pop up everywhere: yellow, mustard, white, cornflower blue, purple, pink—dazzling.

Summer is no longer off-season. At Beaver Creek, they expect summer bookings will soon equal winter's. No wonder. During our 8 days we could have seen Mischa Dichter or Sally Fields in Aspe, Al Stewart in a free concert at Steamboat Springs and Bob Hope or the Bolshoi (yes, the entire troop) at Vail.

And don't forget the weather. Beaver Creek's average high temperature on August 15 is 74. The average low is 38. Right on.

A minor downside. It took 42 minutes to get our luggage at the admittedly spectacular new Denver airport. And it's a \$30 cab ride to a hotel. However, they do have a kneet new vertical luggage carousel, solely for skis. Perhaps winter will be better.

Closer to home, Massanutten has a kneet new grooming machine which makes moguls. Unfortunately it makes them square. Don't worry, they'll round as they melt.

Jim Wingrove is recently back from a business trip to Prague. He is now turning his attention to more important matters—getting ready for his early December trip to Vail.

Irene Farrell is recovering nicely from her broken elbow. However, if she's a bit less droll of late, it's because she broke off her funny bone. It will grow back, Irene.

Recently Myron Marquardt and Joan Flake were sporting large black and blue marks. Joan's came from a fall on her boat,

Myron's whilee working on some honey-do tasks at home. However, both were telling people they occurred taking knitting lessons.

Be sure to ask TOOT editor Jessma Blockwick about her Asian musical instruments. She has some great stories.

Recently, the Knee was driving behind a Toyota truck. On the back, the letters Y and A were painted out, so it read TO OT.

Don and Marijane Harper spent part of summer cruising around St. Bart's, Saba, and St. Maarten. Don has a psychological hang-up about islands beginning with the letter S.

Here's some really bad news. The world's fastest growing sport is snowboarding, increasing at a rate of 25% to 35% per year. By the year 2000, the number of snowboards should surpass the number of skiers. YUCK.

Last year at this time the Knee reported that while on the Eastern Shore Liz Triau and Lu Beale snuck into a nearby church and rang the church bell. Well, this year was their second annual midnight bell ringer. When they returned, Serge was on the phone saying, "No, officer, we have no idea who could have rung the bell."

Later, Serge came up to a sunburned PVSer and said, "You look great, but how about a feathered headdress?"

From California, Janet and Chris Wain report they are having a great summer enjoying the golden state.

Dick and Marilyn Clark are passing out figurative cigars as they're now, via Cam and Melanie, first-time grandparents.

Karen Felker is just back from singing in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Knox went along as a non-singing spouse.

At a recent EXCOM meeting at Jessma Blockwick's, her sliding screen door was knocked off its tracks. Charles Boykin spent the entire meeting repairing it. He never even got to vote on anything.

Serge and Liz Triau and John Newdorp and Audrey Conner are recently back from Alaska. All report sighting my name-sake mountain. Denalknee, of course.

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