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**Dear Fellow PVS'ers;**

Please accept my wishes for a great and grand year in 2004. May you also have a wonderful year on the slopes or doing whatever of the many fun things PVS has to offer. And, by the way, thanks to the efforts of David Abraham, and his Program Planning Committee, PVS will be more active and fun-filled in '04 than ever before. See "Another Update from the Program Planning Committee" inside.

Speaking of activities, our new coordinator for Mid-week events is Jessma Blockwick.

I want to welcome Jessma to this position knowing that she will approach the task with the same energy and enthusiasm that she has brought to her many and varied assignments on behalf of PVS. Thanks Jessma. Also, a special thanks to Ruth Powers for having done a superb job managing the great many and varied activities that keep PVS'ers so busy Monday through Friday.

Other business items: PVS is going "softcopy", meaning that we plan in the not to distant future to distribute the Toot electronically to those who are able and wish to receive it in that form. The advantage to you is that you will receive it sooner than if you received it by snail mail. The advantage to PVS is the considerable reduction in postage and printing costs that will help to alleviate our strained budget. You will, of course, have the option to continue to receive Toot just as you do now. The choice will be yours. More on how all this will work later. A second item: A committee has been formed to nominate officers to replace those current PVS officers whose term will end this year. Jim Slack has graciously agreed to chair the nominating committee. See his note inside. A third item: A bylaws committee is being formed by Chairman, Mike Strand, to review the document and propose revisions if necessary. See his note inside.

Happy 2004!!!

*Reg*

**Monthly Meeting**

January 27 ---Note: This is the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday.

7:30 P.M.

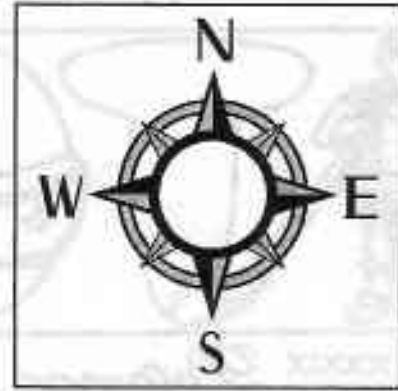
at

Mike Hatanaka's home  
in Bethesda, MD.

**Let's Ski**

# Directions

**Mike Hatanaka's**  
5503 Christy Drive  
Bethesda, MD 20816  
301 - 320 - 4340



## From VA and MD:

Take Beltway (I 495) to River Road exit (#39) toward Washington, DC. At the 5th traffic light from Beltway, turn right into Goldsboro Road (614). At the first traffic light turn left to Massachusetts Avenue. At the 2nd light on Mass Avenue turn left into Cromwell Drive. Turn left again into Christy Drive, only a few yards away. It is a narrow street and difficult to see the sign at night.

The 8th house on your right is 5503.

## From DC:

Take Mass. Avenue (North) to Westmoreland Circle (East-West Highway). At the 4th traffic light turn right into Cromwell Drive. Christy Drive is on your left.



## **ANOTHER UPDATE FROM THE PROGRAM PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Continuing to review and analyze our survey responses, the Committee deliberated – oh my, that sounds so formal – to determine which of the many activity suggestions have broad-based member support, and which are likely to be implementable. Our conclusions, tentative at this point, especially at a time when holidays and ski-trips make it difficult to reach folks for necessary interactions, indicate that, indeed, there are good prospects for an expansion in the club's non-skiing activities.

Specifically, our newly crowned theater coordinator, Margaret Wyckoff, is already at work to identify some promising theater parties, hopefully as soon as in the upcoming spring. Attendance of the renowned Eclipse Chamber Orchestra's season finale on May 9 with a post concert dinner at a Bethesda restaurant is in the planning stage. A possible trip-leader couple is exploring the possibility of a Yosemite and near-by venues trip in summer. So are garden and museum trips both near and not so near. More hikes, a golf outing, and a summer picnic are distinct possibilities. Even a next Christmas season trip to the Big City and Radio City Music Hall is on the agenda.

In short, as we plough our way through this most promising ski season, expect more specific announcements for exciting club activities. We're confident that there'll be some good "stuff" for everyone. Meanwhile, please be sure to let us know if you have any other suggestions, and most importantly, if you'd like to be a champion for your own or others' suggestions.

Happy schussing, and a healthy New Year to all!

*David*

## EXCOM NOMINATIONS

A PVS Nominating Committee has been formed to select a slate of Officers including President, Vice President, and three 2-year Excom members.

Suggestions are invited.

Please contact Jim Slack (chair) or Committee members Jessma Blockwick, Betty Byrne, Karen Felker, Myron Marquardt, or Serge Triaou.

The slate will be announced at the January meeting on 27 January 2004 and listed in the February, March, and April TOOTs with voting at the April meeting on 20 April 2004.

## By-Laws UPDATE

To attract younger applicant members, will PVS change its name to PVS&S (Potomac Valley Skiers and Snowboarders)? Will anyone notice if we just add another zero at the end of the dues amount? Not these, but other issues will be considered by the By-Laws Committee.

ExCom has mandated a look-see at the By-Laws with recommendations for changes. So YOU are invited to participate as member of the By-Laws Committee. Consistent with modern telecom times, complicated schedules, out-of-town events, and the desire (on my part) to minimize logistics, this will be a "virtual" committee. You've got to have a computer and internet e-mail service (or a whole lot of pre-stamped envelopes...I think buying a computer would be cheaper).

Our first virtual meeting takes place anytime between now and January 14<sup>th</sup>. To "attend" send me an e-mail between now and then. So long as you don't use much profanity I'll include you in the group and send you an agenda/work plan. We will operate under the K.I.S.S. approach: Keep It Simple Skiers. [HRDYNA@aol.com](mailto:HRDYNA@aol.com) (Mike Strand)

## **PVS BOARD - 2003-2004**

President - *Reg Heitchue*  
Vice President - *David Abraham*  
Secretary- *Dottie Villers*  
Treasurer- *Ray Jones*  
Membership- *Wilma Sharer*  
Program Cmte Chair -  
*David Abraham*  
Events - *Ray McKinley*  
Mid-week Events - *Jessma Blockwick*  
Ski Trip Cmte Chair - *Bob Marx*  
TOOT Editor - *Jan Marx*  
TOOT Proofreader- *Bob Marx*  
TOOT Mailer - *Marilyn Clark*

Meeting Records - *Sara Huggins*  
Historians - *Lu Beale & Jan Marx*

### EXCOM:

#### First Term:

*John Brunelli*  
*Dottie Villers*  
*Ray McKinley*

#### Second Term:

*Mike Strand*  
*Barbara Leonhardt*  
*John Smith*

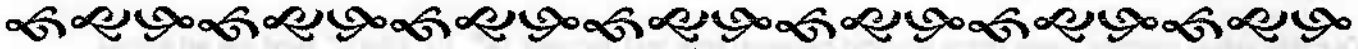
[www.potomacvalleyskiers.org](http://www.potomacvalleyskiers.org)



**Web Site:** Photos taken during a number of PVS events during the past few months have been posted on the PVS Web Site.

**PVS Member Information:** Although the website is password protected, a decision was made to remove all personal information such as email addresses. An updated version of the PVS email address list can be obtained by members by sending a request to [info@potomacvalleyskiers.org](mailto:info@potomacvalleyskiers.org)

	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ZOO WALK 'N LUNCH</b></p> <p><b>Thursday, February 26, 2004 10:30 AM</b></p> <p><b>Starting Point:</b> National Zoo, Education Building, which is the first building on entering from Connecticut Ave. NW. Further details in February TOOT. Leader: Betty Byrne (202) 483-4048</p>	
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*A Once in a Lifetime Chance—February 13-29, 2004; join Nancy and Ray McKinley to Ski and See*

# Spain and Morocco

## Pre-Trip Party and Dinner

5:00 pm Saturday, January 10, 2004

At the McKinleys, 2326 North Upton Street, Arlington, VA 22207-4045. Please call us if you need instructions to find our home (703) 527-7126. Also, please call us if you are on the trip and cannot attend.



# Past Events

## The Holiday Meeting at the Kline's

by J & B

The PVS tradition of bringing hors d'oeuvres or dessert to celebrate the holiday season with friends worked again - and everything was DELICIOUS. Jim and Charlotte gave their home a festive air with their elegant decorations, including Jim's Santa collection that occupied all the bookshelves in their family room.

There were 68 people in attendance, including 7 guests. Appearing were some of our seldom-seen members: Trudy and Mike Santoro, Bob Harmon, and from very far away and almost never seen, Bill Hagar.

Wilma introduced the guests by conducting a little interview with each; they told of their favorite place to ski. This often was where they learned, which often was a small ski area in the U.S. or another country. We hope we will see these folks on our "Applicant Member" list soon.

Thanks Jim and Charlotte, for allowing PVS to visit your Northern Virginia home this one last time.

## FRIDAY MORNING MUSIC CLUB

The Felker's and Marxes enjoyed Ramona's trio that played an Aaron Copland piece and two tangos by Astor Piazzolla. They were challenging arrangements. Two pianists were also featured.

Lunch at the Mayflower hotel was an adventure in food.

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### Add to your Roster:

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**MID-WEEK  
SKI**

**WISP DEMO DAY=JANUARY 15, also ski on the 14<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>.**

Call WISP now to reserve your room.....Ask for Ski Chalet Demo Day Rate.

Room per night (single or double, W, Th) \$59 plus-tax  
 Voucher for Thursday lift ticket \$2 (free over 70 years)  
 Apres Ski supplies per person \$5 (approximate)

**\*\*Let John Smith (301-299-8376) know if you are going so we can plan Apres Ski on Wednesday and Thursday nights.**

**\*\* Rooms paid individually.** For each room call Wisp Hotel (1-800-462-9477) to reserve a room and pay a deposit for one night with credit card or mail a check. With a roommate, individual cost drops to about \$30 per night. We will try to match you with a roommate if you need one.

**\*\*Lift tickets** are obtained individually at the area with your voucher.

**NOTE: YOU MUST OBTAIN YOUR OWN VOUCHER AHEAD OF TIME AT A SKI CHALET STORE.**

Friday tickets are \$36 and \$26 for half day from Noon to 5.

**\*\*Additional plans:** Some people may want to drive up and ski Wednesday and/or stay more night than Wednesday and Thursday. The individual needs to work with the hotel for any additional nights.

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the  
BIG  
STUFF**

*Trip leaders are always happy to hear from interested persons, and they maintain waiting lists. Call the trip leaders for information.*

SNOWMASS January 15-22, 2004

Call Wilma Sharer at 301 - 975 - 9411 = [wilma@sharerassociates.com](mailto:wilma@sharerassociates.com)

STEAMBOAT January 22-29, 2004

Call Dave Learner at 703 - 281- 6923 = [dslearner@ieee.org](mailto:dslearner@ieee.org) or Sally Finan at 703 - 716 - 9023.

SPAIN and MOROCCO February 13-29, 2004

Call Ray or Nancy McKinley at 703 - 527 - 7126 = [nmckinley@convera.com](mailto:nmckinley@convera.com)

CORTINA d'Ampezzo (Venice & Vienna options) February 28 - March 10

Call Glade Flake at 301 - 762 - 6890 = [joanflake@aol.com](mailto:joanflake@aol.com)

**SPAIN and MOROCCO --- February 13-29, 2004 Maybe 2 spaces left.**

Skiing at Sierra Nevada in Spain and Oukaimeden in Morocco. 16 days, 2 continents, 4 and 5 star luxury accommodations. Touring through Andalusia, Spain and Morocco. 6 nights in Granada, 2 nights in Marrakesh. Includes all breakfasts, 14 dinners, tours or skiing, airfare, après ski, pre- and post-trip parties, baggage handling, transfers, gratuities. Full trip, Land only, and 10-day Land only prices available.

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## THE KNEE

by

Ray McKinley

Once again, let me be the first, and perhaps only one to wish you a Happy Knee Year.

I can now report on late breaking, personal news. Once again the Knee has tossed the ol' Knee cap into the Presidential campaign. I tried it in 1996, and I lost. But the time, I believe, is now ripe. I intend to be a one-issue candidate.

I'm completely and totally against heat and humidity. This will have more appeal in late summer. But it's time to be ahead of the times. The solution to the problem, which all of the other politicians and major political parties have ignored, is quite simple: Eliminate July and August from the calendar. Scientists scoff—it would shorten the year. Herein is the beauty of the Knee's plan. I'll add two new winter skiing months—between March and April. After three earlier months of skiing, the tentative names for the months are Thor and Thorer. It's a truly brilliant idea—if I must say so myself. (And I must.)

The name for the Knee's party is equally brilliant. It will be called Party for the Veneration of Snow. Great abbreviation!

There were so many PVSers on the slopes over the holidays that it would be impossible to mention them all. However, a few did non-skiing events. Ilse Keel spent her holiday in the Caribbean enjoying the warmth. And Judy Macaluso spent the New Year in Jacksonville attending the Gator Bowl and watching the Maryland Terps whomp (that is a technical term) on West Virginia.

Applicant Maryanne Rozzell will soon be off to Peru. You've heard of the PVS' Macho Maidens? Well, Maryanne wants to be our first Machu Picho.

It's time for another *kneea culpa*. Betty Lawrence did sell her Landsdowne condo. "It just wasn't me" But she isn't selling her newly acquired Vienna abode. She is busy making it large enough to host PVS meetings. Be certain to ask Betty about her climbing Mount Fuji some years ago. It's really quite a story.

Our first skier of the year is apparently Denverite Maryse Delevaux. She skied at Winter Park on Thanksgiving! Right on.

From the Knee's *tree chic* Department: Barbara and Fred Leonhardt lost four trees to the September hurricane. Yeah, but the Knee's was bigger. The Knee does not recommend having a large tree fall on your home. Some 3 ½ months later, we still are not back to whole. But old items on note cards that I want to tell you about are starting to show up. For instance:

One PVSer, Marty Rine, has no major ski trips planned this winter. Instead, Marty will ski patrol locally. "It's because the local snow is soooo much better than the garbage powder that one is forced to ski on in Utah."

Myron Marguardt really likes the "snacks only" format for meetings. Gives lots more time for great PVS conversations. Yup!

The pumpkin bread we had at Mike and Eloise Strand's was made with their own, home grown pumpkins. I'll do nothing to squash that rumor. Earlier, Eloise was asked how her steak should be cooked. "Carefully."

VEEP David Abraham's survey of PVS wants has yielded a wealth of ideas. Watch soon for lots of great new PVS events.

Terry Morton had hip replacement surgery. Now she is more of a hippie! And Baltimorean Roland Brockmeyer is recovering from a broken vertebra in his back. Ouch! Ivan Bekey is a month over neurosurgery on his back. He missed two ski trips, but his doctor says he may be OK for spring skiing! Keith Lyon was not able to do his annual Santa Claus gig at the Chevy Chase Club because he was recovering from bladder cancer treatment. He plans to "Ho, Ho" next year. Bob McNeill will have a 2<sup>nd</sup> hip replacement next week. No skiing this season. Rats!

Whilst at our PVS Beach Weekend (a while ago) Bob and Jan Marx missed a day of activities. Instead they attended a wedding with a reception on the beach. Shore enough.

Pres Reg Heitchue missed the weekend. He was training for a trek in one of my favorite countries, Kneepal. As a souvenir, Reg came back with the flu. Yuck.

Dot Mills made her Kennedy Center singing debut in December—with a group on the Millennium Stage. Fa La!

**CALENDAR:**

- January 10...Spain - Morocco Pre-trip party, 5:00 at the McKinley's
- January 11...Steamboat Pre-trip party, 5:00 at the Finan/Welti's
- January 15...WISP Demo Day (including 14, 15, 16)
- January 15 - 22...Snowmass Ski Trip
- January 20...ExCom Meeting at the Heitchue's - Yes, this IS the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday
- January 22 - 29...Steamboat Ski Trip
- January \*\*\* 27...Monthly Meeting at Mike Hatanaka's - NOTE: this is the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday
- February 13 - 29...Spain and Morocco Ski Trip
- February 17...Monthly meeting at the Schwartzbard's
- February 28 - March 10...Cortina Ski Trip
- March \*\*\* 2...February ExCom Meeting at Jones' - NOTE change of week

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