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President's Message

Fellow PVS'ers:

At the June meeting, Excom voted to appoint the following club officers:

*Excom member to fill the position vacated by VP David Abraham:

Mike Strand

*Ski Trip Committee Chair: **Bob Marx**

*Treasurer: **Ray Jones**

*Program Planning Committee Chair:

David Abraham

*Membership Chair: **Wilma Sharer**
(**Dottie Villers** continues as Secretary)

I want to welcome these new PVS leaders. I greatly appreciate their willingness to serve PVS and to help make a great ski club even better. I think this slate of officers will serve PVS exceedingly well. Most have not previously served in PVS leadership posts and so they bring a fresh perspective to managing the club's activities.

I also want to thank the outgoing PVS officers, all of whom I have acknowledged in previous messages except our outgoing Treasurer **Pat Tengel**. Pat served four years in that position, and her service to PVS is much appreciated. Thank you Pat.

Have a good summer!

Reg

Annual All-TRIPS Party at the Heitchue's

Saturday August 9 4:00PM

(This is a change of date)

Come for dinner, a ride around the lake, and learn all about the great ski trips PVS has planned for the 2003-2004 season. Call Jean or Reg at 703-860-9190 by August 2 to sign up and indicate whether you will bring a salad, an appetizer, or a dessert. A small fee will be charged.

Directions: From the beltway, exit onto Route 267, the Dulles Toll Road. Take exit 14 (Hunter Mill Road) off the Toll Road. Go left at end of ramp and turn right at second light (You will then be on Sunrise Valley Drive). At the first traffic light turn left onto South Lakes Drive. You will pass a shopping center on your right. Take the next left after passing the shopping center. This is Ridge Heights Drive. Take an immediate right on to Owl's Cove Lane. Go to the end and park in the cul-de-sac. 2146 is at the bottom of a steep driveway.

Rain date is August 10

There will be no PVS monthly meetings in July and August.

TIME TO RENEW YOUR PVS MEMBERSHIP – See renewal form included in this issue

LOCAL EVENTS (Chronological Order)

	<h3 style="margin: 0;">BICYCLING GOURMET</h3> <p style="margin: 0;">C&O Canal — Great Falls to Seneca Wednesday July 16, 2003 10:30 AM</p>	
<p>Route: C&O Canal Towpath from Great Falls (MD) to Seneca. 18 miles round trip completely along the tree shaded C&O canal towpath. This is a flat ride which is pleasant even in Washington's hottest humid weather. Picnic lunch stop in Seneca overlooking river. Note. <i>Pack and bring your own gourmet lunch on your bicycle.</i> No snack bar in Seneca (lunch stop). Rest room, water, and snack bar at ride start.</p>	<p>Starting Point: Great Falls Park, MD Meet in parking lot. Bring Golden Eagle Pass for free parking (otherwise \$4). Note: Starting time given above is when group departs. Please arrive earlier to set up your bicycle, pump up tires, visit rest room, etc. Leader: Betty Byrne (202) 483-4048 assisted by Marvin Hass (703) 751-4737 Next ride: Thursday, Aug. 14 Vienna to Reston</p>	
<p>Review of May and June rides: Cyclists were lucky. The rainy weather broke long enough for both the May and June rides to go. However, the attendance was lower than usual due to fear of precipitation.</p>		

	<h3 style="margin: 0;">FREE Summer SERENADES AT STRATHMORE HALL</h3> <p style="margin: 0;">Wednesdays, July 16 and July 23</p>	
<p>Program: Wednesday, July 16 featuring the Capital Quartet at 7:00 PM. This saxophone quartet will perform works bridging the gap between classical music and jazz. Wednesday, July 23 featuring the National Chamber Woodwind Quintet at 7:00 PM. The quintet will perform "Quintet" by Danish composer Carl Nielson. Picnic with other PVSers on the lawn starting at 6:00 PM, Bring your own food and drink or buy food and drink from vendors on the grounds. Also bring blankets and low, very low, lawn chairs.</p>	<p>Location: Strathmore Hall is located at 10701 Rockville Pike in North Bethesda, Maryland, adjacent to Grosvenor Metro Station (Red Line), 1/2 mile north of the Beltway (Exit 34) and 1/2 mile south of White Flint. Parking: Very limited parking for handicapped and Strathmore members with passes. No lawn parking. You are directed to park at Grosvenor-Strathmore Metro lot (entrance is on Tuckerman Lane). Further info: Call Mike and Eloise Strand 301/468-1535 for further information.</p>	
<p>Wednesday, August 13 featuring Kevin Roth's "This Land is Your Land." This American folk concert features mountain dulcimer, piano, banjo and zither with traditional and popular folk songs. Wednesday, August 20 featuring Mahala (South African Township Sound). A unique marriage of contemporary reggae, funk, pop, and rock with the traditional sounds of South African Township Jive.</p>		

Although the conscientious regular editor of TOOT, Jan Marx, has been enjoying the cool breezes of Minnesota for the summer, she has been in contact via email with the guest editor for July (Marvin Hass) and even noticed some errors in the draft version of this issue. (Note: she only looked at the first and last page. Other errors can be blamed on guest editor.) Also Jan forwarded the mini-TOOT (first and last page) by email to members from Minnesota.

LOCAL EVENTS (Chronological Order)



Olney Theatre and Dinner

MONSTER

Spine tingling, Spell binding

Sunday Afternoon 2:00 PM Aug. 3



Chill your spine on hot August 3, Sunday afternoon at the Olney Theatre Center at 2 p.m. *Monster* is a haunting new adaptation of *Frankenstein*--no! Not the story line of *Frankenstein*. Rather, in the play the inventor of that creature speaks with terror of his creation--a creature stitched together from stolen cadavers and jolted into life: a creature that now seeks restitution for its scientist-creator's rejection. This "utterly unforgettable" area premier adaptation electrifies the gothic masterpiece.

And all for just \$15 per person--a very special price for PVSer's.

Send a check, please, to Jeannette Albersheim, 3574 Fiske Terrace, Silver Spring, MD 20906, no later than July 27. Questions? Call 301-598-7525 or email at ajmcgla@aol.com

Plus! Join the PVS crowd for a great Italian dinner at nearby Olney's notable restaurant, new to us: **Mama Lucia**, at the Village Market on Route #108 in the center of town, 18224 Village Market Drive. If you wish to join the dinner crowd, let Jeannette know when you send your check..

Directions to Olney Theatre: Olney Theatre is located on MD Rte 108 in Olney, MD 1 1/2 miles east of Georgia Avenue (Rte. 97) and 2 miles west of New Hampshire Avenue (Rte 650). Take Connecticut Avenue exit off 495. Go approximately 8 miles north to the intersection of Connecticut and Georgia Avenue. Turn left on to Georgia and follow it north 5 miles to the intersection of Georgia and Rte. 108. Turn right on to Rte 108 and follow it 1 1/2 miles to the Theatre on the left.



ALL SKI TRIPS PARTY

**Heitchue Residence – Reston
Saturday August 9, 2003 4:00 PM**



See front page of this newsletter for details

Time for Membership Renewal

The Membership Renewal Form is enclosed with this issue of TOOT. Fill it out, sign on the reverse side of the form, and send it no later than September 2, 2003 along with a check with an amount corresponding to your class of membership listed there.

No renewal will be accepted without a completed form. Our treasurer requests only checks. No cash, please.

After September 1, we will be accepting applications from those on our waiting list.

FUTURE SKI TRIPS

The PVS Double Header

SNOWMASS

January 15-22, 2004

UPDATE: Flyer will appear in August issue after arrangements are finalized.

Join us for another rousing year at the favorite PYS ski vacation site January 15 through the 22. We have arranged to stay again at the slopeside Mountain Chalet and are to be welcomed back with all of the fine features that you have been accustomed to with Barbara and Fred Leonhardt in prior years.

We fly United Airlines directly into Aspen which is a very short distance from the Chalet with baggage service directly to the hotel; five-day lift ticket; no-ski package available and a discount of approximately \$45 for seniors 70 and over will apply, and a "land only" option is available for those wishing to arrange their own flight schedule. The price is anticipated to be approximately \$1,729 per person, double occupancy pending final airline costs. You can proceed on to join the Steamboat trip

We will have group dinners, après-ski events, a welcoming wine and cheese party, pre- and post-trip parties, airline baggage restriction instructions at the pre-trip party, and a surprise event that only those making the trip will know and be able to tell about.

Call Wilma at 301-975-9411 or email Wilma@sharerassociates.com to make your reservation. A few spaces are still available.



Left:
Steamboat
Sheraton



Right:
Snowmass
Mountain
Chalet

STEAMBOAT

Flyer enclosed with this issue of TOOT

January 22-29, 2004

CORTINA d'Ampezzo
(Venice and Vienna Options)

Feb. 28 – March 10 (with options)

Flyer enclosed with this issue of TOOT

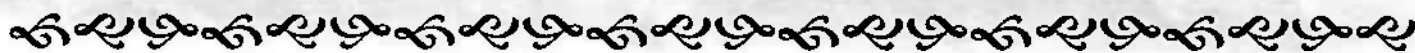
The BRSC Web site (www.skicouncil.com) lists summer trips of other affiliated clubs including whitewater rafting, Las Vegas, Cancun, and Chile. Space may still be available.

FUTURE SKI TRIPS

COPPER MOUNTAIN

Flyer enclosed with this issue

December 6-13, 2003



A Once in a Lifetime Chance—February 13-29, 2004; join Nancy and Ray McKinley to Ski and See

Spain and Morocco

A fabulous 16-day, 2-continent Ski and See tour. Or you can do just a single continent for 1 week. 4 and 5 ★ Luxury Hotels throughout. Fly from Dulles to Malaga, Spain. Ski at *Sierra Nevada*, near Granada, a huge, 6000-acre, 4300-ft vertical ski resort topping out at 10,800 feet. We'll stay and spend time in Granada, home of the *Alhambra*. Non-skiers will be busy touring to a number of exciting locales, perhaps including historic Seville, Almeria and dramatic Ronda. All will have time at beautiful Marbella on the *Costa del Sol*.



Second week: tour to Gibraltar and on to exotic Morocco. We will spend a night in Tangier, and a night in fabulous Fez, Morocco's most picturesque city. Then on to intoxicating, sensual Marrakech. We will stay in "1001 Nights" 5 ★ splendor, touring the *Medina* (old town) and *Souks* (markets). Skiing available in the High Atlas Mountains at the *Oukaimeden* ski resort with pistes from 7,800 to 9,600 feet and the home of "Africa's longest chair



Lodging, air, all breakfasts, most dinners, transfers, baggage handling and driver tips are included. Due to the rise of the Euro, we now expect our exotic, 16-day, European/African trip to be \$2,900-\$3,100 (Final price in Aug.). A complete package for non-skiers is also available, as is a ground-only package and a single supplement package.

We are now two-thirds full To reserve a space, send your check for \$250 per person, payable to Ray McKinley (refundable through July when prices will be firm) and send it to McKinleys, 2326 North Upton Street, Arlington, VA 22207-4045. Please call us for lots more information at (703) 527-7126.



PVS Monthly Meeting and Business

June 18, 2003 (Monthly Meeting)

(hosts: Wilma and Gene Sharer)

The monsoon weather prevailing for the past few months failed to dim the hospitable atmosphere for the 40 PVSers and guests at the spacious Potomac home of the Sharers. Those who braved the weather were treated to both the glow of the fireplace as well as the refreshments that included a special treat of barbeque beef sandwiches. Had the weather been the way it is supposed to be in June, we would have been able to enjoy the large outdoor deck and the swimming pool as well.

Now that the elections are over, those assembled could focus on the five proposed ski trips for the 2003-04 season. Future Ski Trips: Final arrangements for four of the five ski trips have not yet been completed. These will likely be available at the August 9 All Ski Trips party to be held at the home of President Reg and Jean Heitchue.

Many thanks to our host and hostess for allowing us to hold our meeting in these delightful surroundings.

PROGRAM PLANNING COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED

In its June meeting ExCom established a Program Planning Committee with the sole purpose of identifying possible additional club activities which might be of member interest, and, eventually, seek members to take on the implementation of newly selected activities.. This committee's work will not in any way encroach on the highly appreciated activities of our present program chairs, Ruth Powers and Ray McKinley, both of whom are expected to continue with their endeavors and programs, and both will serve on this committee.

Members have from time to time expressed interest in a variety of additional club activities, from organized group summer trips to a book club and various cultural activities such as concerts, plays, and more. To enable us to get a firm grasp on what members would like the club to explore, this committee's first task will be the development and distribution to members of a survey questionnaire. It is hoped that this will occur within the next few weeks, and responses will be requested shortly thereafter. By early fall we would expect to have processed and analyzed members' responses and be able to initiate some of the newly requested activities. To facilitate this committee's efficient conduct, and considering limited meeting space availabilities, we want to keep committee membership to a low number. Members will have their opportunity for input when completing and returning their survey protocols. Nevertheless, anyone interested to participate in this committee's work is invited to let us know. Any suggestions will be gratefully incorporated. Be assured that we'll keep you informed of our progress. Thank you for your interest.

David G. Abraham, Committee Chair

SKI TRIP EVALUATIONS

The Ski Trip Evaluations for the 2002/2003 season indicated predominately excellent satisfaction with the leaders and arrangements for all the PVS trips. This is gratifying as ski trips can present unusual problems with weather (such as the March 2003 Denver blizzard) and unpredictable snow conditions. The detailed summaries can be found on the PVS web site. (Go to "Members" and then click on "Evaluation")

The question was also asked, "To which specific ski area(s) would you like to have PVS make a trip(s) in the next ski season?" At the time participants filled out the evaluations, the potential trips for 2004 to Snowmass, Steamboat, Spain, and Cortina already had been announced so it is not surprising that these destinations received the most requests. However, it is significant that there were 10 requests for Telluride and a total of 12 requests for various Utah destinations. The detailed numbers can also be found on the PVS web site whose URL is the following: www.potomacvalleyski.org. (Click on "Members" and then on the link to "Destinations.")

The KNEE; Previous Event Review

Below: The author the "The KNEE" column has been away much of June exploring future possibilities for a PVS ski trip to Ireland. He regrets not being able to regale PVSers with his inimitable style and wit. However, in order not to disappoint his many readers and to at least technically maintain his record for consistency, he has submitted a column from ten or so years ago part of which is reproduced below.



THE KNEE

by
Ray McKinley

It's time for a Knee multiple choice question: In this otherwise lackluster world, you can always depend on (a) Stein Erickson (2) the Knee (3) Art Buchwald (d) all of the above. The answer is one paragraph below. Don't peek. A special tip of the ol' Knee Cap to Lu Beale. This issue marks her 10th Annkneiversary as TOOT editor. In that time she has missed only two issues of TOOT. By contrast, the Knee has missed three issues.

The correct answer to the question is (c) Art Buchwald. I saw Stein Erickson crash and bloody his nose on "Single Jack" trail at Park City in February 1980 and the Knee was lackluster in November 1983.

Proo Dick Copeland is really wowing ExCom. We've even had typed agendas! He also has some great ideas for safety and conditioning programs at upcoming meetings. And at the next club meeting he plans to unveil his choice for club veep.

At a recent ExCom meeting, Bill Anderson looked only slightly less dapper than usual. He was sporting seven stitches (and a concussion) from a water skiing accident. You are safer on frozen water, Bill. It's coffer-



Tour Of The Albert Powell Fish Hatchery And Alpaca Farm

May 28, 2003



Six PVSers departed on Wednesday morning, and soon ran into heavy rain, however, we arrived at the Fish Hatchery near Hagerstown, Maryland at 10 a.m. just as the rain started to ease up, and it soon quit. We were fortunate to get Manager Wade Moore to tell us about the Fish Hatchery. We were impressed with his knowledge and bombarded him with questions. Approximately 600,000 eggs are purchased in November and are hatched in incubators and then transferred indoors to 20 foot fiberglass troughs. Here they are fed and cared for until they grow to 2 to 5 inches when they are then transferred to outdoor raceways. The raceways are supplied with water from the state's second largest spring flowing at an approximate 3,000 gallons per minute at a constant 54 degrees, an ideal temperature for trout propensity.

It takes about 16 months for a trout to grow to 12 inches when they are stocked in Maryland streams. The Fish Hatchery has been in existence for 55 years. They have now progressed to where they now lose less than 5% of the fish.

We then drove a couple of miles north to the Alpaca Farm. The owner, Bert Kramer, gave us an impressive tour of the barn and forty alpacas grazing in the pastureland. The males were separated several hundred yards away from the females. Alpacas live 20 to 22 years, and have one baby per year with a gestation period of 11 to 12 months. All the animals had just been shorn. The wool is soft comparable to cashmere and is strong and durable. The fleece is sold to mills where it can be dyed and spun into yarn. We then visited the gift shop, which had scarves, hats, socks, rugs, bags, dolls, sweaters, and other clothing items made from the wool. After purchasing several items, we drove to Ryan's in the mall on the west side of Hagerstown, and stuffed ourselves at the luncheon buffet before returning home.

Submitted by Charles Huggins

TOOT: Material for the August and September issues of TOOT can be submitted by email to TOOT@potomacvalleyskiers.org. or by postal mail to Marvin Hass, 309 Yoakum Pkwy., #605, Alexandria, VA 22304-3923, or by FAX to (775) 254-4588. Marvin and Jessma are filling in for Jan Marx. The Marxes have escaped from the rain and code red ozone alerts of the DC area for the summer and are now enjoying the cool breezes out in Minnesota.

CALENDAR

July 16	Wednesday	Bicycling Gourmet – C&O Canal Towpath page 2
July 16	Wednesday	Summer Serenade-- Strathmore Hall page 2
July 23	Wednesday	Summer Serenade—Strathmore Hall page 2
July		ExCom meeting (to be announced if held)
August 3	Sunday	Theatre followed by dinner page 3
August 9	Saturday	All Ski Trips Party page 1
August 13	Wednesday	Summer Serenade—Strathmore Hall (See Aug TOOT)
August 21	Wednesday	Summer Serenade—Strathmore Hall (See Aug TOOT)
August 14	Thursday	Bicycling Gourmet; W&OD Trail – (See Aug TOOT).
August	Tuesday	ExCom meeting (to be announced)
August 29	Friday	Golf Outing at Leisure World – (See Aug TOOT)

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