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Greetings PVSers,

Summer is definitely here, which means that PVS will now have a two month hiatus until our next monthly meeting resumes in September. However, important activities will be going on in the club during the months of July and August. At the beginning of July Dave Warthen will be sending out the biennial membership renewal forms to all current PVS members and applicant members. I know you'll want to continue with the good fellowship and great activities that PVS provides, so please return the forms and money to Dave promptly. And, speaking of membership, I urge everyone to make an extra effort to bring in new potential PVSers to increase our membership. Are there skiers in other groups you might belong to? (I personally have mined my tennis buddies with great success.)

I'm sure you all noticed that the first fliers for next year's ski trips accompany this issue of the TOOT. This is exciting stuff! We have a great choice of four ski trips coming up in the 2009-2010 season. You may also have noticed that the forms are a little longer than usual. That's because ExCom has just approved a new ski trip waiver form that is intended to reduce potential liability for the club and trip leaders. I hope everyone in the area will plan to attend the All Trips Party on July 12 at Bob and Cara Jablon's house. In addition to having a lot of fun, you'll be able to get information on all the approved ski trips from the trip leaders who will be there to make presentations about the ski trips and to answer your questions. However, I want to emphasize that it is not necessary to wait until the All Trips Party to sign up for a ski trip. You are encouraged to send your application and deposit sooner rather than later so that ski trip leaders can meet the various deadlines imposed by hotels and airlines.

See you at the All Trips Party.

Best Wishes, *Dottie*

All Trips Party

Sunday, July 12 2:00-5:00 PM

At the home of **Cara and Bob Jablon**
4573 Indian Rock Terrace, NW
Washington, DC

Please RSVP by **July 8** to **Cara Jablon** at **202-333-5332** or **rcjablon@aol.com**. Come and learn all about the many great trips PVS is offering for the 2010 season. The Jablon outdoor pool will be available for those who would like to go for a swim. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be served, but **everyone is asked to bring an appetizer, salad, or dessert**. A small fee will be charged to cover the cost of the drinks and food. Please contact Cara to let her know what food you plan to bring.

From Northwest D.C.: Take Nebraska Avenue to the beginning of Foxhall Road. Go south on Foxhall Road one traffic light past the intersection of Foxhall and Reservoir to Q Street. Right on Q Street. Continue on Q Street for 1 block to the stop sign (45th St.) and make a right on 45th. Go two blocks and make a left (Q Lane). The street will dead end into Indian Rock Terrace. Make a right and go up the hill. The Jablon's house is the fourth house up the hill on the right (a red brick and frame contemporary house).

From Potomac/Rockville/Gaithersburg: Take 270 South to 495 towards Virginia. Exit at Cabin John Parkway and continue south on the parkway until Arizona Avenue (1st traffic light after light at Chain Bridge).

Make a left on Arizona and a right on MacArthur Boulevard (1st light). Continue on MacArthur Boulevard for about 1 ½-2 miles past the Safeway on the left. Shortly after passing the Safeway, MacArthur forks to the right and Reservoir Road goes to the left. Continue on MacArthur to Q Street (the next light after the light at the fork).

Make a left on Q Street. Go 1 block to the stop sign (45th St.), and make a left on 45th. Go 2 blocks and make a left (Q Lane). The street will dead end into Indian Rock Terrace. Make a right and go up the hill. The Jablon's house is the fourth house up the hill on the right (a red brick and frame contemporary house).

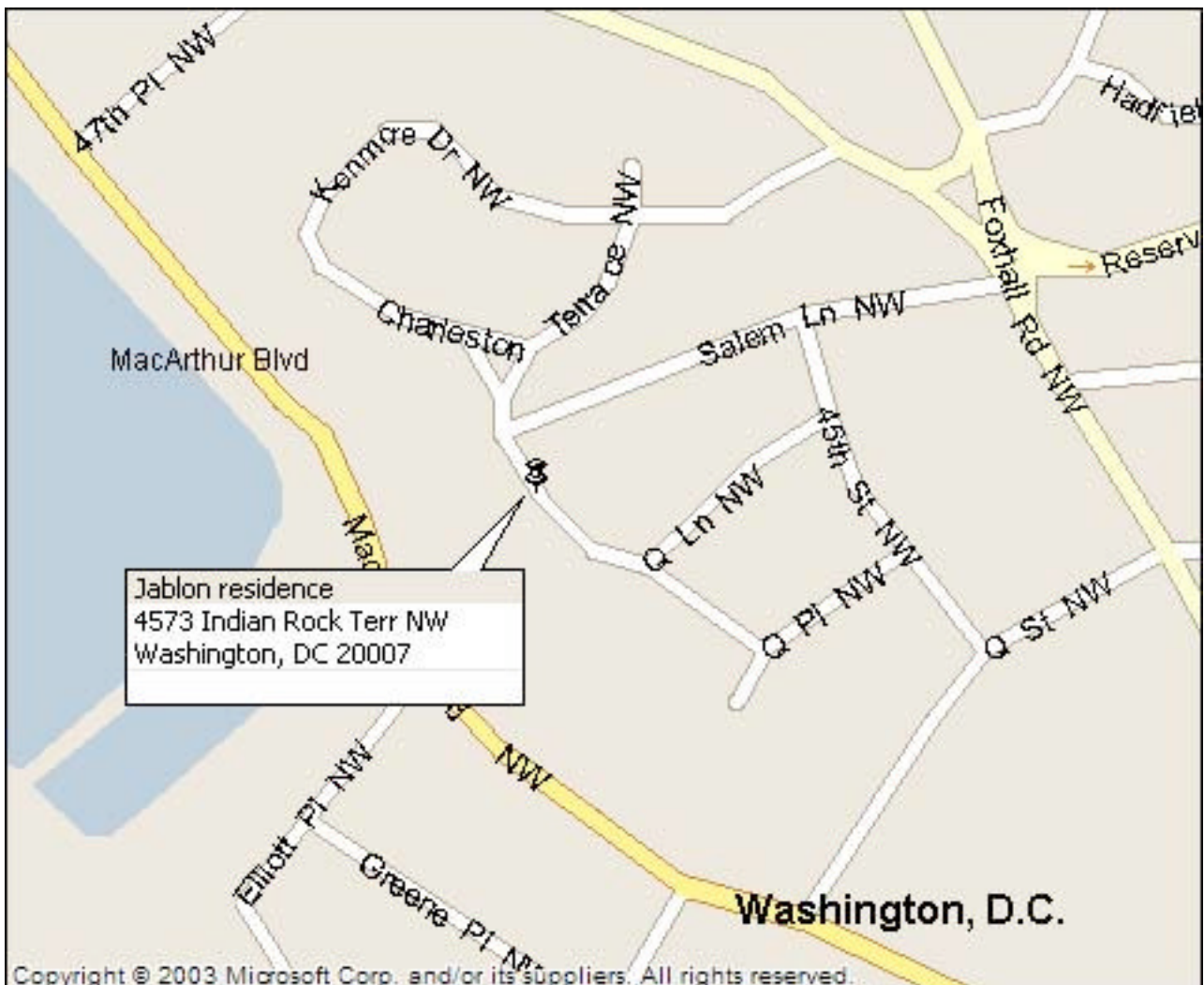
(Directions from Virginia on page 2)

Directions from Virginia to All Trips Party and Map

From Virginia (Chain Bridge): At the end of the Chain Bridge, make a right. Continue to the first light (Arizona Avenue). Make a left on Arizona. Go up the hill – the main street at the top of the hill is MacArthur Boulevard. Make a right on MacArthur. Continue on MacArthur for about 1 – ½ miles past the Safeway (on the left). Shortly after passing the Safeway, MacArthur forks to the right and Reservoir Road goes to the left. Continue on MacArthur to Q Street (the next light after the light at the fork).

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From Virginia (Key Bridge): Stay in one of the left lanes at the end of the Key Bridge. Make a left at the end of the bridge to M Street (may be called Canal Road at that point). Get in the right lane and continue up the hill to the light at the beginning of Foxhall Road. Continue on Foxhall to the next light (Q Street). Make a left on Q Street. Go one block to the stop sign (45th St.) and make a right. Go 2 blocks and make a left (Q Lane). The street will dead end into Indian Rock Terrace. Make a right and go up the hill. The Jablon's house is the fourth house up the hill on the right (a red brick and frame contemporary house).



Monthly Meeting Review

June Monthly Meeting Review. (Ilse Keel -- hostess)

PVSers were again back in the same Potomac neighborhood for the second month in a row. Showers were predicted, but only a few drops of rain fell before the meeting. We had 29 in attendance. Ilse had prepared snacks for us to munch on. A number of PVSers strolled in the flower garden in the back yard, and watched the gold fish swim in the pool.

Dottie Villers presided at her first meeting since election in the first floor party room. Rosemary, Carolyn, and Dottie discussed the four ski trips scheduled for the upcoming season. Ten PVSers had just returned from sailing in the south pacific, and Nancy McKinley reported on what a great time they had. Ruth Powers was the only casualty as she managed to step in a hole and crack a bone in her right foot.

Upcoming events were discussed. Ray is looking for event leaders. Sailing for a day in the Chesapeake was proposed, and John Smith will provide additional info on price and dates.

PVS helmet decals were on sale. We discovered last season that you could also put them on skis, and this made our skis easier to identify when placed in a slope side ski rack.

After the meeting adjourned, we went upstairs for dessert, coffee, and more PVS conversation.

Thanks go to Ilse for again hosting a PVS meeting in her lovely Potomac home.

(Submitted by Charles Huggins)

SUMMER PICNIC AND SHOW AT WOLF TRAP

Wednesday, August 19

Come join the PVS group for a fun summer evening at Wolf Trap on Wednesday, August 19. The festivities will begin at 6:30 with happy hour and a picnic in the Wolf Trap picnic area. Wine, beer, soda etc. will be provided, as well as glasses, plates and utensils. The picnic will be potluck style. Everyone is asked to bring a

dish – appetizer, main dish salad, side dish, or dessert. Please contact Dottie Villers to let her know what you will be bringing.

Following the picnic we will see a unique show, “Face of America: Glacier National Park.” This is another episode in Wolf Trap’s critically acclaimed multimedia artistic adventure series. It

features *The Sun Road*, a new ballet. Giant HD video projections of the dancers at Glacier will intertwine with the ballet on-stage and music. We have reserved front orchestra seats for this event. If our group consists of 20 or more people, each person will benefit from a group discount.

If you would like to go, please contact Dottie Villers: dottievillers@yahoo.com, 703-476-9259 (home) or 703-217-6986 (cell). Send a check payable to Dottie Villers for \$38. This includes the discounted cost of the ticket (\$34.20) plus expenses for beverages etc. (\$3.80). The deadline for sending the money to Dottie is July 25. Please send the check to:

Dottie Villers
2520 Farrier Lane
Reston, VA 20191



PVS Sails French Polynesia

By Nancy McKinley

From the moment we set down on the tarmac at Fa'aa Airport in Papeete , Tahiti and shuffled into the open-air terminal, we knew we were in another place and time. After hours of pressurized airplane air, we stepped into the sweet warmth of the South Seas and were greeted with one of the ubiquitous gardenia-like *te arana* flowers to pop behind our ears. Only later did we learn that the precise placement of the flower denotes one's marriage status and one's amorous inclinations. Notwithstanding, everyone, in happy ignorance, donned the flower and began the delightful process of becoming a temporary Tahitian.

In line for immigration, our temperatures were taken by the snap of infrared equipment to be sure no one was bringing in unwanted illness. All the while, live musicians strummed and drummed island tunes to welcome us to the islands.

Our band of ten "temporary Tahitians," led by Reg Heitchue, came to French Polynesia for the purpose of experiencing a true sailing ship as it anchored in lagoons of some of the most beautiful islands in the world. Tahiti, Moorea, Bora Bora, Huahine, Taha'a, Rangiroa, Fakarava – these are names of places that dreams are made of - and we came to know them in all their beauty.

French Polynesia is a single entity governed by France and consisting of several distinct groups of islands and atolls, some close together and others far flung, sprinkled about the south pacific, far south and actually east of Hawaii. Tahiti, Moorea, Bora Bora, Huahine, and Taha'a are part of the Society Islands while Rangiroa and Fakarava are atolls in the remote Tuamotu Archipelago, a day's journey away (some 250 miles) by sailing ship from the other more well-known islands of French Polynesia. This was indeed a special adventure; we reached destinations that visitors to just one of these little islands miss by staying in one place.



Star Flyer in Tahiti

The ship that transported us to all of these exotic places, the Star Flyer, is one of the two tallest sailing ships in the world. With four masts and 16 sails, she was a true sailing ship with a captain and crew that loved the ship and were devoted to sailing. The wind in the huge sails of the Star Flyer was our only means of locomotion for more than half of the 11-day sail. Reg Heitchue, Penny Hanshaw, and Nestor Delavaux, all seasoned sailors, knew a line from a sheet and all the other arcane parts of the gorgeous vessel. The rest of us just enjoyed the wind in our hair and the (sometimes not so) gentle rolling of the ship as we headed between islands and the across the ocean from the Society Islands to the remote Tuamotu Archipelago.



Gang of ten in Tahiti

Our adventurous team consisted of Reg Heitchue, our leader and Jackie, Reg and Jean's daughter, Shirley Rettig, and her sister Beverly, Penny Hanshaw, Ruth Powers, Nestor and Pat Delevaux, and Ray and Nancy McKinley.

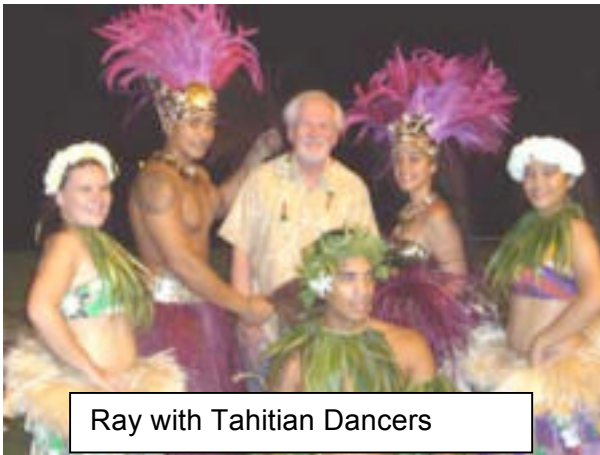
We were curious travelers who swam, snorkeled, toured, ate, lolled, listened, and enjoyed. Beverly, the inveterate beachcomber, Shirley, who found the most beautiful fish on Fakarava, Ruth who spent a great deal of sailing and beach time reading after her accident (more on her adventure later), Penny the sailor and geologist, who regaled us with stories and the details of the geologic wonders we visited, Nestor who gamely climbed the mast and stood swaying on the crow's nest , Pat who took top honors

on Pirate Night for her clever disguise, Reg and Jackie who took advantage of all the best excursions and had time to catch up on father/daughter talk and Ray and Nancy, always a half- hour behind everyone else to

the 8-person dining table and who ended up sharing meals with the ship's only musician, Laszlo from Hungary, and with members of the sports crew from Canada and Sweden.

Some Tales of the South Pacific - Nestor being chastised by the server at Bloody Mary's, the famous bar and restaurant on Bora Bora, for ordering chicken when fish had to be the order of the day. Nestor bowed to the local customs and ordered the fish! Reg, lounging in the back of the kayak off Fakarava with daughter, Jackie, doing all the rowing (Reg: "I just remembered my bad shoulder!") Ruth, who tripped and fell on the first day in Tahiti while walking from the bus stop to the Museum of Tahiti. Twisted her ankle, pain and swelling the entire trip. Diagnosis once at home: broken bone! I resist the urge to refer to it as a ski injury.....

Penny's famous sunburn on the first day - gotten while romping in the surf at length with some French teenage boys. Ray and Reg deciding to walk from downtown lunch in Tahiti to the local hardware store (go figure) - the Hyper Brico - in Papeete. Ray: "it's just a few blocks!" Finally there, and after a spin around the store they were met by a charming Frenchwoman dancer who gave them a lift back to the hotel. We heard about this lovely lady for the rest of the trip! Nancy's team winning the music trivia quiz on board which involved a vigorous run to ring the ship's bell to get the right to answer the question. And ask us about the organized crab race and related gambling on the ship.



Ray with Tahitian Dancers

We learned 100 ways to tie a pareo (the length of cloth both men and women tie about them for modesty and fashion). Some of us dared to take a Helmet Dive and walk 15 feet below the surface of the water to commune with the fabulous fishes that make their home in and around the live coral we saw everywhere.



Shirley and Penny on Fakarava Atoll

How to describe the Polynesian dancers who favored us with demonstrations of their skill? Truly mind boggling. Even on the remote atoll of Fakarava, the few local inhabitants managed to put together a show on the beach at sunset where one of the little troupe to dance for us was a delightful 10-year-old girl. A Park City Polynesian dance demonstration during the Elderhostel trip there earlier this year prepared us for the real thing. In Tahiti, we discovered that they were exactly right - it's hard to believe the hip action they produce! No wonder the missionaries hurried to the islands... Black pearls in abundance - we visited pearl farms where it can take up to 9 years to produce a single, very expensive, high-quality pearl to be admired - but, sadly, not purchased by any of our cost-conscious travelers. We

Many, many thanks to Reg Heitchue for putting this trip of a lifetime together for PVS!



Sunset at Fakarava

Members Corner



by J. D. Warthen, Jr
(Membership Records)

Around the World, Louann & Bob Eadie:

Our flight arrived in Agra, India and we headed straight to the Taj Mahal for sunset. It was very hot at 115 degrees! We had toured Old Goa all morning and flew



the 3 hours to Agra Airport. The Taj Mahal was very crowded with Indians and our tour group of about 100 from the Oceania ship, the Nautica. It was such a sight to behold walking through the grand arch that sets the stage for this wonder of the world! We waited for a break in the throngs of people wanting to take a picture with the Taj in the background and this beautiful Indian bride motioned to me with her hands (could she take a picture with me?). This happened a lot as I guess they don't see too many tall Caucasian women in their country (China too)! Then the new husband motioned for Bob to get in the movie that he was taking. It was just so special!! The Taj looks very different at sunset than sunrise. The colors of the marble vary and it just takes on a whole new look. We were privileged to go again on the morning we were leaving. We got up at 4:30am and entered the grounds at 5:30am. There were no crowds at this time. Bob and I took the opportunity to brisk-walk down to the mausoleum and put on our booties over our shoes to enter this magical place where the king and queen's ornate marble caskets were side by side in this exquisite tomb. We were the only people in there and it was quite extraordinary watching the first rays of sun come through the lace of marble on either side of the tomb.

Roster Changes:

New Applicant Couple:

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McLean, VA 22101

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dwarthen@verizon.net, 301-774-2653

Getting to Know You:

PVS welcomes Applicant Member, **Toni Govier**. Toni is from Detroit, MI, and started skiing in the '70's. She participated in MI ski club activities, trips out West, and trips in Europe. Nine years ago, she and hubby, Bill, relocated to MD from Ann Arbor. They both worked in the pharmaceutical industry. Toni was a Director in Regulatory Affairs, and her husband held positions in Research and Management. They are both retired. Toni plays tennis frequently, and takes aerobics classes. She was introduced to PVS by Eloise Strand, who is in her aerobics dance class. Toni hasn't skied a lot in the last few years, but is hoping to ski with PVS either locally or out West. Toni and Bill love the culture in DC. They enjoy entertaining family and friends. They have 4 grandchildren.



Visiting 11 countries and going through 6 seas on our Hong Kong to Athens cruise, we also loved Petra. It was a 2.5 mile trek in, but when you walk through the fissure caused by the earthquake thousands of years ago and finally reach the Treasury carved into the magnificent rock, it is just breathtaking. There are too many places to include here for sharing; this was truly a fairy tale! Bob and I loved every minute of it, even the Gulf of Aiden.





THE KNEE

by Ray McKinley
RaysKnee@gmail.com

Let the K^{nee} start with some good news, for a change, about PVS and cancer.

Coloradoan Penny Hanshaw was diagnosed with breast cancer in January 2008. After surgery and radiation Penny has now been completely cancer-free for her last 3 check-ups; and she actively participated in and really enjoyed Reg Heitchue's trip to French PolyK^{nees}ia. Indeed, when she got a bad sunburn (is there a good sunburn?) early in the trip, her left-over radiation treatment medicine cleared it overnight. Yeah!

According to Bob McNeill, On October 3, 2008 Marty McNeill learned that she had third stage metastatic ovarian cancer. On June 19, 2009 she learned that she is cancer free !!!!!!! After major surgery, the chemotherapy knocked Marty for a loop, and it will be a few months until she is fully recovered. But in the McNeill's current state of joy, which is shared by all of PVS, that seems like a mere detail. Yeah 2!

Some of you have seen this, but it's worth repeating. Jan and Bob Marx' e-mail that Bob is doing fine at about "Day 60" of the 100-day process they were told to expect to halt his pre leukemia. Bob is out of the hospital and living in a K^{neet} apartment nearby. The doctors think he is right where he ought to be. Yeah 3!

And finalK^{nee}, Susan Payne is now completely finished with her cancer treatment. Although she still has to exercise daily to rebuild her heart muscles. Yeah 4!

July: Hot, humid, hazy horrible days, followed by hot, humid, hazy horrible nights. It's the perfect time to talk skiing. And in particular a part of skiing that's oft ignored, Rope Tows.

The K^{nee} learned to ski in Jackson Hole, WY in the late 60's. At that time, I wasn't the full K^{nee}, so I'll call myself Kn. It was the year before Teton Village opened—skiing was at an in-town area called Snow King. We learned to ski using a rope tow. Rope tows were easy to build. An old auto engine and several thousand feet of one inch rope and you were ready. The good news was that they were cheap to ride \$1.50 a day—great for a Grad student.

The rope got wet, cold and icy. And the method to ride it was for the Kn to stand beside the rope, let it run through my mittens and slowly grab hold with increasing pressure until it pulled you up the hill. But the rope was like icy sandpaper. It ripped through the Kn's wool mittens like a hot knife through butter. I bought a sturdier pair with the same result. Finally, at a Sears outdoors store, heavy leather cattleman's mittens with wool liners worked. But when the initial rope grab came, the force jerked so hard it pulled the Kn over onto the cold wet snow—in blue denims. Were we having fun yet?

FinalK^{nee}, the Kn made it up the hill! And from there it was all downhill

A tip of the ol' K^{nee} cap to Eloise Strand. She just had a major birthday. The K^{nee} won't give ages, but Eloise is now half way to 160!

Those of us who are just back from French PolyK^{nees}ia are still basking in the glow—as you will see in the write-up. Reading was the pastime *du jour* as we sliced through the waves with sails full. Only Nancy McKinley brought the book that epitomized the trip—James Michener's "South Pacific."

Another great e-mail letter is in from our own Bill Hager; this one from Jerusalem. As usual, Bill's words brought out great images of this fought-over city. But the word pictures were of a dry, desolate place. The K^{nee} will most certainly not plan a ski trip there.

High priced private ski area goes belly up: According to Marvin Hass and the New York Times, the Yellowstone Club, an exclusive private ski area near Big Sky, has declared bankruptcy. Bill Gates has skied there. Perhaps Bill will bring the bankruptcy to a "micro soft" landing. David Payne says that the locals are pleased as a lot of money went into circumventing the National Forest zoning!

Latest skier of the season: Not a PVSer, but close. On May 31st, Bob McNeill's son Craig skied the Colorado equivalent of Tuckerman Ravine, Torreys Peak. At 14,267, Torreys is one of 54 "fourteeners" in Colorado. Craig parked at the summer trailhead and climbed about 2,000 vertical feet. He dropped off the north facing side of Torreys into Tuning Fork, a 3,000 vertical foot drop—a bit more than Tuckerman. And it's at over twice the altitude. Craig says it was "one of the most exciting experiences of my life."

The K^{nee} believes the last PVSers to ski Tuckerman were Adele Waggaman and Lu Beale, on Memorial Day, 1985. Kneenuf.



Bob Marx has been undergoing the lengthy rehabilitation process after his bone marrow transplant for leukemia. The following word from the Marxes as of June 24, 2009 is given below.

Bob is doing fine at about "Day 60" of the 100-day process we were told to expect. The doctors seem to think he is right where he ought to be.

Bob's CaringBridge website now has "stuff" on it -- it was basically "blank" when he started the process. Now there is "the story", periodic "journal" entries of recent events, a small selection of photos, etc.

The way to access the site is:

www.caringbridge.org/visit/bobmarx

Bob and Jan Marx

920 Delaware Ave, SE, #1024

Minneapolis, MN 55414

Our cell phone numbers remain the same:

Jan = 703-314-7361; Bob = 703-606-7453.

If any of you want to visit, PLEASE call first to make sure we will be here. We continue to enjoy hearing from you in whatever form you communicate.

Photo on left: Bob working out on a rowing machine

Marsha Warthen underwent knee replacement surgery on 23 June and is currently recuperating at home under the watchful eye of David, PVS's keeper of the roster, database, and TOOT distribution.

| Local Event Calendar | | | | Ski Trip Calendar | |
|----------------------|----|------|-----------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Jul | 12 | Sun | All-Trips Party (Jablon) | Dec 12-18 | 2009 Steamboat (D. Comerford) |
| Jul | 28 | Tues | ExCom (Thayer) | Jan 13-20 | 2010 Snowmass (C. & D. DeVilbiss) |
| Aug | 19 | Wed | Wolf Trap (Villers) | Feb 18-25 | 2010 Jackson Hole (Villers/Rine) |
| Sept | 15 | Tues | Monthly Mtg (Leonhardt) | Mar 6-14 | 2010 Bormio, Italy (D. Comerford) |
| Oct | 18 | Sun | Oktoberfest (Finan/Villers) | | |
| Oct | 21 | Wed | F. Shelburne Hike (Finan) | | |

TOOT publication schedule: There will be no August 2009 issue of TOOT. There will be a special email only update of forthcoming PVS events issued on or about August 1, 2009, which will be sent to those on the PVS hotline list. The next regular issue of TOOT will be sent in the last week of August 2009. The editor of this July issue, the email August update, and the September issue of TOOT is Marvin Hass. Email messages concerning items for submission can be sent to marvinhass@verizon.net or by telephone at (703) 751-4737 or by FAX at 1(718) 887-0489.

PVS thanks **Marvin Hass** for being Temporary Editor of this lengthy and complicated TOOT issue.



Steamboat Springs

Wedel Week Reunion

A good relaxing way to start the new ski season

December 12 – 19, 2009

The Potomac Valley Ski Club invites you to attend a Wedel Week in Steamboat Springs, Colorado with Dick & Betty Comerford as your host and hostess. Steamboat Springs, Ski Town USA, has a base elevation of 6900 feet, ideal for anyone who has difficulty adapting to high altitude (sleeping below 7500 feet keeps the head aches away). (www.steamboat.com)

The purpose of Wedel Week is to get in shape for the coming ski season, both by working hard on ski technique and practicing apres-ski activities in the evening. For the skiing end of it, Steamboat, rated as one of the top five areas in the nation, offers terrain for all levels of skiers, and routinely has some of the best powder in the Rockies. On the lighter side, apres-ski activity is centered around our ski-in/ski-out Ptarmigan Inn Hotel. The package includes all breakfasts, three good group dinners, and nightly apres-ski gatherings to coordinate dinner and ski plans, and a special awards ceremony. We should be able to ski with Billy Kidd, but if he is not available, the Over-The-Hill-Gang will help.

* 7 Nights Lodging (one Denver & six Steamboat)

* 30 Yards to the Gondola

* Rooms Have 2 Queen Size Beds

* Coffee in Each Room

* Restaurant & Lounge

* Heated Outdoor Pool & Hot Tub

* Convenient to Restaurants & Shops

* 3668 Vertical Feet - 2nd Highest in CO

* 165 Named Ski Trails

* 18 Lifts (1 Gondola & 4 High Speed Quad Chairs)

* 14% Beg, 42% Int, 44% Adv

* Average Snowfall > 27 Feet

* 5 Days of Skiing – No weekend days

Itinerary:

1. 12/12 Fly to Denver on your own schedule – Shuttle to Embassy Suites at DIA
2. 12/13 Motor coach to Steamboat after Breakfast – Visit town Steamboat Springs
3. 12/14 – 12/18 Weekday skiing at Steamboat Springs
4. 12/19 Motor Coach to DIA – Fly home

Accommodations:

Embassy Suites Denver – International Airport – is a full-service [Denver hotel](#) conveniently situated just six miles from Denver International Airport (DIA) and offers a complimentary 24-hour shuttle to and from the airport. The hotel offers excellent dining and services; in particular, we will enjoy the complimentary cooked-to-order breakfast on the day we head for Steamboat Springs and wind-down with your favorite beverages at the evening. A Manager's Reception will be on the day of arrival.

[Ptarmigan Inn](#) - Steamboat's coziest ski-in/ski-out lodge, the full-service Ptarmigan Inn offers [SportStalker Ski and Snowboard rentals](#) and complimentary valet ski storage, outdoor heated pool and hot tub, sauna, in-room refrigerators, coffee makers and remote color cable TVs. The [Snowbird Restaurant & Lounge](#), located slopeside in the hotel, allows you to dine while you watch the skiers go by. The lounge offers a daily happy hour that is the main watering hole of Steamboat ski instructors.

Optional Activities:

The Ptarmigan Inn is located just steps from the Silver Bullet Gondola, making it one of the closest lodging facilities of any Colorado Ski Resort. From there you will enjoy:

- ❖ One of the largest ski mountains in the country.
- ❖ Besides world class skiing, Steamboat offers a wealth of recreational winter activities:
- ❖ Snowmobiling in Colorado's top locations and on private terrain.
- ❖ Tubing right outside our door.
- ❖ 20 kilometers of groomed cross-country trails at our Nordic-touring center.
- ❖ Snow cat powder tours, sleigh rides, snowmobiling and ice-skating.
- ❖ Dog sled adventures and winter horseback riding, dinner sleigh rides
- ❖ Soak in our natural mineral hot-springs
- ❖ Hot air balloon rides, glider rides and indoor tennis



Cost: \$890. (\$200 deposit with application, \$690 by 10/1/09)

Included in cost:

- Lodging 1 night at the Denver Embassy Suites
- Lodging at the Ptarmigan Inn for 6 Nights
- Daily Breakfasts
- Three Dinners – Yacht Club, Ore House Restaurant, + 1 TBD
- Private Après ski in Trip Leaders Room
- Transportation to Steamboat Springs from the Embassy Suites and return to DIA.

Not included in the cost:

- Ski tickets – If we have enough participation, we can get group tickets
- Airfare – I will get pricing for group airfare, but people will be able to get lower fares by booking early. Airlines will run specials that a group rate cannot beat. (E.g. recent quote on Southwest from BAL for October was \$248, IAD was \$288; Delta IAD – DEN 272; American IAD – DEN \$278)

Miscellaneous:

- First day in Denver helps people adjust to the altitude, and gives them a non-ski day to get skis and visit the town.
- First day in Denver also allows people flexibility with airline reservations.
- We will be able to get discount rates for ski rentals.
- Recommendation is to rent skis and bring your boots.
- Southwest Airlines is baggage friendly.

Cancellation Policy:

If it becomes necessary to cancel your trip, the trip leader will make every effort to minimize your loss. There will be NO loss if the cancellation is prior to September 1, 2009, after that date varying penalties will apply based on the airline, hotels and tour operator agreements.

**Contact me if interested,
Or send the Release
Agreement with deposit:**

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RELEASE, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY
AGREEMENT PERTAINING TO THE DECEMBER 12-19, 2009 STEAMBOAT SPRINGS SKI TRIP

(1) I acknowledge that there are inherent risks in the sport of skiing and other sports or activities in which I might participate during this trip, and in the process of traveling. There may be bodily injury, illness, accident, death, property loss or damage, and unanticipated additional costs or other economic losses. I fully and willingly accept the responsibility and liability for all such risks, dangers, costs, and losses.

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Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Other Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Room-mate (if not listed above) _____

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SNOWMASS 2010

Potomac Valley Skiers

Wednesday, January 13 – Wednesday, January 20

We will again be staying [slope-side at the Snowmass Mountain Chalet \(SMC\)](#) which is just below the Snowmass Mall. The SMC is a small lodge with 64 rooms, from which you can ski directly to lifts. Check the web site at: www.mountainchalet.com. The total package is: United Airlines from Dulles to Denver and Denver to Aspen and return (through Chicago) plus the land transfer from Aspen airport to SMC and return; 5 day lift ticket ([good for all four ski areas in the Aspen complex, free shuttle bus](#)) with option for a sixth ski day; 7 nights lodging (double occupancy); daily breakfasts; daily soup lunch; 2 group dinners; luggage handling; après ski parties including welcome wine & cheese party and an all guest hotel sponsored party; pre-trip and post-trip party. Trip insurance is available as an option and is [highly suggested](#) (see over). Additional nights at Snowmass are an option and air can be altered to accommodate resulting date changes. All alternate air will be quoted on an individual basis. For trail information check www.aspensnowmass.com.

| <u>Category</u> | <u>Description</u> | <u>Price</u> |
|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| Full Snowmass Package | | \$2138* |
| Land only | subtract | \$ 538 |
| Single Supplement | add | \$ 983 |
| Non-skiers | subtract | \$ 232 |
| Add sixth ski day | add | \$ 45/day ** <i>(see note)</i> |

*A \$5 surcharge will be collected in advance for new RFID chip system and will be refunded upon return of the pass to the Aspen lift ticket window.

**for Seniors over 70: a 10-day “unrestricted” Silver Pass is available and may be cost-effective for seniors who plan to ski more than five days during the season. It is no longer a full-season pass. Cost is an additional +\$57.

Airline Schedule (subject to changes in United schedules):

Jan. 13: United flight #427 at 10:00 AM from Dulles to Denver (arrive at 11:50 AM) then Flight #6563 at 12:40 PM to Aspen (arrive at 1:30 PM).

Jan. 20: United flight #6836 at 8:10 AM from Aspen to Chicago (arrive at 11:43 AM) then Flight #950 at 1:15 PM from Chicago to Dulles (arrive 4:08 PM).

*Check United Airlines website for baggage requirements and fees (www.united.com)

Payment Schedule

\$250 Deposit is due with application (fully refundable until August 1st). Second payment of \$750 is due August 15th. Final payment is due October 1. Land only price includes \$20 surcharge to cover costs.

To sign up: Please send (1) the [Application Form](#) (reverse side of flier), (2) a [Deposit of \\$250](#) and/or your [payment due](#), and (3) the [signed Waiver of Liability Agreement](#) to Carolyn DeVilbiss at 4508 Peacock Ave., Alexandria, VA 22304 (put PVS Snowmass 2010 on the memo line).

For more info, call Carolyn or David DeVilbiss at 703-370-4865 or Carolyn.maurer@verizon.net.

See reverse side for trip application, more information, cancellation policies and fees

The Mountain Chalet

The Snowmass Mountain Chalet is an independent lodge, managed on site. Each room has either 2 queen beds or 1 king bed. All rooms have: hair dryer, TV, small refrigerator, etc. The lodge has a nice lounge on the main floor with lots of chairs, game tables, fireplace, and has large windows overlooking the slopes. There is an elevator, exercise room, outdoor pool, hot tub and laundry facilities. A full breakfast is served family style each morning. A complimentary soup lunch is served from 12:00-1:30 PM. The lodge has no restaurant for dinner. However, the Snowmass Mall, on the level above, has many restaurants of all price levels; one can walk up some stairs or use the elevator at the end of the mall. Bus service stops for trips into Aspen town, to other Aspen ski areas, and to Glenwood Springs are nearby.

Trip Insurance

Trip insurance is available upon request for all group participants: price will be quoted for those wishing to purchase. The insurance provides coverage for accident, illness, injury, or death to attendee or immediate family member and will refund all perishable expenses associated with PVS Snowmass 2010 in these circumstances alone. Information about other travel insurance vendors and offers may be available upon inquiry.

Cancellation Policy and Fees*

*If it becomes necessary for you to cancel your trip, the trip leaders will try to minimize your losses although some fees are mandated by the airline, hotel and tour operator. All cancellations must be in writing. We strongly urge you to purchase trip insurance (see above). Name changes and itinerary changes may incur additional fees, especially after ticketing.

***Cancellation fees are as follows:** Dates and costs are consistent with requirements and penalties imposed by vendors per contracted agreements. None prior to August 1; Aug. 1 to Oct. 15, \$200; Oct.16 to Nov. 14 \$500; Nov. 15 to Nov. 29 \$1450. Additional charges may apply, depending upon actual costs. After Nov. 29 no refund is likely.

***If you are a “single” participant** requesting space on a PVS-endorsed ski trip, and your roommate cancels, you will be offered the choice of one of the following three options: 1) Helping the trip leader find a replacement trip participant who will fill the space vacated; or 2) Staying on the ski trip by paying the “single supplement”; or 3) Canceling from the ski trip and paying all currently due penalties.

Name(s) as on your Official ID: _____
Address: _____ Home Phone no. _____
_____ Email _____

Please check all appropriate spaces (ages are as of trip time):

Total package with standard air ___ or alternate air (different city or dates) ___ or **Land Only** ___
Total price of trip (without insurance and without extra nights at SMC) – see above rates \$ _____
Trip insurance optional: yes ___ or no ___ (If yes, we will notify you with the price as soon as available)
Age ___ (at time of trip; for insurance).
Sixth ski day: yes ___ no ___; Silver (10-day “unrestricted”) Pass : yes ___ no ___;
Ski rental: yes ___ no ___
Roommate (if not listed on this form) _____ Bedding choice (if available):
1 king ___ or 2 queens ___
Additional nights at SMC: yes ___ or no ___; if so, before ___ or after ___ trip:
of nights _____ (Additional nights to be arranged directly with SMC).

Send application (above) with deposit and signed waiver (next page)

**RELEASE, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY
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Jackson Hole, Wyoming

February 18 to 25, 2010



Join us for premium skiing at a world class resort in Jackson Hole, WY. Slope side accommodations are at the Alpenhof Lodge, a cozy Bavarian style lodge with ski in/ski out access. Go on an optional day ski trip over the Teton Pass to Grand Targhee (<http://www.grandtarghee.com>) where “the snow comes from heaven not hoses”. The trip begins at Dulles, then goes to Jackson, WY, then a short bus ride to the “Hole”. We have a welcome reception of gluhwein and fondue. A short bus trip into the town of Jackson (<http://www.jacksonholechamber.com>) reveals many opportunities for shopping, dining, touring, skiing, and reliving history in a true western town. Yellowstone N.P. is 60 miles north accessible by snowmobile or snowcoach, and a visit to the nearby National Elk Refuge will give you the opportunity to see a herd of 12,000-15,000 elk in winter.

The Package: Cost \$1625 (Land only deduct \$348)

- Air: Round trip air to Jackson via Chicago on United Airlines
- Round trip ground transfers from the airport to the hotel
- 7 nights’ lodging at the Alpenhof Lodge, baggage handling fee included
- Breakfast each morning
- 5 of 6 day lift pass at Jackson Hole
- 2 group dinners
- Welcome party at the Alpenhof plus 2 additional après-ski parties
- Pre-trip party and post-trip party
- Optional day in the western town of Jackson: art galleries, shopping, Elk Refuge, dinner etc.
- Optional activities: Nordic & snowshoe adventures, dog sled tours, dinner sleigh rides

Lodging: The Alpenhof Lodge (see photo above) www.alpenhoflodge.com

- Charming Bavarian country inn flavor with rooms with 2double beds or one king size bed
- Convenient slope side location in the heart of the village near stores, restaurants, ski rentals etc.
- Across the street from the ski tram building and the bus into town of Jackson (20 minutes)
- 2 restaurants and a bar, sauna, outdoor heated pool and hot tub, ski and boot storage

Air Transportation: United Airlines (schedule subject to change) <http://www.united.com>

- UA 977 18 Feb Dulles/Chicago Dep 7:55 am Arr 9:01 am
- UA 669 18 Feb Chicago/Jackson Dep 9:53 am Arr 12:05 pm
- UA 976 25 Feb Jackson/Dulles Dep 12:55 pm Arr 8:46 pm*

*NOTE: the return flight goes from Jackson to Chicago and is a “through” flight with no change of planes even though it stops in Chicago and you can deplane. This means you don’t have to worry about luggage or making the connection as you stay on the same plane.

- Travel time from the airport to the hotel is 45 minutes. We will have 1 supermarket/liquor stop

Jackson Hole Ski Resort/Lift tickets <http://www.jacksonhole.com>

- Free guided mountain tours depart next to the hotel
- Easy slope side access to the aerial tram and the gondola
- Lift tickets
 - Non-skiers may deduct \$312 per person
 - Seniors (65+) may deduct \$100 from the price of the trip
 - Downgrade to 4 days: deduct \$50 adult or \$130 seniors
 - Upgrade to 6 days: add \$60 adult or deduct \$70 seniors

Trip Insurance

Optional comprehensive trip insurance is available upon request for all group participants through Winter Ski and Sport. The policy covers cancellation costs when the cancellation stems from medical illness or injury to the participant, travel companion or family member. It does not cover the costs of cancellation for reasons of work or social schedule or snow conditions. Information about other travel insurance vendors and offers may be available upon inquiry.

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Payment Schedule: Deposit of \$350 is due with application and is fully refundable until August 1. A payment of \$700 is due Sept. 15. Final payment is due Nov. 15.

To Sign Up: Please send:

- (1) the completed application form below
- (2) the signed Waiver of Liability Agreement form on the next page, and
- (3) a check for the initial deposit of **\$350** made payable to Dottie Villers. Please write “PVS –Jackson Hole trip 2010” on the memo line.

Send to **Dottie Villers** at **2520 Farrier Lane, Reston, VA 20191**. For more information contact Dottie Villers, dottievillers@yahoo.com, 703-476-9259) or Marty Rine (mrine@cox.net, 703-978-0179).

Name(s) as on your Official ID: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone No.: _____ Email _____

Please check all appropriate spaces (ages are as of trip time):

Total package with standard air ___ or Land Only ___

Total price of trip (without insurance) see above rates \$ _____

Trip insurance optional: yes ___ or no ___ (If yes, we will notify you with the price as soon as available)

Age ___ (at time of trip; for insurance)

No. of days for lift tickets at Jackson Hole Ski Resort: 4 ___ 5 ___ 6 ___

Ski rental: yes ___ no ___ Roommate _____

Bedding choice (if available): 1 king ___ or 2 double ___

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Ski Trip to Bormio Italy

Summary Trip Details: <http://www.ski-europe.com/resorts/bormio.html>

- Participating with the Blue Ridge Ski Council (BRSC) 2010 Bormio *Eurofest*.
- Dates: March 6-14, 2010.
- Price: **\$1895** double occupancy.
- Transportation:
 - Airfare: Round trip airfare to Milan from Dulles Airport on Air France (Dulles-Paris-Milan). Air France still offers free wine, cocktails, and baggage.
 - Ground: Round trip charter bus from the Milan airport to the hotels in Bormio, with two hour stop at Lake Como on the way.
- Lodging: Seven nights lodging, double occupancy at the (4 star) Baita dei Pini hotel centrally located in Bormio.
- Food: **Full breakfast and dinner included daily.**
- Insurance: Emergency Medical and repatriation insurance provided at no extra cost.
- Around Town:
 - Discount at Bagni di Bormio and Terme Bormio, the ancient and the modern town hot springs and spa.
 - Complimentary welcome card entitles each guest to Free public transportation throughout the ski valley.
 - Optional day trips and trip extension are available.
 - 3 Blue Ridge parties with drink coupons. Friday night party includes DJ for dancing. (Total of 4 drink coupons per person for the week)

Bormio town and Ski Area:

Nestled amid snowy peaks of the Italian Alps, not far from the Swiss and Austrian borders, Bormio is a medieval town from Roman times, yet very convenient to cosmopolitan Milan. The combination of challenging Alpine skiing, après-ski relaxation and the aesthetics of a medieval Italian town provide all the ingredients for a trip to be remembered.

Bormio is a beautiful historic town located in the province of Sondrio, Lombardy region of the Italian Alps. In addition to modern skiing facilities, the town is noted for the presence of a hot spring spa. Due to its thermal baths Bormio has always attracted tourists. It is well known that members of the Roman aristocracy traveled to Bormio in order to enjoy warm baths in the mountainous scenery. Most of these thermal baths are still in use today. The town is centered around the historic Piazza Cavour and Via Roma. This used to be a main trading point on the route from Venice to Switzerland. Bormio nowadays retains its unique medieval town centre, attracting many tourists from Milan and other, mainly Italian, cities.

The village hosted the Alpine World Skiing Championships in 1985, and again in 2005. There are 50 km of marked ski runs, 14 lifts and several ski schools. The longest run is 6 km. Bormio regularly hosts various World Cup skiing events. The Pista Stelvio is one of the most challenging downhill on the World Cup. While the ski area can be a challenge for World Cup downhillers, there is a milder side. The vast majority of the ski slopes is rated intermediate and offers plenty of opportunity for all level of skiers.

Payment Schedule:

Deposit ----- \$295

October 1-----\$800

December 1--- \$800

(Cancel with full refund by 11/15/09)

Baita dei Pini Hotel

http://www.baitadeipini.com/eng_02_albergo.php

The Hotel Baita dei Pini has a richly deserved 4 Star rating situated in a superb location, just a short walk to the historic centre or to the lifts, and with a wonderful view of the valley which opens to the south. The Hotel will also serve as the BRSC headquarters and is the location of the scheduled parties and dance. In addition to the well appointed individual rooms, there is also a fitness centre with Turkish bath, sauna, Jacuzzi, solarium and a well equipped gymnasium.



One of the reasons for the Hotels 4 Star rating is its restaurant. The Hotel is reported to offer the “best food in the valley”. Thanks to its first class cuisine, either the special local or international dishes, great service and excellent selection of wine, you are guaranteed to be pleased. An after dinner drink at the piano bar isn’t bad either.

Day Trip Examples

Livigno and Santa Caterina Valfurva are two ski areas within easy commuting distance. Livigno, however, offers something in addition to good snow. It is an International Duty Free Shopping zone, probably as many people come to shop as they do to ski.

Lake Como (we will have a two hour stop here to wet your appetite for this beautiful area.), Bergamo, Citta alta, Bellagio, Varenna, Milan (if you want to see the “Last Supper” you need reservations in advance) can keep you traveling if that’s your wish.

Trip Extensions

If you need a little more Italy, I’m thinking of a 3 or 4 day extension to the Riviera, if there is interest I’ll work it up.

Not Included and Etc.

Lift tickets are not included. The tickets are relatively inexpensive by American standards. For 2008 the prices for a 5 day pass covering Bormio, Livigno, and Valfurva is 179 euros for an adult, someone born before 1950 the price is 125.50. We can possibly get a discount by ordering early as a group.

Euro/dollar conversions must be taken into account. The price is based on a rate of \$1.50 per euro. Today the rate is about \$1.41 per euro, so we may get a small refund, but if the euro goes up we pay more. Stable airline taxes and fuel surcharges are assumed (if it changes the price changes).

Single supplements add \$260, room upgrades are available at extra cost – call if interested.

**Contact me if interested,
Or send the Release
Agreement with deposit:**

**Dick Comerford (H) 703 777-9374 (C) 571 426-3098
307 Lounsbury Ct dick.comerford@verizon.net
Leesburg, VA 20176**

RELEASE, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY
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Printed Name of Participant: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Other Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Room-mate (if not listed above) _____

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