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Dear PVSers:

Thank you for your support of the recent By-Laws amendments and your voting for recent additions to the ExCom. We are off and running for another year!

This coming year you can look for much the same as past in style and substance with a few experiments and modifications in occasional meeting times and locations. At a recent monthly meeting, David received positive member reaction to possible weekend afternoon meeting dates/times during ski season (January and/or February). ExCom will follow-up on the feasibility of this option to the usual 3rd Tuesday evening meeting time.

With the understanding that it takes only 20 of you to petition for my recall from office, we will undergo a club-wide discussion and exchange of ideas on the notion of including snowboarders in our group. This does deserve serious thought and discussion before any By-Laws amendment is considered. I ask that you do your best to keep an open mind on this subject and consider all sides of the issue, including the fact that the children of some members ride snowboards.

It was only a couple weeks ago when our metro area experienced a temperature reminder of winter. Now Spring is upon us and all we can do is plan for Winter frolic. Please consider and support our approved ski trips.

Lastly, I welcome newly elected ExCom members and officers to our leadership group. I promise we will do our best to represent the interests of all members.

Best Wishes,

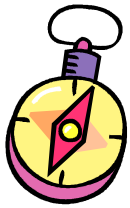
Mike Strand



Monthly Meetings



Tuesday, May 15
7:30 PM
At the home of
Phil and Eugenia Ufholz
In Bethesda, MD



Directions: to Eugenia and Phil Ufholz'

8613 Long Acre Ct. Bethesda, MD 20817
301-469-6135.

From Virginia

From the beltway, exit River Road toward Washington. Make first left at Burdette Road (at American Plant Nursery). At stop light, make a right on Bradley Boulevard. Pass light at Fernwood. Go 0.7 mile and make a left on Valley Road (if you get to Huntington Pkwy., turn around). Immediate right on Ridge Road (pass playground on right). The house is the first on the cul-de-sac (blue siding)

From DC

Take Wisconsin Avenue. Make a left on Bradley Boulevard. After passing Huntington Parkway, make a right on Valley Road (if you get to Fernwood, turn around). Immediate right on Ridge Road (pass playground on right). The house is the first on the cul-de-sac (blue siding).

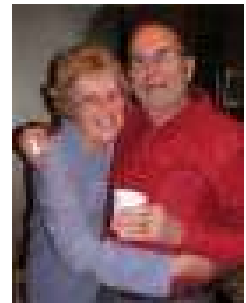
From Maryland - 270

Exit Democracy Boulevard toward Old Georgetown Road. Make a right on Fernwood. At stop sign, make left on Greentree. Make right at Ridge Place. Make left at Ridge Road. The house is the first on the cul-de-sac on your left (blue siding). If you reach Valley Road, you have gone too far, turn around

Past Events

Annual Meeting 2007

Was at Reg and Jean Heitchue's Party Room in Reston



What a beautiful, classy facility! Reg and Jean welcomed 48 members, 2 applicant members, 1 charter member and one guest. Our surprise charter member was Dick Harsh from Denver, in town on business and sporting a therapeutic sling due to rotator cuff surgery a month ago. Yes, he did it skiing, in 10 inches of powder, and a 9.5 on his smile-meter.



The stars of the evening were Dottie Villers, Sally Finan and Dottie's friend Angie (an I'm-coming-back-to-it skier). They hauled the food and serving dishes into the large, lovely kitchen, and laid it out for all of us to enjoy. David and Rachel Abraham brought all the beverages and dessert - the later made mostly by Rachel.

Pres. David, read a farewell address (see elsewhere). The proposed By-Laws changes were presented for vote by election-master, John Smith; the amendments passed by without contention. The officer's slate passed the hand count vote. John passed out ballots for the qualified applicant members all of whom were all welcomed in unanimously. Veep Dick Comerford took charge of swinging the gavel because Pres. Mike had to miss this meeting.

David was presented with a certificate honoring him for his nearly 5 years guiding our club to 2 continued success. First Lady, Rachel was thanked for her contributions.

Williamsburg Weekend

April 13 - 15, 2007

by Serge Triau



The PVS Williamsburg Weekend was held April 13 - 15, 2007 and was organized and run by four families from the PVS South Annex: the Clarks, the Harpers, the Klines, and the Sharers. For the second year in a row they extended their gracious hospitality to the group of PVSers, most of whom participated last year as well. Hopefully, this will continue in future years.

For some of us battling the heavy and slow traffic on I 95, it was a relief to check into and settle in at the Williamsburg Hospitality House, a lovely hotel located in the center of the city right next to the College of William and Mary. We began our weekend at the home of Wilma and Gene Sharer for the Cocktail Hour, enjoying libations and delicious snacks before heading off to the Two Rivers Country Club for a fabulous dinner while viewing a beautiful sunset across the James River out the wide windows of the Club, (see pg.5)



Rosalie & Bill

On Saturday, we began the serious touring of nearby sights, with some of our group exploring historic Jamestown, which is celebrating its 400th anniversary this year. Others chose to cross the James River by ferry to visit Beacon's Castle and other historic sites in the Smithfield, Virginia area. This group praised the delightful lunch they enjoyed at the famous Smithfield Inn.



Bob, June & Marty

On Saturday evening there was a progressive dinner beginning with a cocktail hour with drinks and yummy appetizers at the home of Marijane and Don Harper, followed by a sumptuous beef dinner at the home of Charlotte and Jim Kline, and finishing with tasty desserts at the home of Marilyn and Dick Clark. Fortunately, these three lovely homes are in close proximity to each other in the beautiful community of Ford's Colony. We are all so grateful to all these great PVSers for opening their homes to us for this weekend of fun.

We ended our weekend of splendid activities on Sunday with an elegant Champagne Brunch at the historic and beautiful Williamsburg Inn while a small music group played many familiar tunes to entertain us.



Needless to say, everyone enjoyed this wonderful weekend and all participants would join me in thanking our four host couples for their excellent efforts in planning, arranging, and hosting a fabulous event for PVS.

BROOKSIDE GARDENS GUIDED TOUR

Sally, one of the Master Gardeners at Brookside, escorted 12 flora-loving people around the 55 acres of flowers, exotic trees and shrubs, past a lake, and to the tea house. Sally is one of 500 volunteers who keep the gardens looking their best. Of special note were the 5000 varieties of tulips, including early to late bloomers. It was learned that the tulip bulbs are dug up every year and discarded because the blooms are "never quite right" the second year!!



In spite of the weather that was overcast, chilly with a few sprinkles thrown in, everyone enjoyed all 2 ½ hours of the tour. The group decided to forgo the planned picnic lunch because it started to really rain. Special appreciation to Rachel for organizing this delightful spring event.

by Bill Anderson

SNOWMASS

SNOWMASS 2008
January 17 through 24

Hurry! This may be a last chance to stay at our much loved Snowmass Mountain Chalet. Recent purchase by a large developer will make major changes with new construction and concept within the next two years.

- **Join us for this perennial favorite-- slopeside skiing at Snowmass with interchangeable lift tickets and free bus service to Aspen Highlands, Ajax Mountain, and Buttermilk ski areas, more than 5,000 acres of skiing. Direct access to 3,100 acres of Snowmass slopes is just outside the door.**
- **We will stay once again at the charming and friendly Snowmass Mountain Chalet to enjoy the convenience of slopeside lodging served by the welcoming Mountain Chalet staff. Lodging includes a daily family-style breakfast and daily soup lunch, greatly appreciated by trip participants and other guests, many of whom return year after year.**
- **The trip will include group dinners, après-ski parties, and other activities available in the Aspen environs.**
- **Approximate trip cost is \$1,900, details to be announced when air transport is arranged.**

For more information:

Contact trip leaders Carolyn Maurer and David DeVilbiss at 703-370-4865
or by e-mail at Carolyn.maurer@verizon.net.

To reserve:

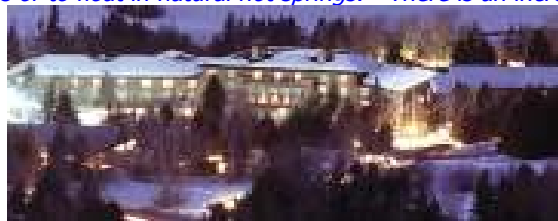
- **Send deposit of \$250 per person to:**
Carolyn Maurer at 4508 Peacock Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22304
- **Note "PVS-Snowmass 2008" on the memo line.**

WOW! Feb 9-16, 2008, join Nancy and Ray McKinley to Ski World-Renowned



If Sun Valley were a person, it would be a Renaissance man – worldly but capable of being down to earth, equally accomplished in sports and culture, broad in interests, sophisticated in tastes. But, Sun Valley is America's original destination ski resort, an enduringly beloved Idaho enclave that's "as classy as any mountain out there, and without the Bogner bling." Known for its long steady-pitched groomers (perfect for raising World Cupper Picabo Street), its lack of crowds ("forgot what a lift line was!"), its opulent on-mountain lodges and its celebrity-studded history, Sun Valley has won over skiing's well-traveled visitors for decades. It has sunshine and a top-flight lift network, an authentic Old West town with metro-quality cuisine, sagebrush vistas and a friendly and easygoing vibe. The resort's facilities are appropriate for couples, aspiring starlets and global financiers.

Sun Valley's expansive slopes work for virtually everyone except cliff-jumpers and terrain-park fanatics. "All the skiing you can handle in a vacation," says one fan. In fact, Sun Valley and adjacent Ketchum draw people back again and again. They return to sit in the sun over lunch at the Round House, to dance down funnel-shaped bowls and ride the mountain as surfers ride big waves. Some come back to glide through their turns and take it easy. Others return to bend in to the mountain and feel the burn. They come back for free cookies after breakfast at the Kneadery and for après at divey Apples. They come back to eat fresh trout amid the rosy chintz and fine china of Gretchen;s at the Sun Valley Lodge or to rough it in the vast back country, to buy big-name art for big second-home walls or to float in natural hot springs. "There is an incredible amount to do other than ski."



The World Famous Sun

The Sun Valley Lodge was built with every amenity a skier could imagine. Complete with a outdoor pool and Sun Valley's famous outdoor ice rink and Terrace. Guests enjoy Gretchen's Restaurant, the elegant Lodge Dining Room, the Eddie Duchin Lounge, Spa, Exercise Room, bowling alley and game room. Re-live the luxurious accommodations enjoyed by Clark Gable, Erol Flynn and Lucile Ball, with the incomparable service of a bygone era.

Our complete trip cost is \$2,157. This includes pre and post trip parties, 3 dinners, lodging, air fare and lift tickets. Land only cost is \$1,681, the single supplement is \$856. Non-skiers cost \$1,896.

We have only limited space. To reserve a spot on this memorable trip, send your check for \$250 per person payable to Ray McKinley and send to 2326 N Upton Street, Arlington, VA 22207-4045. Please call us for lots more information at (703) 527-7126.

Ski and See the Balkans

Sunday, March 2 through Thursday, March 13, 2008

This trip offers the opportunity to ski in two countries (Bulgaria and Slovenia), tour two capital cities (Sofia and Ljubljana), and experience the unique culture of this region where eastern and western cultures merge.

TRIP OVERVIEW -- We depart Washington/Dulles at 5:20 pm, transfer in Munich, Germany, for Sofia, Bulgaria, and overnight in a 4-star hotel in Sofia (breakfast included). The next day we tour Sofia before transferring late in the afternoon by bus (about a 2-hour trip) to a 5-star hotel in Bansko at the gondola station (breakfast and dinner included). After four nights and three days skiing (elective day tours are possible to Rila Monastery, Sofia, the town of Bansko, and other sites of interest), we return to Sofia and fly to Ljubljana, Slovenia. We overnight in Ljubljana in a 4-star hotel (breakfast included), then tour the Slovenian capital city the following day. Late in the afternoon we transfer by bus to Kranjska Gora (about 1.5 hours) to a slopeside 4-star hotel (breakfast and lunch included). After four nights/three days skiing (elective day tours are possible to Lake Bled, Ljubljana, and other local sites), we return by bus to Ljubljana for the flight home. Transferring in Munich, we arrive back at Washington/Dulles at 6:30 pm. All flights are on Lufthansa.

Bansko is Bulgaria's # 1 ski resort: It has benefited from a multi-million Euros investment, has the best snow record and the longest ski season (15 Dec - 15 May) of all Bulgarian ski resorts, and snowmaking covers many of the slopes. Bansko is located 3,025 feet above sea level. The two main ski areas are between 3,600 and 8,510 feet elevation, and are accessible on the new gondola, which starts from Bansko. The area caters to all levels of skiers and is the best resort in Bulgaria for advanced skiers. More information is available at www.Bulgariaski.com/bansko/index.shtml

Kranjska Gora is the longest operating ski resort in Slovenia and is in northwestern Slovenia near the borders with Austria and Italy. The slopes are suitable for all skiing levels. The best skiers in the world compete annually on the Podkoren run in World Cup men's giant slalom and slalom races. Kranjska Gora has 90 days guaranteed snow with 175 acres of artificial snow making and night skiing capability. The ski area is at an altitude ranging from 2,650-5,140 feet. More information is available at www.slovenia.info/?smucanje=58

INCLUDED IN PRICE -- Total Price \$2,800 (double occupancy) includes all air and bus transportation, hotels with meals as indicated above, two city tours, plus pre-trip party, portage of baggage, and post-trip party. (Price based on exchange rate of \$1.33 US to Euro). Single supplement \$306 based on single room availability. Land-only price, approximately \$1,950.

NOT INCLUDED: -- Medical Insurance and Trip Cancellation / Interruption Insurance, lunches, lift tickets, ski equipment rental, elective tours

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING US OR HAVE ANY QUESTIONS:

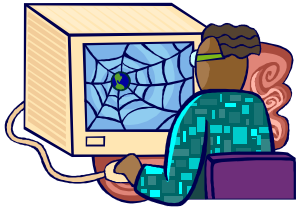
Contact Marianne or Kerry Hines at 540-364-4810 or by e-mail at machines@rcn.com or klhines@erols.com.

TO RESERVE: Trip is limited to 25 participants. Send the trip application form and a deposit check for \$250 per person to: Marianne or Kerry Hines, 11019 John Marshall Highway, Delaplane, VA 20144. Note "PVS-Balkans 2008" on the memo line.

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**Changes:** \_\_\_\_\_ Nancy McKinley's new e-mail address is: [nancymckin@gmail.com](mailto:nancymckin@gmail.com)



View of the river at Two Rivers Country Club, Williamsburg. Note eagle's nest in left hand tree.



## PVS maintains a web site

by Dave Lerner to provide information to members and to promote our club to people who may be considering joining PVS or going on one of our trips.

The web site can be found at [www.potomacvalleyskiers.org](http://www.potomacvalleyskiers.org). Setting your browser to pvskiers.org will get you to the same site with less typing. Club members will find information about upcoming trips, a calendar of events, online copies of the TOOT, and club documents. There also is a Photo Gallery, but we need contributions of recent photos, with captions, to keep the gallery up to date.

Most parts of the web site are open for everyone to see, but a user name and password are needed to read the TOOT and ExCom minutes, and to see the roster. The password is derived from your "user name" and e-mail address, as published in the club roster. Your "user name" is in the form FirstLast, up to 12 characters only, even though the roster lists names as Last, First. There are no spaces or periods in the user name and initials are included if they appear in the roster. For example, Marx, Robert (Marx-comma-space-Robert) in the roster would have a user name of RobertMarx (no commas or spaces, and with capital letters on both name components). Your password consists of the first 8 characters of your e-mail address including the @ sign and all punctuation if they happen to be among the first 8 characters. If you do not have a listed e-mail address, your password is your telephone number without the area code but with the hyphen (e.g., 555-1212).



The user name and password software is not under our control and it is relatively unfriendly. We cannot set user names to more than 12 characters and we cannot set the password to more than 8 characters. Therefore, we use only the first 12 characters for members with longer names. User names and passwords may be changed by the webmaster. Please send e-mail to [webmaster@pvskiers.org](mailto:webmaster@pvskiers.org) if you would like to have your user name or password changed, or if you have any questions or need any help.

The same password is used for access to TOOT and the ExCom minutes. Your browser will remember your user name and password until you shut down the browser. There is no other way to log out of the web site.

### Summary: (to view secure items on the web site.)

1. Log onto [www.potomacvalleyskiers.org](http://www.potomacvalleyskiers.org).
2. "User name" is up to 12 letters of your name as it appears on the PVS roster (JanetMarx) or (DavidJLeonar) -- no periods or hyphens.
3. Password must be the first 8 characters of your e-mail address (jebbmarx) or (lizl@ver) -- @ sign counts as one. (Check "remember password.")
4. Password if you do not have an e-mail address listed on the roster, then use your telephone number without the area code (451-9158).

## Results of the Elections at our Annual Meeting - 2007

### By-laws Amendments

All proposed changes in the requirements for membership passed without contention.

### Applicant Members Eligible for Membership

The following Applicant Members were voted to full membership.

Marianne Gustafson (sponsored by Betty Byrne)

Ann Snyder (sponsored by John Brunelli)

Cara Jablon (sponsored by Rosemary and Dick Schwartzbard)

Bob Jablon (sponsored by Rosemary and Dick Schwartzbard)



### Slate of Officers

The following slate was voted into office.

**President = Mike Strand**

**Vice President = Dick Comerford**

**ExCom members = Carolyn Maurer, Ruth Powers, and David Warthen**

### PVS BOARD MEMBERS, OFFICERS, and CHAIRPERSONS -- 2007-2008

President - *Mike Strand*

Vice Pres - *Dick Comerford*

Secretary - *Mary Beale*

Treasurer - *Dick Laeser*

Membership -

Events - *Ray McKinley*

Mid-wk Events -

Webmaster - *David Lerner*

Ski Trip Cmte Chair - *Bob Marx*

TOOT Editor - *Jan Marx*

TOOT Proofer - *Bob Marx*

TOOT Mailer -

Meeting Records - *Sara Huggins*

Historian - *Jan Marx*

Second Term:

*Bob Knopes*

*Dick Laeser*

*David Lerner*

First Term

*Carolyn Maurer*

*Ruth Powers*

*David Warthen*



### EXCERPTS FROM AN ADDRESS BY OUTGOING CLUB PRESIDENT DAVID G ABRAHAM, GIVEN AT THE ANNUAL PVS MEETING ON APRIL 17, 2007

*(Editor's Note: At this meeting, David completed just under five years of service to the club as President and Vice President, respectively, believed to be the longest consecutive term in club history. His speech is recorded here for the benefit of non-attending members and applicants.)*

Here, ladies and gentlemen, is my take on **The State of the Club.**

I am gratified and pleased to be able to report to you that the state of PVS is healthy and sound. As indicated in several of my monthly missives we experienced far lesser membership attrition, and maintain better event participation than most, if not all, BRSC member clubs. While we too have had some erosion, undoubtedly for a variety of reasons, including the inevitable aging of our membership, it has not been material, and participation in our ski trips has remained, on average, quite good, and sufficient to qualify for group rates and other benefits of group travel.

Our finances have remained in good shape. We continue to have a financial cushion, call it a reserve, and I cannot see any need to raise our dues at any time in the foreseeable future.

We continue to benefit from members' generosity by permitting us to hold our monthly meetings in their homes where we can enjoy the camaraderie and socialize freely among ourselves, without the intrusion of outside persons. Our members continue to recruit friends and acquaintances as membership applicants, albeit, we sorely need more of this recruiting effort, and preferably others, to assure that there will be worthy successors to us old guys. Hopefully, an effective member recruiting program will soon get underway with the participation and cooperation of our friends at the Ski Center in DC.

We are in the good shape about which I have been reporting to you periodically, and here and now, thanks to the volunteers who unselfishly give of their time, their efforts, and often their personal financial resources to initiate and carry out the many activities we have consistently in our activities calendar. If to identify the one recurring activity, which in my view is principally responsible for our continued success as a social club for and by skiers, it is our monthly newsletter Toot. It is published in a reliable and timely manner, with the content we all look for, by a dedicated editor and her helper, the Jan and Bob Marx combo, and our summer editor Marvin Hass. It is hard to imagine what things at PVS would be like without this hallmark of effective communications, and I trust that it may never be necessary to be without it. All of us owe a very considerable debt of gratitude to these members who toil monthly to give us this important medium for information dissemination, and to make us all feel we belong. Jan, Bob and Marvin, we are grateful to you.

Of course, when one mentions Bob Marx in this context, it's also necessary to remember his significant leadership role as our dedicated Chair of the Ski Trip Committee. He and his committee members have just recently updated and improved on our ski trip guidelines, and they serve both as guides and filters for our trip leaders. Their services and our experienced and caring trip leaders are the cause celebre for our unrivaled ski and see trips. To all of them I say: Job well done for another season, and god speed for the next one.

As I already noted in my April Toot piece, it's infeasible to mention each of the many people who have been instrumental in the club's success during my years in office. I was the beneficiary of a great mentor, the last Pres before me, and our tonight's host, Reg Heitchue. I feel a personal debt of gratitude to the Veep of the last two years, Mike Strand, for his support, and the outgoing ExComers who have also served us for the past two years, Charlotte Edy, Burr Schuler, and Dick Schwartzbard. Remaining in office for another year, and clearly benefiting us by their presence are Bob Knopes, Dick Laeser, our Treasurer, and our Webmeister and trip leader Dave Lerner. To all of them a sincere thank you, with a special one for Dick S. for his having been ExCom's "meetings closer," the man who never fails to motion for adjournment.

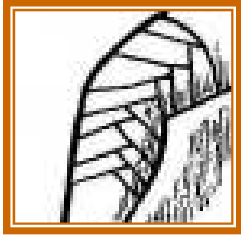
Though it's time for me to adjourn, I cannot do so without again mentioning the incomparable services for our club's well-being practiced consistently by our Program Chair, Ray. His identification of meeting venues has become increasingly difficult, and those of us who can should offer assistance in this critical matter. Ray, the Knee, along with his significant other, Nancy, the superb see and ski trip leaders, we surely are in your debt.

And how could I not sing the praises of our reliable Secretary, Mary Beale, our just retiring Membership Chair and computer guru, Pat Vagonis, and the ever present Charles and Sara Huggins who keep our meeting records and finances in order, with Charles and Glade making our presence known at BRSC meetings.

Lastly but not least, I need to mention those generous members who make their homes available for us to come, mingle, and enjoy the warmth of members' presence, and who do so at the peril of the occasionally spilled glass of red wine, and the mess we are prone to leave behind. To them, and all whom I've named and not named, I wish to say a personal thank you very much for your friendship, your support and encouragement over these sometimes long five years as your Veep and Pres, respectively. I am grateful for the opportunity accorded me to make some contribution to the club's well-being and the members' enjoyment, and I conclude by expressing my best wishes to the incoming slate for their success and the continued viability of the club we all cherish very much.

Thanks to you all, and my best to you and yours. Wouldn't it be great if we all meet again out there, schussing down some powder covered mountain.





# THE KNEE

by Ray McKinley

It's bright, shining, flower-filled May. Once again the Knee wants to write poetknee. But I was asked (told?) to keep it to one poem a year—and that will be for membership, this summer. So it's on with other May-kneeia.

Herewith, again begins brazenly benign bantering, boisterous bragging, and some blazingly bold bombshells from your bosom budknee. Did you know that non-skiing can be dangerous to your health? Yup. I saw in the paper this week that a man cut off his big toe using his lawnmower. That never would have happened had he been skiing.

Once again PVS has conducted a successful passing of the reins of power. We have a new President, Mike Strand, a new Veep, Dick Comerford, and three new ExComers, Ruth Powers, Dave Warthen and Carolyn Maurer. We did this in a most democratic fashion, one candidate, one slate, and a non-secret ballot. We did have "secret" ballots to vote in the new members—but we had to **sign** them!! Let's hear it for democracy! The Knee is certain that President Mike Strand will be as long remembered as our past President, David Whatshisname!

Mike Strand may well be the only PVS Pres to miss his first two meetings. He was teaching a seminar in April. And Mike and Eloise will be returning from vacation during our May Meeting. So Veep Comerford's in charge.

The Knee is never the same. According to George Welti, the German word knee, spelled *nie*, means never. It couldn't be. *Nie! Nie!*

Well, it's finalknee over. The 20 year old continuing saga by Jan Marx to sell the last of the PVS headbands is done. Better half, Nancy McKnee couldn't stand it any more and bought the last one. It was blue—perhaps from age. All told, PVS finally sold all 8,500 of the original order of headbands. Jan is thinking about placing a second order... To be sure to get yours, get your order in within the next 10 years.

Ski clubs are disappearing. Members age, membership falls off and the treasury runs out of money. How is PVS doing? Not bad, not bad at all. Two years ago we had 192 members, today

we have 192. Two years ago, our treasury had \$8,400, today we have \$8,579. On the down side, 25% fewer members went on PVS-run trips than two years ago.

It was great to see Charter PVS member Dick Harsh at our annual meeting. His arm was in a sling due to rotator cuff problems brought on whilst Dick was Patrolling at Winter Park. Dick also brought sad news that long time PVSers, Jack and Mary Iams had both passed away.

The Annual Meeting required a joint effort. Reg and Jean Heitchue got us the use of their ultra-modernistic, two-story party room. David and Rachel Abraham supplied the wine and desserts, and Dottie Villars and Sally Finan brought the yummy edibles.

June PVS hosts, David and Carolyn Calloway are in-laws of Gene and Wilma Sharer. It certainly beats their being outlaws.

According to Bob McNeill, Liberty Mountain (aka Charnita) didn't close until March 23 this year. Bill Brown, standing nearby, said it was true, but they didn't open until March 22!

Last month, the Knee mourned the lousy ski season. It ended much better. The southern Rockies had a huge dump in late March (and Kansas had a bigger dump at the end of April—but Ski Wichita isn't yet a destination resort!). Several PVSers took advantage. I believe our latest skiers were Liz Warren-Boulton and Joe Jevcak. They were skiing at Taos, New Mexico on April 7—in powder.

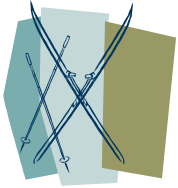
Williamsburg resident Marijane Harper and former member Rosalie Chiccotelli worked together for some 20 years. So when Rosalie and Bill Anderson decided to attend PVS's second glorious Williamsburg weekend, they stayed with the Harpers. Right in!

This year's tours, again superbly arranged by Marilyn Clark, were to Jamestown and the surroundings. Two weeks later, the Washington Post's entire travel section was devoted to our trip. The Knee can assure you it had nothing at all to do with the upcoming Jamestown's 400<sup>th</sup> Anckneeverarknee!

A very special tip of the 'ol Knee cap to Carolyn Maurer and Dave DeVilbiss. They are getting married this month. Their sparks started on a PVS ski trip. There was lots of discussion of other PVS ski trip couplings. Gail and Larry Pease did the same thing "several" years ago. And Don and Marijane Harper and Fred and Barbara Leonhardt met on trips run by SCWDC (It stands for Some Club in Wilmington, Del--C!)

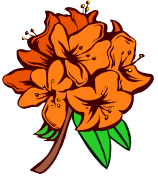
## Calendar

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| May  | 15 | Tue | Monthly Meeting & <b>ExCom</b> at Ufholz' |
| June | 19 | Tue | Monthly Meeting at Callaway's             |
| June | 26 | Tue | ExCom                                     |
| July | 21 | Sat | All Trips Party at Hines 4:00 PM          |



## Ski Trips -- 2008

Snowmass - January 17-24 -- Carolyn Maurer  
Sun Valley - February 9-16 - Nancy and Ray McKinley  
Balkans - March 2-13 - Marianne and Kerry Hines



Jan and Bob Marx  
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Springfield, VA 22152