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Fellow PVSers:

As I begin the task of Presiding over PVS, I have thought much about our immediate past President, Ned Flaherty. Ned served ably as our President for one and a half years during which time he dedicated himself to maintaining the character of PVS as we know and love it. His charming smile and his contagious sense of humor were his greatest assets as he led PVS through a number of challenging situations.

Ned, together with his lovely wife Jackie, will be remembered for their many contributions to PVS, not the least of which was their leadership of Steamboat trips; many PVS'ers recall the fun they had at the Sheraton après ski parties, and the awarding of prizes that the Flaherty's had managed to extract from local merchants.

We will greatly miss Ned as a friend, and as a dedicated and loyal member of PVS.

Reg Heitchue



OCTOBER MONTHLY MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15 2002, 7:30 P. M.



HOME OF SALLY FINAN AND GEORGE WELTI
11311 FRENCH HORN LANE
RESTON, VA 20191
703-716-9023

FOOLPROOF DIRECTIONS: From I-495 take Dulles Toll Road 267 WEST. Exit at Hunter Mill Road.....Turn left, go 0.4 mile.....Turn right onto Sunrise Valley Dr.....Go 1 mile to first traffic light.....Turn left onto South Lakes Drive. Go 0.2 miles to first traffic light.....Turn left onto Twin Branches Road. Go 0.6 miles.....Turn right onto Glade Drive.....Go 1 mile.....Turn left onto Tumbletree Way.....Take immediate left onto French Horn Lane. Our house is at end of Cul de Sac, to the right.



IN MEMORIAM

Dr. Edward (Ned) Flaherty

He was laid to his final rest today in a befitting military ceremony. Ned was our dear friend for many years; he served our club as its President for a year and a half. Many of us knew him well. He was a friend, a confidant, and a leader who set the tone and enriched our culture. Always friendly and compassionate, always helpful and supportive.

We've learned from him, and we admired him. He told a good story or two, and we listened for he was fun. He led us on so many trips, with Jackie always at his side. He left us with a legacy, a set of values and standards which we dare not forget.

No, no his memory will remain fresh in our minds as on this solemn day we join the Nation in gratitude for his life, his rich contributions to benefit so many, his tireless travails in our behalf.

May Jackie, the kids and grandkids along with all who were privileged to know this wonderful person find solace and comfort in his memory, and their grateful celebration of his all too short life.

May all of us have the courage and the wisdom to perpetuate the goodness of our dear, departed friend.

September 24, 2002



BICYCLING GOURMET

W&OD Trail -- Sterling to Leesburg
Thursday, October 17, 2002 10:30 AM
Starting Point: VA Rte. 28 & W&OD Trail Parking Lot.



Route: Twenty mile round trip ride on the flat W&OD trail to Leesburg and return with short detour near end to the Old Dominion BrewPub for lunch. This is a BrewPub which is very popular with area cyclists. You can sample at least a dozen varieties of fresh beers/ales (including root beer and ginger ale) and dine on hearty pub food in their newly remodeled facility. Lunch is expected to start no later than 1:30 PM. This ride is completely on a straight bike path; participants can choose to cycle either a shorter or longer distance.

Directions to Starting Point: *VIA Rte. 7 (Leesburg Pike).* From the Beltway go 15 miles west toward Leesburg; Exit right on VA 28 South (Sully Road) and proceed 2.4 miles and turn right at traffic light into parking lot 1/4 mile just before the W&OD Trail Overpass (visible from road).

VIA Dulles Toll Road: From the Beltway go 12 miles to Rte.28 North (Sully Road). Proceed 3.6 miles to the W&OD Trail Overpass and continue. Just beyond the overpass, turn left (traffic light) from Rte. 28 into parking lot. (less traffic this way, but costs 85 cents toll).

Leaders: Guest leader Jean Mielczarek assisted by Marvin Hass (703) 751-4737 and Betty Byrne (202) 483-4048

Note: Starting time listed above is when cyclists actually depart; please arrive earlier to allow sufficient time to set up your equipment. Nearest "facilities" are 2 miles beyond starting point. (Portapotty). Rest stop with running water facilities at Leesburg rest stop. If you arrive late, just proceed west on the Trail.

Next ride: Thursday Nov. 21 Glen Echo to Great Falls; lunch at the Inn at Glen Echo. This will conclude the 2002 bicycle season. There will be a special après-lunch program and possibly a short hike for noncyclists. Details in November TOOT.



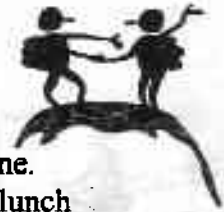
John Matthews, leader of the Oct. 2000 Bicycling Gourmet ride to Old Dominion BrewPub, enjoying some well-earned refreshment at the end of the ride. He will be long remembered for the many trips he volunteered to lead in addition to his many other volunteer community activities.



Sept. 19, 2002. Ride participants at lunch stop in Bethesda. The weather and the location ideal for bicycling. The group of 14 included PVS members Betty Byrne, Marvin Hass, David Abraham, David Warthen, Ruth Powers, Marilyn Siegel and Sharon Mulholland.

EVENT

FRANK SHELBURNE MEMORIAL HIKE



Save Friday Oct. 25th for this annual event in memory of avid hiker Frank Shelburne. We will meet at Burke Lake Park in Fairfax Co. at 10:00 for the hike, followed by lunch at Dick and Marilyn Clark's home.

Please call Marilyn at 703-978-9435 to let her know if you plan to have lunch. There will be a small fee to cover costs.

We will be hiking around the lake on mostly flat terrain and a distance of 4.5 miles.

DIRECTIONS: Take beltway exit 54A (Braddock Rd.) west to left at **Burke Lake Rd.**, to left on **Ox Rd (Route 123)**, to park entrance on left (2nd entrance, not the golf course). Immediately after entrance booth turn left and park in large parking lot near the train station and carousel.



FIRST MEETING OF THE NEW PVS YEAR by Jessma

A happy crew of PVSers showed up at the home of Dorie and John Waddick to celebrate September and the approach of a new ski season

There were numerous friends not often seen—Huey Roberts, Dick Comerford, Pat and Don Cope up from their lake home. There was eager sharing about the summer's trips and adventures by all those present.

And of course the eager talk was accompanied by eager consumption of wonderful food both inside the home and in the beautiful lighted garden. Especially appreciated were the labels Dorie had thoughtfully provided so we could know the ingredients of the goodies. There were requests for a return of Cook's Corner in the TOOT, so the delicacies could be enjoyed again



Before delicious desserts, members did take time for a brief meeting, with announcements of fall hikes and coming ski trips. Many thanks to Dorie and John for a delightful evening!



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THE KNEE

by

Ray McKinley

The Knee and Nancy have just flown in from a brief vacation to Knee

Mexico and Arizona. And, boy, are our arms tired! The Knee was there trying to avoid his 60th birthday. (It didn't work.) Now 60 may not seem old to some of you, but it's older than I've ever been! Well, I made it thru and was feeling pretty good about myself. Then "Dear Friends," Lu Beale and Karen Felker both reminded me that I was now *enroute* to 70! Whoopee! And I'm also headed towards 120. Kneenuf!

Whilst in Knee Mexico, we saw a bumper sticker which read "Keep Taos Board Free." I loved it. Later, chatting with Taos locals we found that Taos' scrappy founder, Ernie Blake has in his will that if the person taking over the resort lets in Boarders, that individual will be removed as a beneficiary from the will. The same is true for the next person to run the resort. Ernie was a serious anti-boarder!!

The same is true for me, and in my will for the Knee follow-on'ers when I retire at the age of 120. I actually don't have a will, I have a won't.

A tip of the ol' Knee cap to Liz Triau who wrote the superb obituary of Ned Flaherty in last month's TOOT. It was much better written than the one in the Wash. Post. For those of you who were shocked by the suddenness of Ned's decline, you had reason. Ned was diagnosed with cancer on August 1 and died on August 19. A huge loss.

Those going to PVS' Rehoboth outing loved Betty Lawrence's great new home which had its grand opening at the event. Since Betty keeps expanding and improving her number of homes, Marilyn Clark wondered if Betty has an edifice complex. I have data that rex that theory.

I spent my 60th birthday in New Mexico. Some two weeks earlier Bob Marx spent his sixtieth birthday in the Intensive Care Unit, after emergency surgery for a perforated colon. That's something that looks like this, ":" with a hole between the two dots. As he was being checked

out of the hospital, Bob's Surgeon told him, "By the way, while we were in there, we also removed your appendix!" So Bob won't have one to put in the next book he writes...

Bob Marx also had all of his surgery with no stitches whatsoever--also no staples. Rather, his wound was closed with a new technique--they used a new Super Glue. It's true. Sticky wicket!

When Bob McNeill retired some 6 years ago, after some 35 years in international trade. He ended up as a disgustingly rich, but well thought of, member of the lobbying corps, pushing hard for freer international trade. Bob is so rich that he still owns 9 pair of skis (i.e., 18 skis), and he carries every one with him when he skis--except at Liberty where he rents!

After a summer away, Marilyn Clark is back as a docent at Hillwood. Her favorite things there are the fabulous Faberge eggs. When I first heard this I thought it a yoke.

Speaking of yokes, Bill Anderson claims his foot went to sleep one afternoon and then it kept him awake all night. As you read this, the selfsame Bill Anderson along with Charlie Gordon are on a cruise and visit to Russia. I never knew either of them to be in a hurry--let alone to be Russian. I'm not Putin you on, or Stalin.

Kudos to Charles and Sara Huggins for their excellent work in setting up and, in effect, hosting the last BRSC meeting.

Warren Miller, or at least his production company, is still alive and skiing. Their newest flick, Storm, will be at the Ski show at the Dulles Expo center the 2nd weekend in November.

Ubiquitous PVS--Again. We ran into Edith Rabinowitz at the grand Egyptian Death exhibit at the National Gallery. Worth seeing...

On 9-11, WTOP radio was discussing coping with the tragedy one year later. They had a long interview with a local Clinical Psychologist. It was our own Rosemary Schwartzbard.

Prez Reg is back from climbing one of Colorado's 14ers. It's in preparation for his next year's trek in my favorite country--Kneepal.

Highlights of the BRSC Fall Meeting

By Glade Flake, Charles Huggins, and John Smith

PVS sponsored this year's Blue Ridge Ski Council (BRSC) Fall meeting on Sept. 21 at the Courtyard by Marriot Hotel in Gaithersburg. Sara and Charles Huggins made the arrangements for a very successful meeting of 36 people from the BRSC member clubs.

BRSC is a member of the National Ski Federation that represents 24 Ski Councils and 300,000 skiers. As members of a ski council club, we are all eligible for substantial discounts at many ski vendors such as Breeze, Christy's, Sport Express, Sport Basement and others. The National Ski Federation is drafting a model Code of Ethics that pertains to ski club officers and trip leaders for voluntary use by member clubs. The National Ski Federation is also drafting documents on "How to Run Ski Trips" and will assemble a rating system for tour operators and resorts to help ski clubs in running trips.

The BRSC ski trips locations for the next few years are:

	<u>Western Carnival</u>	<u>Eurofest</u>
2003	Lake Tahoe, CA	Innsbruck, Austria
2004	Snowmass, CO	Cortina, Italy
2005	Breckenridge, CO	Trois Vallee, France
2006	Sun Valley, ID	Val Gardena, Italy

The airlines have recently imposed very strict requirements on the size and weight of luggage. Each airline has its own rules. The airlines have also instituted strict and severe restriction on the special discount tickets that we use on our trips. For these reasons, it becomes more desirable to purchase trip cancellation/interruption insurance.

Next BRSC meeting: Annapolis on May 17 and 18, 2003.

The "National Ski and Snowboard" show will be held at the Dulles Expo Center in Chantilly on November 8, 9, and 10. Heavily discounted skis, clothes, and equipment, a ski swap, over 100 exhibitors, Warren Miller movies, many significant and door prizes. The admission price is \$ 5.

**NATIONAL
SKI & SNOWBOARD
EXPO**

NEW THIS YEAR: NATIONAL GOLF EXPO

November 8, 9 & 10, 2002

Dulles Expo Center

Admission: \$5.00

- ▶ **Pre-season Bargains on Ski/Golf Trips**
- ▶ **WARREN MILLER'S Newest Blockbuster Movie**

"STORM". Movie every two hours. Tickets: \$5.00

FREE Ski Liberty/Roundtop/Whitetail lift pass with each ticket (some restrictions apply)

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LONG DRIVE COMPETITION



To PVS and all its remarkable members —

The Flaherty family will always recall and cherish your prayers for and kindnesses to Ned, the 24th, on his "Last Run." God bless you, everyone.



Jackie

RECIPE from Dorie Waddick – September Meeting

Grand-est Crab Dip (from: Grand Lake, CO - A feast in the Rockies)

- 2 (8-oz.) cans crabmeat
- 1 white onion, minced
- 1/2 lb. shrimp
- 2 tsp. minced parsley
- 2 (8-oz.) pkgs. cream cheese
- 1 c. mayonnaise
- paprika

Blend together cream cheese and mayonnaise. Add crabmeat, shrimp, onion and parsley. Mix well. Sprinkle top lightly with paprika. Cover and chill. Serve with crackers or Wheat Thins. Best, if prepared the day before to enhance flavor.



OOPS! --- Please note this correction.

Dear PVSers:

"The Knee", in the September newsletter, had Gene and me moving from our present home "to a golf community across the Potomac near Leesburg". To correct and clarify what has been written, Gene and I do not have plans to move at this time or any time in the immediate future.

Wilma Sharer

Reminder:

If you sign up for an event and do not attend, you are responsible to the host for the charges for that event.

SKI TRIPS – 2002 – 2003



Steamboat Springs, CO

Leaders: Sally Finan & George Welti
Dec. 10 to 17, 2002
703-716-9023

Whistler, BC

Leaders: Nancy & Ray McKinley
Mar. 1 to Mar 9, 2003
703-527-7126

Snowmass, CO

Leaders: Barbara & Fred Leonhardt
Jan. 16 to 23, 2003
301-963-811

Crested Butte, CO

Leaders: David Lerner & Bob Marx
Mar 19 to 26, 2003
703-281-6923

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The Trip You've Been Asking for--March 1-9, 2003, join Nancy and Ray McKinley to Ski

PVS WHISTLER/BLACKCOMB 2003
LIMITED SPACE LEFT—CALL US TODAY

Imagine a ski trip with **PVS friends** that includes North America's largest ski area: **7000+ acres** of skiing, **200+ trails**, **3 high-speed gondolas**, **12 high-speed quads** and 18 other lifts. A trip that includes North America's **longest vertical (5,280 feet)**. A ski trip where altitude is no problem (the base is 2,200 ft). A trip where your lodging is so good you're tempted to stay in and enjoy it! The 4 star **luxury Le Chamois is at the base of the lifts** with 2 people per 1 BR 2 full bath unit with kitchenette and lots of windows. A trip where the resort is known for its fabulous restaurants, galleries and shops. Where you spend a leisurely day and evening in arguably North America's most beautiful city (Vancouver) at the 5-star Fairmont Waterfront, after your superb ski week. This great trip to Whistler/Blackcomb includes 5 of 6 Day lift passes good at both mountains, airfare on United via non-icy San Francisco, 3 great group dinners at Whistler's top restaurants, happy hours, pre & post trip parties, and gratuities.

GREAT PRICES - \$1,694; 65+ \$1,669; LAND ONLY \$1,299

We are limited to 40 and are more than two-thirds full. To reserve a space, send your check for \$1,000 per person payable to Ray McKinley and send it to the McKinleys at 2326 North Upton Street, Arlington, VA 22207-4045. Please call us for a copy of our flyer or for more information at (703) 527-7126.

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First PVS Ski Trip of the Season
Steamboat Springs

Tues. Dec. 10 - Tues. Dec 17, 2002

Talk to anyone in PVS, mention Steamboat, and conjure up great memories of what has become a club tradition. On this date last year we had the best opening powder ever! Our accommodations will again be at the deluxe ski-in/ski-out Sheraton resort. There is still time to sign up. Trip leaders will be Sally Finan and George Welti (703-716-9023).

Total Package: Round trip Air fare from Washington/Dulles via Denver to Hayden and ground transport to Steamboat, 7 nights lodging at the slope side Sheraton, baggage handling, taxes and gratuities, 7 full American breakfasts and 3 group dinners, welcome wine and cheese reception, 3 apres ski parties, pre- and post-trip parties, 5-of-6 day lift pass.

Price per person (2 persons per room)

Under 65: \$1295 65-69 seniors: \$1235 70+ seniors: \$1135 No-ski package: \$1135
Land-only package: subtract \$273 Single supplement: add \$350

Schedule: Dec.10*: Dep. Dulles 6:40 AM United #399 arr. Denver 8:30 AM.
Dep. Denver 9:20 AM United #6844 arr. Hayden 10:05 AM
Dec. 17: Dep. Hayden 11.00 AM United #5738 arr. Denver 11:45 AM
Dep. Hayden 12:40 United #1260 arr. Dulles 5:43 PM

*Note: There is a possibility of a later departure from Dulles with an evening arrival.

The Fine Print

Payment Schedule: All payments must be made on time so that air and lodging are not jeopardized. \$700 pp due now. Final payment is due October 15, 2002. Please send checks payable to Sally Finan, 11311 French Horn Lane Reston, VA 20191.

Trip Insurance is recommended and available to all group participants. Call Sally for information.

Cancellation Fees: Cancellations before 10/15/02 are \$100 per person. Cancellations between 10/15 and 10/26 are \$400 per person. After Oct 26 they will be \$632 per person.

Name(s) _____

Address _____ Phones (H) _____ (W) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Roommate _____

Check all that apply; If 2 persons indicate #1 and #2

Air _____ Land _____ 70+ _____ 65-69 _____ Single-Supplement _____ Smoker _____

I (we) have read the fine print above.

Signature(s). If couple, both must sign:

X _____ X _____

CALENDAR

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- Nov. 19...Monthly Meeting, Powers
- Nov. 26...ExCom, Marx
- Nov. 27...Bicycling, Glen Echo to Great Falls
- Dec. 17...Monthly Meeting at the Strands'

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