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President's Message



What goes together like peanut butter and jelly? Like Laurel and Hardy? Like flowers and chocolate? Well, of course, it's skiing and traveling! There've been times when we thought we should change the club name to "Potomac Valley Skiers and Eaters," but I respectfully submit to you that serious

consideration should be given to "Potomac Valley Skiers and Travelers." After all, our club members are in the air in droves visiting fascinating places both foreign and domestic. We are on the move! Ellie Thayer and Jack Chapman to Holland, Betty Lawrence to Colorado, John Holt to Ireland, Polli and John Brunelli yet again to France, Blanca and John Hotaling to Florida, Maryann Rozzell to Alaska and the list goes on and on.

Admittedly, one doesn't need to travel too far for some fun skiing – we do, after all, have Wisp, White Tail, Ski Liberty, Round Top, Snowshoe, Massanutten, and Wintergreen to name a few within a reasonable distance. But PVSers have never been shy when the lure of the distant ski slope called out. Last year 44 of us went to Andorra and Spain to "ski and see." More recently we headed for the romance of Chamonix and combined skiing with fabulous French food (remember "Potomac Valley Skiers and Eaters" above....). And we flew to Steamboat in Colorado and The Canyons in Utah for more spectacular western powder.

The slopes are calling again and we know that PVSers will heed the siren call to explore distant slopes and

sights. This year we have trips to the ever-popular and satisfying Snowmass at the Mountain Chalet, to a gorgeous lodge by the slopes in Vail, to the promise of an adventure at Alyeska resort near Anchorage, Alaska, and to the exciting mountains and ambience of Italy at Cortina. How can we resist? Just pick your favorite(s), get in touch with the trip leader with your deposit in hand, and you're on your way!

Remember: for more details on this year's trips, see the flyers in this issue and come to Summer Fest on Sunday, July 28, in DC. And join us at Summer Fest for a hearty welcome party for the new PVS members who've joined us from Capital Golden Skiers. (See the announcement elsewhere in this issue.)

See you at a meeting – or on the plane!

---Nancy

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GOLFING EVENT JULY4 at MASSANUTTEN

The CGSers would like to invite PVSers to play golf at Massanutten over the 4th of July.
Arrival on Wednesday afternoon, 3 July. Visit Holiday event at Massanutten village.
Dinner at the Lesjaks' house. Resort Fireworks at 10 PM.
Tee off time on Thursday, 4 July, at 10 AM, lunch at Golf Restaurant.
CGS Team: Gisela and John Storm and Dietrich Roessler and Inge Lesjak.

Accommodations may still be available at Massanutten Mountain Villas Tel: 1-866-279-1761
Contact Sam or Inge Lesjak as soon as possible: <mailto:ingelesjak@aol.com> or 703-913-0759

SUMMER FEST Sunday, July 28, 2:00 – 6:00 PM

At the Home of Cara & Bob Jablon

Come for dinner and learn all about the trips PVS is offering for the 2014 season.

PVS is planning an extraordinary Summer Fest this year. There will be no charge at the door and attendees need not bring a dish. The event will be catered with summer picnic fare such as pulled pork and beef brisket. Like all PVS events, there will be wine, beer, and soft drinks too. Further, the Jablon pool will be inviting all to jump in. So, bring your suit and a towel if you have a yen to cause a splash.

PVS has many new members from the Capital Golden Skiers and Summer Fest is going to be the perfect place to meet and greet the new members. And, lest we forget, Summer Fest is the occasion where we talk about next year's skiing opportunities. The four 2014 trip leaders will be present and talking about Snowmass,

Vail, Alaska, and Cortina. On their part, there will be charts, there will be flyers, and there will be enthusiasm. On the attendees' part, there should be questions, there should be excitement, and there should be checkbooks in hand.... A final thought - the ski trips are not for skiers only, the trips are as much fun for nonskiers as for skiers.

We ask that those who plan to attend to RSVP a week in advance. It is important to know approximately how many will attend so that the proper amount of food can be ordered. If you miss the RSVP deadline, we still welcome you, but please call or email Cara (see number and email address below) that you are coming.

Please RSVP by Sunday, July 21, rcjablon@aol.com or 202-333-5332

Directions to the home of Cara and Robert Jablon, 4573 Indian Rock Terrace, N.W., Washington, D.C.

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 Jablons' 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 1½ 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 Jablons' house is the fourth house up the hill on the right (a red brick and frame contemporary house).

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 and follow the directions immediately above from that point on.

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 Jablons' house is the fourth house up the hill on the right (a red brick and frame contemporary house).



Special Event !!!

Join us at PVS' 23rd (*almost* annual)



“STEAK AND SWIM”

++At the HINES'
11019 John Marshall Highway,
Delaplane, VA
Saturday, August 3, 2013 at 3pm
(rain or shine)

This is PVS' oldest annual club event!
Celebrate summer at the Hines'
beautiful Delaplane, VA home where
the living is good ---and the steaks---oh
my! Limited to 40. Reserve now!
Deadline to sign up or cancel: July 27th.

BRING: Your own bathing suit and
towel and either an **appetizer,**
salad, or dessert.



INCLUDED: steaks, baked potatoes and fixings, beverages and lots of fun!!

Cost: Approximately \$15 per person.

NOTE: Because of the cost outlay to our hosts, “no-shows” will be responsible for price of steak, potatoes and beverages supplied by our hosts if reservations are not cancelled by July 27th.

To sign up phone Kerry or Marianne 540 364-4810, or email
mchines@erols.com to tell them what you'll bring.

PVS IS GOING TO BLOB'S PARK

Sunday, August 25, 2013, at 3:00pm



Please join us for an afternoon of *gemutlichkeit*, beer, dancing, and food at one of the Washington area's hidden jewels – a Bavarian Beer Garden. We are meeting at Blob's Park on Sunday, August 25, at 3:00 pm (doors open at 2:00 for those wanting to arrive early). Blob's Park is an authentic German dance hall and restaurant located in Jessup, Maryland.

The band playing that day is Mike Surratt and the Continentals. Starting at 4:00 they will be playing polkas, waltzes, and a variety of other danceable music. To read more about Blob's go to www.blobspark.net.

The website has directions, menus, and other information. The cost is \$8 for admission. There is a dinner menu and a beer menu with 80 beers from around the world. Hours are 2:00 to 10:00. We will reserve a table, or tables, for the PVS members who wish to attend. It promises to be a fun event.

If interested, please contact John Holt at john.holt@nreca.coop or at 703 534 2512, or contact Mary Margaret McGrail at 703 751 8126. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Directions from the BW Parkway (295) heading north towards Baltimore: take the MD 175E exit toward Odenton on Annapolis Road, take an almost immediate right at the blinking light, which is Max Blobs Park Road, and follow it to the restaurant, approximately one quarter mile. 8024 Max Blobs Park Road, Jessup, MD 20794



SKI TALK



We are excited about the ski trips we have planned for 2014 and we look forward to skiing with our new PVS members from Capital Golden Skier (CGS). Please look carefully at the flyers in this TOOT

and sign up for the trips of your choice. Send a deposit check as soon as possible to reserve a space.

We may also meet some new people from the **Best of Times Ski Club in New Jersey**. CGS and Best of Times have had a long relationship of skiing together. We would like to continue that relationship and have been communicating with Eileen Fishkin, the President of Best of Times. At the June ExCom meeting our Board voted to enter into an "alliance" with Best of Times. This will allow each club to go on the other's trips without becoming a member of the other club, just as was the arrangement with CGS.

The Best of Times Club has around 80 members, with about 45 who are still active skiers. Their members are all over 50 years old and they like to ski with others in the same age group. Most live in the NY/NJ area, but some are in far-flung states. The way the alliance would work between Best of Times and PVS is: as long as individuals are valid members of one club they can sign up and attend ski trips of the other club. This is similar to the way BRSC works. Take--- a look at their website: www.bestoftimeskiclub.org

VAIL LEASES CANYONS ADDS AUSTRIA'S ARLBERG TO EPIC PASS

Vail Resorts is taking over the ski world! Vail Resorts has entered into a long-term lease with affiliate companies of Talisker Corporation for Canyons Resort in Park City, Utah. Vail Resorts also announced a partnership with the Arlberg region of Austria, home to the mountain resorts of St. Anton, Lech-Zürs, St. Christoph and Stuben. Vail's Epic Pass will now feature five free consecutive days of skiing and riding in Arlberg, bringing access to 15 mountains in three countries: Verbier in Switzerland, Arlberg in Austria, Vail, Beaver Creek, Breckenridge, Keystone, Arapahoe Basin, Mt. Brighton, Afton Alps and Eldora in Colorado, and Heavenly, Northstar and Kirkwood in Lake Tahoe -- and now the Canyons in Utah. For only \$689 you can have unlimited access to the western ski resorts and five days in Europe. For \$529, you can have ten days at Vail or Beaver Creek; unlimited access to the other western resorts but not to the European resorts!!! Sounds like a deal to me. Wish I could take advantage of it. Let me know if anyone in the club does. Check it out: <http://www.snow.com/epic-pass/passes.aspx>

See you at the Summer Fest!

Rosemary Schwartzbard

rosemaryschw@gmail.com



Potomac Valley Skiers

2014 Snowmass Trip

Wednesday, January 15-Wednesday, January 22

Trip Details

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, 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 breakfast; daily soup lunch; luggage handling; hotel gratuities; apres ski parties including welcome wine & cheese party and an all guest hotel-sponsored party; pre-trip party and farewell group dinner to celebrate our trip. Trip insurance is available as an option and is [highly suggested](#) (see on next page). 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>Costs:</u>		<u>Price*</u>
Full Snowmass Package		\$1965
Land only	subtract	\$ 533
Single Supplement	add	\$ 711
Non-skiers	subtract	\$ 272
Add sixth ski day	add	\$ 59

**Senior ticket options to be announced. For members wishing longer stays, we will inquire about special rates.*

Airline Schedule (subject to changes in United schedules):

Jan. 15: United flight #427 at 10:00 AM Dulles to Denver (arrive at 11:59 AM) then flight #6405 at 1:20 PM to Aspen (arrive at 2:06 PM).

Jan. 22: United flight #5524 at 9:20 AM Aspen to Denver (arrive at 10:05 AM) then flight #948 at 11:30 AM to Dulles (arrive at 4:40 PM).

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

Payment Schedule

\$300 deposit is due with application (fully refundable until August 1). Second payment of \$750 is due August 15. Final payment is due October 1. Land only price includes a \$25 surcharge to cover costs.

To sign up: Please send (1) the application form (on next page), (2) a deposit of \$300 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 2014 on the memo line).

For more info, call Carolyn DeVilbiss at 703-370-4865 or 703-509-0189 (cell):

email at Carolyn.maurer@verizon.net

or Louann Eadie at 703-860-0318 or 703-203-0936 (cell): email at Louann50@mac.com

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 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 are nearby for trips into Aspen town, to other Aspen ski areas, and to Glenwood Springs.

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 expenses associated with PVS Snowmass 2014 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; August 1 to November 5, \$200; November 6 to December 1, \$500 (+cost of air if already ticketed). Additional charges may apply, depending upon actual costs. After December 2 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.](#)

APPLICATION

Name as on your Official ID: _____

Address: _____ **Home phone no.** _____

_____ **Email:** _____

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

Total package with standard air _____ **or alternate air** (different city or dates) **or land only** _____

Total price of trip (without insurance or extra nights at SMC--see above rates) \$ _____

Trip insurance (optional): **yes** _____ **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** _____ **Ski rental ?:** **yes** _____ **no** _____

Roommate (if not listed on this form) _____

Bedding choice (if available): **1king** _____ **or 2 queens** _____

Additional nights at SMC: **yes** _____ **no** _____ : if yes, **before** _____ **or after trip** _____

of nights _____ (arrange for additional nights directly with SMC)

Send application (above) with **deposit** and **signed waiver** to:

Carolyn DeVilbiss, 4508 Peacock Avenue, Alexandria VA 22304.

BLUE RIDGE SKI COUNCIL TRIP TO VAIL, COLORADO

FEBRUARY 1 – 8, 2014

Join us on this BRSC trip to Vail co-sponsored by Potomac Valley Skiers (PVS) and Capital Golden Skiers (CGS). We will be staying at the ski-in/ski-out Vail Cascade Resort and Spa, which is a complete destination in itself, offering all the services and amenities you'd expect in a AAA Four-Diamond ski resort in Vail, Colorado. In addition to an award-winning spa and health club, fine dining and ski-in/ski-out accommodations, they provide a shuttle to Lionshead and Vail Village and Infinity edge outdoor pool and three outdoor hot tubs.



PACKAGE PRICE PER PERSON:

\$ 1,943.00 [from Reagan National Airport], double occupancy, Vail Cascade Resort & Spa
\$ 1,987 [from Dulles Airport], double occupancy, Vail Cascade Resort & Spa
Add \$ 788.00 for single supplement
Deduct \$ 445.00 for package without airline ticket

PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- * Roundtrip airfare between Washington, DC, and Denver on United Airlines, including applicable tax as of 4/3/13
- * Roundtrip group transfers with complimentary bottled water, Denver Airport to the Vail Cascade Resort & Spa, with a 45-minute grocery/liquor stop en route
- * Seven nights lodging at the Vail Cascade Resort & Spa in rooms with one king or two queen beds
- * Complimentary access to the top-rated Vail Cascade Resort Spa
- * Five of seven day adult group lift tickets valid at Vail, Beaver Creek, Breckenridge, Keystone and Arapahoe Basin (transportation to alternate resorts is available at an additional fee)
- * Complimentary mountain tour on Sunday
- * Ten percent discount on ski/snowboard lessons
- * Wine & Cheese welcome reception at Charter Sports on arrival day



Blue Ridge Ski Council Activities:

- Sunday Night Welcome Reception, February 2, 7:00pm – 9:00pm
- Mid-Week Après-Ski Party, Tuesday, February 4, 4:00 pm – 6:00pm
- Farewell Dinner Dance, Thursday, February 6, 7:00 pm – 11:00pm
- BRSC RACE, Tuesday, February 4, 10am-1pm. Black Forest Race Arena

AIRFARE: United Airlines (subject to change)

2/1/14 – UA # 467 8:35am – 10:43am DCA/DEN

2/8/14 – UA # 484 10:55am – 4:24pm DEN/DCA

LODGING: Vail Cascade Resort & Spa 24-hour front desk, Concierge

- Gore Creek Restaurant, Fireside Bar
- Room Service
- Retail shops and Cascade Village Market and Cafe
- Business services, incoming faxes, in-room high speed internet access
- Access to Aria Spa & Club, the extensive sports, fitness and health facility
- In-room coffee and tea service
- Local telephone access, credit card and 800 access calls made from the guestroom

LIFT TICKETS: Five of Seven Day Adult Lift Tickets Included

Add \$ 35.00 with final payment to upgrade to six of eight day lift ticket

Deduct \$ 325.00 for the package without lift tickets

Deduct \$ 20.00 for the five of seven day Senior ticket (Seniors 65+)

Deduct \$ 10.00 for the six of eight day Senior ticket (Seniors 65+)

Season EPIC ski pass available at \$529! [any time] <http://www.snow.com/epic-pass/passes.aspx>

DEPOSIT/CANCELLATION POLICIES:

DEPOSIT: Initial Deposit: \$ 200.00 per person due July 10, 2013; \$ 500.00 per person due September 10, 2013; \$ 500.00 per person due October 10, 2013; Final payment due December 10, 2013

Please send deposit of \$200.00 made out to Inge Lesjak to reserve space on this trip and send it to:

Inge Lesjak, 8123 Kingsview Court, Springfield, VA 22152

INCLUDE: A completed copy of the Release, Assumption of the Risk, and Waiver Form

TRAVEL INSURANCE LINK:

<http://www.travelsafe.com/travelinsurance/?ref=SPONJ01>

CANCELLATION POLICY:

Individual Cancellations:

July 15, 2013 – September 14, 2013	No penalty
September 15, 2013 – October 14, 2013	\$200.00 per person
October 15, 2013 – November 14, 2013	\$400.00 per person
November 15, 2013 – November 30, 2013	\$500.00 per person
December 1, 2013 - Departure	Full forfeiture

All cancellations must be submitted in writing.

FOR INFORMATION/RESERVATION: Contact Inge Lesjak, at ingelesjak@aol.com or 703 913-0759

Experience Alaska with PVS

Wednesday, 25 February, through Wednesday, March 4, 2014

This trip offers the opportunity to enjoy the great "Alaska Experience," some fantastic skiing, the Northern Lights (with the sun's cooperation), and Alaska's premier sporting event, all at **an amazingly low price!**

TRIP OVERVIEW -- We depart BWI at 4:11 PM on 25 February, connecting through Denver to Anchorage and transfer by bus to Alyeska. We depart Anchorage at 12:40 AM on 4 March with connections through Seattle and Chicago to arrive back at BWI at 4:24 PM on 4 March. All flights are on United.

Alyeska [<http://www.alyeskaresort.com/>]



Alyeska Resort is Alaska's premier year-round destination featuring the 304-room Hotel Alyeska. Located just 40 miles from Anchorage and Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport, Alyeska Resort is a great base for winter excursions and the perfect Alaskan experience. Mt. Alyeska's base elevation is 250 feet and the total vertical rise is 3,200 feet (Headwall to Base). The summit is accessed by the Aerial Tram and affords panoramic views of the Chugach Mountains, one of the wildest places on Earth, with water views in one direction and glaciers in the other. Alyeska offers a mountain experience for all levels of skiers and riders, with 1,500 skiable acres, 113 acres of snowmaking, and average annual snowfall of 650 inches. 76 total runs, with 2,500 vertical feet of diverse terrain and short lift lines, helps define Alaska's spectacular "steep and deep" reputation. Ski terrain composition is 11% Beginner, 52% Intermediate, and 37% Expert/Advanced. Lift capacity is 12,196 skiers per hour.

Iditarod Mushers (Dog Sled) Race

Alaska's premier sporting event, the Iditarod, begins in Anchorage and covers a 1,131-mile journey through the Alaska wilderness to Nome. The group will travel by bus from the Hotel Alyeska to Anchorage to watch the ceremonial start of the Iditarod, with about 80 Musher's and over 1000 sled dogs, from 10:00 to 11:30 am on Anchorage's 4th Avenue. After the race we will have lunch at the Glacier Brew House (dutch treat), followed by a tour of the Alaska Native Heritage Center. Then we return to downtown Anchorage for the chance to view, or even take part in, the crazy "Running of the Reindeer" Race on 4th Avenue.



Accommodations:

The Hotel Alyeska, a chateau-style hotel, is Alaska's premier year-round resort destination. Nestled in a lush valley surrounded by mountain peaks, hanging glaciers and spectacular views, the Hotel Alyeska offers its guests luxurious accommodations and convenient access to the magnificent Alaskan wilderness. A stay in the Hotel offers supreme comfort with perfect modern touches and rich Native influences, bringing the natural beauty of Alaska's great outdoors inside. In 2007, the Hotel underwent a comprehensive renovation. Improvements included upgrades in all guest rooms with luxurious interior décor, as well as complimentary high-speed internet access in all guest rooms and wi-fi access in all public areas on the second and third floors.



The hotel affords ski-out/in, with the base of the aerial tram and a quad chair adjacent to the Hotel Alyeska. The hotel Concierge Desk can arrange treks, dog sled tours, snowmobile tours, and flight seeing tours to various scenic/nature, cultural, or historical venues, as well as snow cat and heli-skiing. The town of Girdwood has a free shuttle bus service with a stop in front of the hotel.

INCLUDED IN PRICE: -- Total Price \$1,550 (double occupancy) includes all air and bus transportation, deluxe hotel room with double occupancy, and the day trip to Anchorage to view the Iditarod start, tour the Alaska Native Heritage Center,

and "Run with the Reindeer." Also, included are a pre-trip party and après ski refreshments. Single supplement is \$645; land-only is \$1,015.

NOT INCLUDED: Meals, lift tickets, ski equipment rental, elective tours, or Medical Insurance and Trip Cancellation / Interruption Insurance, which is strongly recommended.

OPTIONS: Lift tickets (5 of 6 days): Adult - \$240; Seniors (60-69) - \$180; Seniors (70+) - \$50. Breakfast buffet - \$158. Room upgrades: Summit Rm. - \$79/person; Jr. Suite - \$196/person. Trip insurance - \$125.

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 mchines@erols.com or klhines@erols.com.

TO RESERVE: Send a trip application form, a signed waiver of liability form, and a deposit check for \$250 per person to: Marianne or Kerry Hines, 11019 John Marshall Highway, Delaplane, VA 20144. Note: "PVS-Alyeska 2014" on the memo line.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE: (1) Deposit: \$250; (2) August 31, \$600; (3) November 30, \$700 (or balance). Deposits are fully refundable until December 11, 2013.

Alyeska 2014 Trip Application

Name(s) as on your Official ID: _____

Address: _____

Home phone: _____ Email: _____

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

Trip package with standard air ___ or alternate air (different city or dates) ___ or **Land Only** ___

Roommate (if not listed on this form) _____

Bedding choice: 1 king ___ or 2 queens ___

Options: Breakfast Buffet ___;

Lift Ticket (5 of 6 days) Adult ___ Senior (60-69) ___ Senior (70+) ___;

Room Upgrade Summit ___ Junior Suite ___ Single Supplement ___

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).

Total price of trip - (rates in flyer /person) \$ _____

Fill in application and sign waiver. Send with deposit to: Marianne or Kerry Hines, 11019 John Marshall Highway, Delaplane, VA 20144



CORTINA D'AMPEZZO - 2014

PVS & BRSC (Blue Ridge Ski Council) March 7- March 15 +++++

PRICE \$2,495 (No Air -\$932)

Cortina is located in the Dolomites, the range that is included on the UNESCO World Heritage List for its extraordinary beauty and unique landscape. This World Heritage Site is widely regarded as being among the most attractive mountain landscapes in the world, one that you should not miss.

Cortina d'Ampezzo is a paradise for snow enthusiasts ranging from its early Olympic participation to its annual World Cup ski events. A location unrivalled by any other in the Alps, it offers a wide variety of slopes of every level of difficulty, with something to please everyone. Cortina is part of the Dolomiti Superski area, the world's largest skiing carousel that links 12 top ski resorts: one pass gives you access to 450 lifts and 1,220 kilometers of trails.

In addition to the beauty of the area and the vastness of its snow sports paradise, Cortina offers a taste of the good life with good food, great wine and the luxury of slowness and enjoyment. Soak up the international atmosphere on Corso Italia, the famous pedestrian street with classy shops, refined restaurants, art, culture, and tradition of Italy.

Included:

Air between Washington (IAD or BWI) and Venice via Delta Airlines via JFK, and round-trip transfers between Venice and Cortina

7 nights accommodations at a 4*+ Ancora hotel in downtown Cortina

Full breakfast buffet and six 3-course dinners (Ancora is known for its great food)

3 BRSC Parties: Welcome at the Olympic Ice Stadium; Après Ski at Tofana Ski Area by Cable Car; and Farewell Dinner Dance at OUR Ancora hotel with 4-course dinner, drinks, and dancing

Après Ski wine and cheese with the trip leaders on days between the BRSC parties

Regular trip insurance – option for trip cancellation insurance

Fee-Based Sightseeing and Shopping Tours: Conegliano (+wine tasting), Bolzano, Innsbruck, Salzburg – more details are being developed – I have the individual prices – email me

Other Considerations:

Optional post-trip extension to Tuscany staying 4 nights in Florence at the 4* Hotel Athenaeum, daily breakfast, tour of Florence, Delta return flight from Florence - **\$550.00**

Optional 2 nights stay in a 4* hotel in **Venice** – TBD – email me

Want more information, send me an email with Cortina in the subject and I'll send you updated information – without obligation to signing-up.

Dick Comerford (571) 426-3098

dick.comerford@verizon.net

RELEASE, ASSUMPTION OF THE RISK, AND WAIVER AGREEMENT PERTAINING TO **ALL** SKI TRIPS

(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.

(2) I agree not to sue or hold responsible the trip leaders, Potomac Valley Skiers, Inc. (hereafter PVS), its officers and members of the Executive Committee, or its members for: (1) any accident, personal injury, illness, or death occurring to me or to any other trip participant, arising directly or indirectly from this trip; (2) any loss of deposit or payment, any other property or economic loss, or unanticipated additional costs, delay, or change of itinerary arising out of any action or inaction of any hotel, airline, tour operator, land transportation operator, or other entity or person providing services on this trip; and (3) any trip cancellation, delay, early termination or extension due to acts of God, forces of nature, or other force majeure events or situations. I willingly and with full knowledge assume these risks.

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(4) I agree that I am not entitled to a credit or refund for any included trip service that is not used by me.

I have read and I fully understand this "Release, Assumption of Risk, and Waiver of Liability Agreement," the final trip flyer, and the trip application, and I agree to all of the specified terms and conditions.

Signature of Participant 1: _____ Date _____

Printed Name of Participant 1: _____

Signature of Participant 2 (if any): _____ Date _____

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Members' Corner



By J. David Warthen, Jr.
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Getting to Know You:

Marilyn **Siegel** Profile, Sponsor – ExCom (CGS)
Started skiing at age 42 and never stopped till 3 years ago when I fractured my hip in a fall on skies. I am a silversmith and create jewelry with lots of bling. I have sold to stores and have done commission work.

Mary-Margaret **McGrail** Profile,
Sponsor – ExCom (CGS)

Ballroom dancing is my passion.
Hiking and skiing follow in fashion
Traveling to new places
Meeting new faces.
These are the things I like to do
And so I say-Nice to greet YOU.

Your Biennial Dues are Due:

The July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2015 biennial dues cycle has begun. If you have received a Renewal Application & Information Sheet via e-mail today, please follow the directions on the application and return your check to the PVS Membership Records Chairperson sooner rather than later. A few of you still receive same, thanks to volunteers, via USPS in a few days; also, please respond sooner rather than later. Remember to make corrections on the Renewal Application and on the Information Sheet. I have been amazed how quickly most PVS members respond to a dues request; please keep up the good work. An updated PVS Roster will be electronically distributed on August 1; please supply any changes in contact information so they can be reflected in that update. Those who do not communicate electronically receive one annual roster on November 1.

Holts' Trip to Ireland:

On June 1, we, Barbara & John, went to Greyabbey, North Ireland (a small town near Belfast). We stayed at a friend's sheep farm (1600 lambs, 600 ewes and some cattle). It was a very relaxing stay and a chance to visit the wonderful local sites.

We started with a stop at the Carrickfergus Castle - built during the 12th century and the scene of numerous battles. Fortunately no one dumped boiling oil on us as we went under the murder hole.



Then we proceeded on to the Giants Causeway - a fantastic work of nature listed on the World Heritage Site. This contains rock formations from an ancient volcano in which the rocks are almost perfect hexagons, piled one atop the other, to form columns and steps. This fantastic work of nature looks almost man made the way every thing fits together so perfectly.



We were also very impressed at the Folk Museum. They have collected homes, churches, stores, mills, etc., moving them brick by brick, forming a village and farms as you would have



seen them in 1900. Every house, shop, etc., are fully furnished; the farms have animals, no electricity, and it's eye opening to see how they lived then.

We also visited the Titanic Museum in Belfast, where the ship was built. The museum is shaped like the front of the ship, from which you can get a feel for the immense size of the vessel. Inside are replicas of the staterooms, furnishings, stories of the ship, the heroics of some, and stories of the survivors. Also, a floor is devoted to how the ship was found, pictures, and films of the ship itself under water.

John, the engineer, had to visit a tidal hydroturbine, check out the wind turbines, and visit an environmentally clean wood chip boiler that supplied heat and hot water to the wonderful Mount Storm Mansion, former home to The Lord of Londonderry. The source of the wood chips was from fast growing willows, which were grown on the farm where we were staying. The UK is encouraging the use of renewable energy and subsidizes its use.

After nine days, we went to Boston to check out our 11-month old grandchild.

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JUNE 18, 2013 – MONTHLY MEETING



The monthly meeting of the Potomac Valley Skiers was called to order at 8:20 at the home of John and Barbara Holt in McLean, Virginia. Nearly 40 people attended. President Nancy McKinley introduced Ray McKinley who reported the schedule of upcoming ski club events. The events included a July 4th golf tournament at Massanutten hosted by Inge Lesjak, a new member from the Capital Golden Skiers. July 28 is the date for Summer Fest at the home of Cara and Bob Jablon, and the “somewhat annual” Steak and Swim event will be held on August 3 at the Hines’ Delaplane, Virginia residence. On August 25, there will be a Sunday gathering at Blob’s Park in Jessup Maryland, led by

contact John Holt.

The group was reminded that July 1 is renewal time for club membership. A new directory will be coming out August 1.

Rosemary Schwartzbard then spoke about the upcoming club ski trips. These include trips to Snowmass, Vail, Alaska, and Cortina, led by Carolyn DeVilbiss and Louann Eadie, Inge Lesjak, Marianne and Kerry Hines, and Dick and Betty Comerford, respectively.

A new member, Bob Kramer, was introduced and a prospective member, Herb Bennett, attended. Two members of the Capital Golden Skiers were in attendance, and a discussion was held on their club’s demise and the PVS offer to accept their members. Bob Kramer mentioned that the CGS had a collaboration with a ski club in New Jersey and that might be of interest to our club.

The delicious food was a collaborative effort by the Holts and Nancy McKinley. The pinwheel hors d’oeuvres and stuffed pastry flew off the table. The evening ended with coffee and dessert.

Submitted by Lee Mahallati and John Holt

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More Member News submitted to the content editor

PVSers, Margaret **Wyckoff**, Barbara **Leonhardt**, June **Read**, and Liz **Triau** visited with Sharon on Wednesday, 26 June, at Sharon’s Villa in Wormans Mill <http://wormaldhomes.com/wormans-mill>, in Frederick City. All had a delightful tour of the newer Mulholland digs, and then went to Olives Restaurant <http://olivesfrederick.com>, in old town Frederick for lunch.



Mary Ellena Ward and Jim Slack recently returned from “Cruising the British Isles.” On the way over and back they enjoyed the hospitality of the hostess with the mostest: Melissa Fitzgerald. (While on their trip they saw the Fitzgerald mansion in Dublin, which is now the home of the Irish Parliament!)

In addition, Mary Ellena has been getting some of her old slides digitized and put online. They include PVS trips back to her and Jim’s honeymoon to Zuers and Val Gardena on a Wyckoff trip in 1977. See http://termineigh.com/picture_albums.html for more information



THE KNEE

by Ray McKinley
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I've looked back over several years of July Knees. Lots start out "hot, humid, hazy days followed by hot, humid nights." There's a good reason for this. July in the Washington D.C area is "hot, humid, hazy days followed by hot, humid nights." And, it should come as no surprise that we're at it again. Warm became hot; and the dreaded "Bermuda High" has appeared. To use a technical term, yucko!

How hot is it? It depends on where you are. I just talked to some folks returning from Montana. It has been record hot there--so hot (sic) that it has now been 31 days since they had their last overnight freeze

Notwithstanding, it's reassuring to know that ultimately (assuming 6 months is ultimately) cold and snow will, once again, conquer our dreaded summer. No matter how hot and muggy it is, we are now past the summer solstice. They have danced at Stonehenge and the days are now getting shorter. So we are now, once again, on the slippery slope towards our favorite season—ski season. Whoopppee! The previous is the educational portion of the Knee.

To get you over the summer season, the Knee will offer some sincere statements of scintillating significance (and some silly sayings) from your staunch supporter of snow, skiing, Steamboat and Sebastiani.

The Knee believes that Dick Comerford was PVS' latest skier this year. Dick skied at Arapaho Basin on May 30. He said the conditions were much better than at Ski Liberty!

It was great to see Betty Lawrence at the June Meeting at John Holt's McLean home. Betty had just returned from Boulder, CO where she participated in the Bolder Boulder 10K road race with 50,000 of her closest friends. Betty's group represented four generations. A bold move!

Also at the meeting was Ruth Powers, up from Richmond. Carolyn DeVilbiss has provided Ruth with a key to her home so she can stay any time. Carolyn is thinking of giving her home a name—The DeVilbiss B & B!

At the meeting we had our first new member from Capital Golden Skiers, Bob Kramer. Bob was the CGS webmaster. He was also just back from a trip to Israel and Jordan to tour and visit relatives. He didn't travel on his Air Jordans. Rae Wine, another CGSer attended the meeting as a visitor. Kneat!

Returning from another part of the world, Charles and Genee Boykin had a great trip to Cuba with a charity group. They loved the climate. After spending two months in Texas, they have decided not to move there--climate. They are still planning their next vacation-- perhaps to Vietnam *pho* all it's worth.

It was also great to see Bob Jablon at the meeting, after his muscle surgery. Bob was walking gingerly, but without crutches or a cane. Right on! Sadly he's not ready for ski season.

A tip of the ol' Knee Cap to our TOOT Editors Jan Marx, Dave Warthen, Ellie Thayer and Marvin Hass. They do a masterful job. It's a continuing pleasure to work with pros like Jan, Dave, Ellie and Marvin. They reed every word I rite: korrekt my gramer ans spelin, and makes the Knee look like what eye m, a perfesnel.

Do you realize that in about 40 years, we'll have millions of old ladies running around with tattoos and pierced navels? (That's scary!)

At the ExCom meeting, Maryann Rozzell was a bit jet lagged, having just returned from a trip to Alaska. She had a great time and great weather. Even from Anchorage she had great views of my snow bedecked mountain, Mt Kneel!

Bob Knopes also had great weather on his trip to the Mediterranean coast of Spain.

We had a special treat at the ExCom meeting. Former Pres, Cara Jablon, who attended to discuss Summer Fest, brought along a homemade apricot pie. And it was made from apricots Cara had picked from an apricot tree in her yard. Yummy!

Tuckerman's Ravine, which lies on the southeast slope of 6,288 ft. Mount Washington is one of the oldest, best-known and most difficult backcountry skiing spots in North America. It's an anomaly - a piece of the Rockies transplanted back East. Marvin Hass notes that the annual pilgrimage of hiking up and skiing down took place on May 27th this year. The Knee believes the last PVSers to do Tuckerman were Adele Waggaman and Lu Beale, on Memorial Day, 1985. Kneenuf.

2013 PVS Calendar:

- July 04 Thurs Golf; Lesjak; Massanutten, VA
- July 28 Sun Summer Fest; 2-6 PM,; Jablons; Washington, DC
Special Welcome to New PVS (CGS) Members
- Aug 03 Sat Steak and Swim; 3-7 PM; Hines; Delaplane, VA
- Aug 25 Sun Blob's Park; 3-7 PM; Holt; Jessup, MD
- Aug 20 Tues ExCom; 7:30 PM; TBA
- Sept 17 Tues PVS Monthly Meeting; 7:30 PM; TBA



Ski Trips:



- January 15-22, 2014: PVS Snowmass, CO (Carolyn DeVilbiss & Louann Eadie)
- February 1-8, 2014: PVS/CGS/BRSC Vail, CO (Inge Lesjak)
- February 25-March 4, 2014: PVS Alyeska, AK (Marianne & Kerry Hines)
- March 7-17, 2014: PVS/BRSC to Cortina, Italy (Dick and Betty Comerford)

Useful Ski "Links"

- Potomac Valley Skiers..... potomacvalleyski.org
- BRSC Sanctioned Trips skicouncil.com/tripsbydate.htm
- DC Ski Online News..... dcski.com

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