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Greetings PVS members,

I enjoyed seeing so many of you at the Annual Meeting at Reg Heitchue's condo party room a couple of weeks ago—Thank you Reg; we need to have more meetings at your place. Welcome to new members Donna Diewald, John & Barbara Holt, and Jack & Linda Sloan. As I became acquainted with these new members on the Jackson Hole trip, I know they will make many new friends and continue to participate in our activities as active PVSers.

Last Tuesday, at my first ExCom meeting as President, I was pleased to greet ExCom members Mary Beale (continuing as secretary), Dick Laeser (continuing as Treasurer) and John Brunelli (new ExCom member). I also want to thank Dick Schwartzbard (new ExCom member), who was under the weather, and Ellie Thayer (Vice President), who had been waiting for the skies to open up so she could get on with her long awaited vacation. And thank you to all the returning ExCom members who give graciously of their time and effort, and whose names appear on page 2. Oh yes, and thanks to guest TOOT editor this month, Mike Strand.

As your newly-elected President, I feel I should have some goals and aspirations for our wonderful club. I like to keep things simple, so I have only three areas that I would like everyone to work on. They are:

- 1.) each one of us ask at least one person/couple we know to come to one of our monthly meetings and consider joining our club;
- 2.) volunteer to lead or co-lead an activity or trip; and
- 3.) be open to Ray McKinley when he calls upon you to open up your home for a meeting.

If we all give a little, it works better for everyone. Think about it.

As a reminder, we have some fantastic activities coming up this year, including the Finger Lakes Wine Tour (did it before, and it was a blast), Lunch with the Capital Golden Skiers, and our 45th Anniversary Celebration at the Bolger Center on November 6th. You'll read more about these activities in this TOOT. Lastly, you can sign up now for the 2011 Snowmass Ski Trip (we're going back) with reserved air for just a \$250 refundable deposit.

Thank you all for giving me this opportunity to lead such a prestigious and diverse group of people, the members of PVS. I consider it a privilege.

Sincerely,
Sharon

Next Monthly PVS Meeting

Tuesday May 18, 2010

7:30 PM

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Monthly PVS Meeting
Tuesday, May 18, 2010 7:30 PM

Home of:
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Ufholz



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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 – I-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.

PVS Board - 2010-2011
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Past Events:

PVS April 20, 2010 Annual Meeting

Reg and Jean Heitchue graciously hosted the well-attended annual April PVS business meeting in the beautiful, spacious party room in their Reston condo building. PVS members enjoyed the shrimp, meatballs, and quiche spread provided by Dottie Villers, aided by Nadine Rhoden, Angie Hale, and Donna Diewald. Members enjoyed socializing with long-time PVSers and meeting newer members and applicant members. We were particularly pleased to see Dave Lerner, who is recovering from heel surgery, following an accident at Jackson Hole.

Dottie ably and efficiently conducted the business meeting. The club voted in the new slate of officers: Sharon Mulholland, President; Ellie Thayer, Vice-President; Mary Beale, Excom (and continuing as Secretary); Dick Laeser, Excom (and continuing as Treasurer); John Brunelli, Excom; and Dick Schwartzbard, Excom. The following applicant members were approved to become full PVS members: Donna Diewald, John Holt, Barbara Holt, Jack Sloan, and Linda Sloan. Congratulations to all our new officers and new members.



Ray McKinley gave us an overview of upcoming events, with a commendable attempt to pronounce the name of the Icelandic volcano that has been plaguing European travel. He reminded members of the August 26-28 wine-tasting Finger Lakes tour hosted by Susan and David Payne. A few spaces are still available. Another major upcoming event is the PVS 45th anniversary party, which will be held in November.

Rosemary Schwartzbard discussed the trips planned for next year. There will be a Snowmass trip at the end of January. According to trip leaders Carolyn Maurer DeVilbiss and Sharon Mulholland, the trip will be less costly than last year because of price reductions on the land portion. Carolyn urged participants to send in their checks as soon as possible. Rosemary noted that there will likely be a Steamboat trip in February.

Dottie and Carolyn also announced a joint luncheon on June 12 at the Normandy Farm Inn with the Capital Golden Skiers. Capital Golden Skiers has invited PVS members to attend their events. Their club conducts a multitude of activities, in addition to their ski trips.

Kerry Hines presented Dottie with a certificate and flowers, and lauded her for her wonderful leadership and guidance as president. We are all appreciative of the fabulous job that Dottie did as president this year, and wish her well in her new home in North Carolina. We will miss Dottie at our regular meetings, but look forward to seeing her on many ski trips in the future.



Cara Jablon

Coming Events:

Joint Capital Golden Skiers/Potomac Valley Skiers Luncheon: SATURDAY, June 12

Normandie Farm Restaurant 10710 Falls Rd., Potomac, MD - 11:30 a.m.

Please plan to join us at our first joint activity with the Capital Golden Skiers, a ski club in the DC area with interests and activities similar to those of PVS. The luncheon will be held at Normandie Farm, a popular eating spot with good food, good parking, and rustic French decor. We'll gather in the "Porch Room" at 11:30 a.m. to socialize with friends old and new. A cash bar will be set up in the room for your convenience. Lunch can be ordered from the restaurant's regular menu. Most items are in the \$10-\$15 range. Delicious popovers will accompany the meals. A separate check will be provided for each table, but **NO** individual checks. Tax of 6% will be shown; a gratuity is up to you.

Let's have a good turnout for this special event. Make your reservation by contacting Dottie Villers (703-476-9259) or dottievillers@yahoo.com by June 6. If you must cancel, please let Dottie know ASAP.

Directions:

From Northern Virginia: take Beltway (495) to River Rd. (Exit 39). Follow River Rd. west toward Potomac for about 3.3 miles. Turn right on Falls Rd. (Rt. 189) and go about 0.8 mile. After crossing intersection of Falls Rd. and Democracy Blvd, when you see Bullis School grounds on the right, prepare to turn **LEFT** into the restaurant parking lot.

From Maryland areas near Rt. 270: take I-270 to Democracy Blvd. exit. Go west on Democracy Blvd. for 3.4 miles and turn right on Falls Rd. (Rt. 189). Go 0.3 mile and, when you see Bullis School grounds on the right, prepare to turn **LEFT** into parking lot.

From DC: take River Rd. past the Beltway and follow Northern Virginia directions above.



PVS Finger Lakes Extravaganza 2010

Thursday, August 26, 2010 – Sunday, August 29, 2010

Enjoy the beautiful Finger Lakes Wine Country with your hosts and vintners David & Susan Payne. Act now as participation is **Limited to 20 participants!!**

The total package is \$300 per person. It includes:

- Visits to 8 wineries and distilleries
- A behind-the-scenes tour of a vineyard and winery
- Two (2) group dinners and two (2) group lunches
- Chartered bus transportation to wineries/distilleries and meals
- A boat excursion on Seneca Lake with refreshments

The two items below are not included in the package. Participants will make their own arrangements for:

- Transportation to and from Watkins Glen
- Lodging: After submitting a deposit, you will be provided with a list of inns/B&Bs located in the Watkins Glen area. Three (3) nights (August 26, 27, 28) lodging is estimated at \$210 - \$300 per person (based on double occupancy, including tax on the B&B or inn selected). B&B list will be provided after deposit is received.

For more info and to get an application, call Susan Payne at 607-727-1190 or e-mail her at vineyard100@frontiernet.net. You can also send your \$100 deposit payable to: Susan Payne (put PVS FLWC 2010 on the memo line) and mail to: Susan Payne at 5598 Dutch Street, Dundee, NY 14837.

PVS 45th Anniversary

Saturday evening November 6, 2010

Save the date. This special event will be held at the Bolger Center in Potomac, Maryland and involve a Cocktail party, dinner, and special program. A premier event and an occasion where you might be able to see some of your fellow PVSers in their (optional) formal attire. Those wishing to stay overnight at the Bolger Center will be able to do so at a special rate.



Snowmass 2011

Wednesday January 19-26, 2011

(above--lunch at the Mountain Chalet)

Early Alert! PVS returns to our “Old Faithful” Colorado ski resort with reduced pricing in 2011. We will again stay at Snowmass Mountain Chalet with its ski-in ski-out convenience, the welcoming staff, and the many amenities of the Aspen environ. Join us for this PVS favorite!

- Snowmass offers the crème de la crème of ski-in ski-out experience with direct access to 3,100 acres of slope-side skiing just outside the door. The skiing terrain totals more than 5,000 acres with interchangeable lift tickets and free bus service to Aspen Highlands, Ajax Mountain, and Buttermilk ski areas.
- Slopeside lodging at Snowmass Mountain Chalet includes a daily family-style hot breakfast and soup lunch, greatly appreciated by trip participants and other guests, many of whom return year after year. The reunions in the hot tub quickly refresh the memories. The spacious, welcoming lobby with oversized stone fireplace, flat screen TV and card table for “Dave’s” games also provides the setting for the weekly après-ski party given by the hotel.
- The trip will include group dinners, our own après-ski parties, games, and other activities available in the Aspen environs. Many participants take a day off to “do” the town of Aspen. Historical restaurants and hotels, shops with the Western flair including consignments (just ask Rosemary and Eloise about the deals) nightly live music, opera house theater and other cultural activities can be included in your city tour.

Sharon Mulholland joins Carolyn DeVilbiss in leading the trip. Call or email us for more information:\

Carolyn at 703-370-4865 (Carolyn.maurer@verizon.net)

Sharon at 301-330-2953 (shank@mrisc.com)

To lock in your reservation, send deposit (fully refundable until Aug. 1) of \$250 per person to:

Carolyn DeVilbiss

www.mountainchalet.com

4508 Peacock Ave.

www.aspensnowmass.com

Alexandria VA 22304

(NOTE “PVS 2011” on the memo line -- early registration by mid-April needed to assure lower rate)

Bormio with PVS!

“Buon giorno!” “Buona sera!” and “Grazie!” We quickly got the hang of the basic Italian phrases and got into the swing of things in beautiful Bormio, Italy. PVS was a small but mighty contingent among an overall group of 165 BRSC travelers and we quickly made friends with many of the other clubs’ members on this fabulous “See and Ski” tour. Dick and Betty Comerford were the perfect host and hostess and made sure we were up to speed on all the possible activities available – and there were many to entice us!



Who were we? Dick and Betty were joined by their daughter, Christy, who grew up with PVS and has indeed grown up – she’s an accomplished skier who spent the late nights hitting the books to stay up on her studies. Very impressive! She also found a not-so-secret admirer in our waiter, Daniel - he was a charmer.

Shirley Rettig and her sister Beverly Morris got around – Shirley enjoyed the slopes and Bev was anxious to take advantage of the work-out room to keep up with her weight training. Bev is a competitive weightlifter – very impressive!

Dick C and Tom Aguilar detoured from Bormio to sister ski area, Santa Caterina and pronounced it “fantastic!” Rumor has it that they skied every day – very impressive!

Nestor and Pat Delevaux joined us from California and tagged on a trip at the end to see the Swiss relatives. Nestor took full advantage of the amazing skiing at Bormio and was the first one on the slope on the first day there – no altitude worries for Nestor. Pat and Nestor went to the “new” (only a century or two old) thermal baths in Bormio on the last day and got, in their words, “really, really clean.” Very impressive!

Ray and Nancy McKinley made sure not to miss a thing on this trip – and took in the day trip to gorgeous Lake Como and Bellagio along with a tour to the lovely old high city of Bergamo with its classic basilica and the tomb of the massively egocentric Don Corleone. Now that was impressive!

Our hotel, the Baita dei Pini, well-chosen by Dick, was in the perfect location and boasted spectacular food. Great wines at good prices were abundant and pizza ubiquitous. Too bad the airline weight limits and the customs regs kept us from bringing home samples. But Betty went out and shopped til she (almost) dropped yet was judicious in her purchases buying the perfect set of Italian curtains for her kitchen back home.

After Bormio, Ray and Nancy went on to the Italian Riviera for some (more!) R&R while Nestor and Pat tagged on a trip to visit the Swiss relatives. The Comerfords headed to Munich for a quick detour to the Hofbrauhaus. Shirley and Bev went on to Paris.



Coincidence? In Bormio we even ran into Glade and Joan Flake and Sylvia Lukens who were with another part of the BRSC group. And having spent two weeks together on a schooner on a PVS trip in the South Pacific last year and then another week in Bormio, Shirley and Pat finally at the end of the trip discovered their chemistry – they had both attended Ohio Wesleyan University just 7 years apart and received degrees in Chemistry with the same teachers! Who knew?

We thank Dick and Betty Comerford for all the work they did to bring us to this beautiful ski area and countryside – Mille grazie!!!

Members Corner



By J. David Warthen, Jr.
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Welcome to New Active Members:

A hearty welcome is extended to Donna **Diewald**, John & Barbara **Holt**, and Jack & Linda **Sloan**, all of whom became Active Members by unanimous acclamation at the Annual Meeting in April.

Getting to Know You:

Jack & Linda Sloan (New Active Members)

Jack started skiing in Marquette, Michigan (the "Upper Peninsula") where his Dad strapped wooden skis to his feet at age four. Jack took a quick liking to the sport, and since then, has skied all over the world -- Europe, South America, Japan, and in the Western United States. Jack has taught his children and grandchildren to ski, and is proud there are four generations of Sloan skiers.

Linda did not grow up skiing. Her first ski experience was during college in Maine in January. It was so cold that the water at the cabin was frozen for five days. Anyway, Linda loves the great outdoors and physical activity. She has since skied on the East Coast, and in Colorado. Her favorite ski colors are green and blue. She welcomes company on this end of the color spectrum, and on hikes in the snow.

We are grateful to Rosemary and Dick Schwartzbard for introducing us to PVS. Jack really enjoyed everyone on the Jackson Hole trip (February 2010). We both look forward to getting to know the interesting and very accomplished PVSers (on and off the slopes).

Nancy L. Cammarata (New Applicant Individual)

I learned to ski (I think I learned) in 1964 when I was working at the American Embassy in Copenhagen, Denmark and took a week's vacation to St. Anton, Austria where I spent a week side stepping up the hill and snow plowing down the hill. I married shortly thereafter, had two children and lived abroad for about 10 years--Turkey, Indonesia, Sweden and England. When we returned to the States in 1976, I was busy raising my family and only skied occasionally, but when the children were out of college, I decided I wanted to resume the sport. Since my husband does not ski, I

joined the Washington Ski Club in 1989, and have taken one, yearly ski trip since then--skiing most western areas and Cortina, Italy. I met Dottie Villers on one of those trips. I have thoroughly enjoyed the skiing experience and hate to give it up. However, with age, I am having knee problems (several arthroscopic operations) from playing woman's soccer, jogging, skiing etc. and almost decided to give up the sport entirely, but as my husband says, my yearly moniker is "one more time." I skied with the Potomac Valley Ski Club on their 2005 trip to Mammoth and recently to Jackson Hole. I enjoyed the many nice people in the Club.

My current hobbies and enjoyment are: my family, water aerobics, walking and reading.

Will it be "just one more time?"

Get Well Quickly!

An e-mail from Marilyn **Clark** revealed that she fell off a stool, while doing something in her closet. She broke her left arm, between the elbow and the shoulder, and will be in a cast for 8 weeks. Ouch!

Toots 1965-2010:

Feedback from the electronic distribution of the Apr '85 TOOT was: good memories, thoroughly enjoyable, wow, good idea, etc. (This is an incentive to have an e-mail address, isn't it?) "Remember When Moments" will occur periodically.

FYI, all TOOTs from the inception of PVS in '65 are now electronically available for perusal on the PVS website at potomacvalleyski.org/, via the Newsletter button. Also available on the same subpage is an INDEX – LINKS table, giving direct access via links to specific pages of TOOT issues for Profiles, Anniversary Issues, Special Items, and Obituaries. Explore, you'll like it!

PVS Cookbook, 1981:

This Cookbook is now available electronically on the PVS website via the "Club Docs" button. The outstanding artwork, by Mort **Kuff**, is worth a peek. View the Recipe Index to find the page of your recipe; then, find the recipe among the category links of recipes. Or, just peruse each category of the Cookbook via the available links.

Thanks:

- To David **Lerner**, PVS webmaster, for posting all of these useful changes on the PVS website.
- To Ray **McKinley** and Jan **Marx** for lending hard copies of TOOTs for scanning.
- To Temporary Editor, Mike **Strand**, for creating this month's TOOT edition.
- To Ruth **Powers** for doing the USPS distribution of this month's TOOT.



THE KNEE

by Ray McKinley
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It may be a bright, shining, cumulous-clouded, flower-filled May. But there's no reason to forget skiing. As often occurs, Colorado and Utah got major snow dumps at the end of March. And Vermont got over 2 feet at the end of April. If you need late season skiing, Breckenridge and Arapahoe Basin are still going strong. According to former PVSer, now living in San Diego, Jerry Clapp, Mammoth Mt announced that it will stay operating until July 4 this year. Nearby Kirkwood, just south of Lake Tahoe, got 20 inches of snow at the end of April bringing its season numbers to 500+ inches. Kirkwood closes in two weeks, but even then their compressed snow base will still be at 100 inches. So it's on with other May-Kneeia.

This wasn't a good ski year for Dave Lerner. Early in the season he injured his shoulder and was out for multiple weeks. He was cleared by his doctor just in time for Jackson Hole. On day one, Dave was maneuvering his way down the moguls on a double black diamond and wiped out. At the local hospital they inserted a screw into his right heel the next day; but it came loose. (The Knee would never say that Dave had a screw loose.)

Dave needed additional heel surgery when he returned home. The surgeon inserted two additional screws. Thereafter, he told Dave, "We really screwed you this time."

Wow! A session at the 2010 meeting of the American Assoc. of Geographers celebrated the contributions of Bob Marx. I'm impressed!

A tip of the ol' Knee cap goes to John Smith. Frightened by insurance rates because of his size, John has now lost 70 lbs.

Here's breaking news: Marilyn Clark added spice to her life by falling off a step stool in her closet. She got her first ambulance ride to the ER where they thought she had an "interesting break." Marilyn now has a bulky cast on her upper left arm for two months. Yucko!

Once again PVS has conducted a successful passing of the reins of power. We have installed Sharon Mulholland as President and Ellie Thayer as Veep. Congrats to both. Both have successfully served on ExCom. In the Knee's memory, this marks the first time that both

Pres and Veep have not held either position before. Sharon said had she known having a PVS office would have the salubrious effect of re-energizing her real estate business, she would have volunteered long ago.



Intensive lightning over Iceland's Eyjafjallajökull volcano

As far as the Knee knows, no PVSers were caught in Europe or elsewhere when the volcano made an "ash" out of itself in Iceland. But some of us were sweating the aftereffects with flights shortly after the ban was lifted. New Veep, Ellie Thayer, and Jack Chapman were off to Frankfurt for a barge cruise on the Mosel. Kneet. And Reg Heitchue and Liz Warren-Boulton were both headed for the Himalayas to do some high altitude trekking near Mt Everest. Now Ex-Pres, Dottie Villars completed the purchase of her new home in South Carolina. She will rent it back to the builders to use as a model home and move in late this summer. Dottie and Melissa FitzGerald will spend a few days at the house at the end of May whilst Dottie learns the SC "ropes."

The following came from an article Bob McNeill sent the Knee. It's apparently true. A Montana State trooper pulled up to a car which had driven off of the road during a major snow storm. The motor was running and the driver was passed out with an empty bottle of vodka on the seat. The driver awoke when the trooper tapped on his window, panicked, put his car in gear and gunned it. His speedometer read 30-40-50 MPH, but his wheels were stuck in the snow and he wasn't moving.

The trooper, with a sense of humor, began running in place beside the speeding, but stationary, car. The driver was totally freaked out, thinking the trooper was running that fast. After a bit the trooper yelled "Pull over." The man did. Kneedless to say, the driver was arrested, amazed by a trooper running 50MPH!

Local Events Calendar			Trips Calendar	
May 18	Tues	Monthly Meeting (Phil & Eugenia Ufholtz)	Aug 26-28	Finger Lakes Wine Country (Paynes)
May 25	Tues	ExCom (Ellie Thayer)	Jan 19-26, 2011	Snowmass (C. DeVilbiss/S. Mulholland/)
Jun 12	Sat	Lunch w Cap Golden Skiers		
Nov 6	Sat	PVS 45 TH Anniversary Gala		

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