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### President's Message:

Autumn is in the air and the alluring scent of snow can't be far behind. As the warm weather leaves us and we get used to the idea that it's time for adding layers of clothing instead of peeling them off, it's time to finalize all of our winter plans. And that means, of course, ski trips! We're more than fortunate to have 4 fab trips this year and, as I write this, each is filling up – a big plus for a club our size.

As we have historically done at PVS, we try to create trips that offer more than just skiing. For skiers, not only can you ski during the day, there are always après-ski events and get-togethers where we can share what we did during the day and get ideas for the next as well as making plans to meet other skiers on the slopes the next day. Maybe you join your friends in the hot tub or just bond over a glass; this is what skiing with a ski club is all about.

For those of us who have hung up the skis, PVS ski trips make a great adventure as well. This year, our trips offer much more than skiing. There are a plethora of other things to do as well that provide an opportunity to join your skiing friends on the trip and share in that ski club experience. In Vail, you find galleries and shopping as well as off-slope "play in the snow" fun. At Snowmass, how could you not love the Aspen vibe with its restaurants and glamour? At Alyeska, you're in gorgeous Alaska! How about flightseeing (Ray and I can attest to its magnificence), dogsledding, and seeing the beginning of the Iditarod? And Cortina is calling, the posh resort with non-skiing excursions and pre-and post-trip options to beautiful Venice and Florence. Pick one (or more) and join us!

–Nancy McKinley



### MONTHLY MEETING

October 15, Tue, 7:30 PM

at

John and Gisela Storm's home  
in the Kingstowne area of VA  
(Van Dorn exit)



**MONTHLY MEETING**  
**Tuesday, October 15, 2013, at 7:30 PM**  
**Home of John & Gisela Storm**  
**6145 Manchester Park Circle**  
**Alexandria, VA 22310**  
**703-924-3294, [jstorm7900@aol.com](mailto:jstorm7900@aol.com)**

**DIRECTIONS FROM THE BELTWAY:** Take the Van Dorn Street exit (exit 173 approaching from the west) and turn onto South Van Dorn Street. Continue on South Van Dorn, crossing over Franconia Road at the fourth light. Stay in the right lane, continue past another light and, right before the next light, bear right onto Kingstowne Village Parkway (a small lake is on the right and a shopping center on the left). At the next light, turn right onto Manchester Boulevard and proceed about 200 feet to a light. Turn right at the light onto Manchester Lakes Drive and proceed about 400 feet. Turn right, go to the second right turn (Manchester Park Circle) and enter the Townes of Manchester Park. At the intersection, bear right. 6145 Manchester Park Circle is in the third townhouse complex on the left.

Early birds can park in the driveway; others make a left turn to find available parking around the corner.



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### **IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING THE PVS WEB SITE**

ExCom has received numerous requests for simplification of the login mechanism that we use to maintain privacy of user information that may be contained in the TOOT and in the ExCom minutes. It has now been simplified. Users can now log in using any one of the following three usernames:

- member
- Member
- MEMBER

The password is:  
TOOT

TOOT is uppercase. Old usernames and passwords still work, so there is no need to change the way that you log in, if the old login method was working for you.

*-Dave Lerner, Webmaster [pvsikers.org](http://pvsikers.org)*

**Coming Event:**

# *A Culinary Experience at Culinaire*

*Tuesday, October 29, 2013 ----- Arrival between 11:45 and 12:15*

*Join us for a repeat luncheon performance at Culinaire Restaurant, the restaurant at the Art Institute (ai) of Washington's culinary school in Rosslyn. The culinary students, supervised by a chef instructor, cook and serve, and the guests dine and enjoy. The light and airy setting is on the 12<sup>th</sup> floor at 1820 North Fort Myer Drive, Arlington, Virginia, with large picture windows looking outward as well as large picture windows looking into the kitchen. If our party is large enough (23 - 35), then we can reserve the entire restaurant. Otherwise, we will reserve a set number of tables. Expect prices to be around \$20.00 to \$24.00 for three courses. Twenty have signed up.*

*Tuesday, October 29 is the date; staggered arrivals between 11:45 and 12:15 are requested; and credit card is the only allowable form of payment. The building is across the street from the back exit of the Rosslyn metro. There is metered and garage parking available in Rosslyn also. Contact Ellie Thayer at [ellie.thayer@comcast.net](mailto:ellie.thayer@comcast.net) or 703 944 4653. The deadline for signing up is October 22, 2013.*



## Coming Event:



## Join PVS for A Trip to Historic Fredericksburg, Virginia Saturday, November 2, 2013

Experience a day back in time with PVS's Melissa FitzGerald, whose family was instrumental in resurrecting and preserving the legacy of historic Fredericksburg, Virginia. Ray and Nancy McKinley join Melissa in offering a tour of historic sights from the 1700s in Fredericksburg, just 50 miles south of D.C. The lovely old town on the Rappahannock River boasts 18<sup>th</sup> century and Victorian houses, is the site of three significant Civil War battles, and is where George Washington got his early education. Adding to its charm, the historic district of Fredericksburg is home to numerous galleries and cafes. Melissa will help make history come alive as she regales us with stories of Fredericksburg's illustrious past.

Choose to drive (or carpool) the hour's drive to Fredericksburg. Alternatively, take a peaceful train ride to the center of town on Amtrak from Alexandria leaving at about 8:00 am (round trip about \$50). We will meet at the Visitor's Center at 10:15 am and take a 75-minute (\$17) guided trolley tour of the highlights: Kenmore (Betty Washington's home), the Mary Washington House, the fascinating Hugh Mercer Apothecary Shop, and the Rising Sun Tavern built by George's brother. After our tour, stop for lunch at La Petit Auberge or Eileen's café in the middle of town. Then plan to walk and visit some of the sights in more depth, or stroll the streets of shops and galleries.

If you come by car, you may visit Chancellorsville Battlefield (site of one of the bloodiest days in the Civil War) or relive on film the critical battles at the Fredericksburg Visitors Center where an excellent museum provides details. On your way back to Washington, you may stop at Belmont, the home and studio of Gari Melcher, one of the most celebrated American artists of the late 19<sup>th</sup> century.

To sign-up or if you have questions, please contact Melissa FitzGerald at 703-476-9259 or at [thediehlhouse@gmail.com](mailto:thediehlhouse@gmail.com). We'll match carpool groups and have details of train transportation. Fees to enter some sights in the town of Fredericksburg are around \$5. The films at battlefields are free.

This will be a full day of historic delights – join us!

Ski Trip:

# Snowmass 2014

**Wednesday to Wednesday, January 15-22, 2014**

We're going back to Snowmass!! Join us for a return trip to this "Old Faithful" ski resort. Once again, we will be staying at our beloved Snowmass Mountain Chalet. Reserve your space now for this PVS favorite!

- Snowmass offers 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.
- Slope-side lodging at Snowmass Mountain Chalet 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. This small hotel, with its welcoming staff, is unique for its convenience and friendly ambiance.
- The trip will include airfare (or land only), van to and from airport, hotel gratuities, ski passes (at a great rate), pre-trip party, hotel apres ski parties, and group dinner to celebrate our trip!



**Trip costs:**

<b>Full Snowmass trip package</b>	<b>\$1,965</b>	
<b>"Land only"</b>	<b>\$1,432</b>	
<b>Single Supplement</b>	<b>+\$711</b>	<b>(greatly reduced this year)</b>



PVS has reserved 21 rooms. Those interested can now register by sending **\$300 to Carolyn DeVilbiss** at 4508 Peacock Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22304 (note "PVS-Snowmass 2014" on the memo line)



**Sign up early for the limited air spaces (good price, good schedule)!**

*A male and female are looking for roommates.  
If interested, please contact us immediately!*

For more information contact trip leaders:  
Carolyn DeVilbiss at 703-370-4865 h, 703-509-0189 c  
([carolyn.maurer@verizon.net](mailto:carolyn.maurer@verizon.net));  
Louann Eadie at 703-860-0936 c,  
([louann50@mac.com](mailto:louann50@mac.com)).

## Ski Trip:

# POTOMAC VALLEY SKIERS / BLUE RIDGE SKI COUNCIL TRIP TO **VAIL, COLORADO**, February 1 – 8, 2014

There are a few spaces left on this BRSC trip to Vail. 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. **INFO / RESERVATION** Inge Lesjak, [ingelesjak@aol.com](mailto:ingelesjak@aol.com)



### 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 Washington, DC to Denver on United Airlines or Southwest including applicable tax as of 4/3/13
- Roundtrip group transfers with complimentary bottled water, Denver Airport to the Vail Cascade Resort & Spa with 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
- Wine & Cheese Welcome Reception at Charter Sports on arrival day
- Ten percent discount on ski/snowboard lessons

### BLUE RIDGE SKI COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

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



<b>AIRFARE:</b> UA (Subject to Change) or SOUTHWEST
2/1 # 467, 08:35am–10:43am DCA/DEN    2/1 #2019, 06:15am–08:20 IAD/DEN

### **Cancellation:**

Penalties after 9/15/13  
Full forfeiture after 12/1/13  
(Submit in writing)

### **LODGING:** Vail Cascade Resort & Spa,

- Gore Creek Restaurant, Fireside Bar
- Room Service, 24-hour front desk, Concierge
- 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+)

**DEPOSIT:** \$800.00/person, due now; \$500.00/person, October 10, 2013; final payment, December 10, 2013

Make payment to **Inge Lesjak** to reserve space on this trip 8123 Kingsview Court, Springfield, VA 22152

**TRAVEL INSURANCE LINK:** <http://www.travelsafe.com/travelinsurance/?ref=SPONJ01>

## Ski Trip:

# *Alyeska, Alaska with PVS February 25 to March 4, 2014*

**Alyeska, Alaska** <<http://www.alyeskaresort.com/>> is Alaska's premier ski area, located just 40 miles from Anchorage International Airport. Mt. Alyeska's base elevation is 250 feet and the total vertical rise is 3,200 feet. The summit is accessed by the Aerial Tram and provides a panorama of the Chugach Mountains, 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. Ski terrain composition is 11% Beginner, 52% Intermediate, and 37% Expert/Advanced.



*Accommodations are double occupancy deluxe rooms in the Hotel Alyeska with ski-in/out access. The hotel offers complimentary guest use of the saltwater pool, whirlpool, traditional sauna, and fitness room. The Spa offers an extensive variety of specialty and custom treatments.*

Numerous activities are available through the Hotel concierge: Heli & Cat skiing; excursions to Portage Glacier (weekends only), Whittier & Prince William Sound, Anchorage, the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center, Turnagain Arm; and arranging dogsledding, flightseeing, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing. Possible Northern Lights (Aurora Borealis) viewing with cooperative sun flares.

*A day excursion to Anchorage for the opening ceremony of Alaska's premier sporting event, the Iditarod Musher (Dog Sled) Race, is included. Highlights of the day are: the ceremonial start of the Iditarod, Dutch-treat lunch at the Glacier Brew House, tour of the Alaska Native Heritage Center, and the crazy "Running of the Reindeer."*

Cost is \$1,550 per person for deluxe accommodations, round-trip air from Washington, bus transfers to and from Alyeska, Anchorage excursion, and pre-trip party. Flights to and from Anchorage are with United from BWI. Single supplement is \$645.



Options are available for daily breakfast buffet, room upgrades, and trip insurance. Lift tickets are not included; costs for 70+ = \$10.00/day; 60-69 = \$45/day or \$180 for 5-of-6 day; adult = \$60/day or \$240 for 5-of-6 day.

**We currently have 19 participants. We have a woman who is looking for a roommate. If interested, call or e-mail us as soon as possible.** Trip Leaders: Kerry and Marianne Hines, [mchines@erols.com](mailto:mchines@erols.com), [klhines@erols.com](mailto:klhines@erols.com) or 540-364-4810.

## Ski Trip:

### **CORTINA D'AMPEZZO - 2014**

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

**PRICE - Approximately \$2,590 (Single Supplement - Approximately \$3,172)**



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 email with Cortina in the subject and I'll send you updated information, without obligation to signing-up: Dick Comerford, [dick.comerford@verizon.net](mailto:dick.comerford@verizon.net), 571-426-3098, 703-777-9374***



## Past Event:



## September 17, 2013 Monthly Meeting Barb and Fred's Place

What a gorgeous night for a drive to a destination in the Kentlands. That destination was the PVS September meeting at the lovely home of Barb and Fred Leonhardt. As usual, Barb put together a fantastic spread of goodies and a warm welcome.

Add a little wine and some camaraderie and you have another great PVS meeting. There were about forty in attendance and close to half were new members. Hurrah! We ate, drank, mingled and talked as always at what we euphemistically call a meeting – more of a party, don't you think?

After much fun and good times, Nancy McKinley began the meeting by asking Jan Marx to update us on the status of PVS' Boulder, Colorado, member, Jessma Blockwick. Jan reported that Jessma was okay and narrowly missed major damage to her home from the recent, devastating floods in her area. Program Chair, Ray McKinley, enumerated the many upcoming PVS events. There are some exciting things planned. (See Coming Events and Calendar in this issue of TOOT.) Rosemary Schwartzbard, Chair of the Ski Trip Committee, introduced the trip leaders who presented the upcoming ski trips. The ski trip leaders were enthusiastic about their ski trips, excited to have people signing on, and encouraging others to do the same.

Not only was the meeting the tour de force we've come to expect from Barb in the kitchen; she pulled it off with some extra excitement. Barb had a bad fall on Sunday from which she needed 22 stitches over her eye. So with two black eyes and bruises, the first thing people said to her was, "What happened to you?" Needless to say, her hosting of the meeting bordered on miraculous! We thank Barb and Fred for all the extra effort it took to have us descend on the their home. In Barb's inimitable way, she said, "No problem!" But, we say, let's have an end to that kind of excitement at any other meetings!



Many thanks again to Barb and Fred for hosting such a wonderful event.

*--Submitted by Eloise Strand*

## SKI TALK October 2013



It is hard to believe that it is already October. A chill is in the air. If you have not committed to a ski trip for this coming season, please do so as soon as possible. Our ski trip leaders may still have space. In addition to the PVS ski trips and the BRSC trips, you can now go on trips with the **Best of Times Ski Club** in New Jersey (BOT). *Potomac Valley Skiers, Inc. and the Best of Times Ski Club in New Jersey have entered into an alliance.* This allows PVS and BOT to go on the other's trips without becoming a member of the other club. Capital Golden Skiers and Best of Times have had a long relationship of skiing together.

Here are the trips **BOT** is planning for the coming season:

### **VAIL—December 10-18, 2013**

Marriott at Lionshead - \$795.00 per person double  
Includes: Lodging, tips, happy hours and one dinner

### **OKEMO, VERMONT - JANUARY 20-24, 2014**

Point at Castle Hill Resort and Spa - \$348.00 per person with lift ticket; \$248.00 per person without lift ticket

### **WYNDHAM, NEW YORK - FEBRUARY 2-6, 2014**

The Thompson House - \$100.00 per night double; 75+ski free; pay when you get there

### **ASPEN - MARCH 1-8, 2014**

Mountain Chalet - \$1760.00 per person (close to Ajax Mountain)  
Includes breakfast and happy hours

If you are interested in any of these trips, contact Eileen Fishkin at [haptrvir@optimum.net](mailto:haptrvir@optimum.net).



Fall is the time for ski swaps. This is an opportunity to trade in your old equipment.

Here is a list of local **Ski Swaps**:

**Ski Center:** October 27, Sunday, 10-4

### **Ski Chalet (Now Sun and Ski):**

Gaithersburg: Saturday, November 3

Chantilly: Saturday and Sunday, November 9-10

**Rosemary Schwartzbard**

rosemaryschw@gmail.com

# Members' Corner



By J. David Warthen, Jr. (mw)  
[dwarthen@verizon.net](mailto:dwarthen@verizon.net)

## **Biennial Dues Period, July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2015:**

The new biennial dues period is progressing well. However, there are 13 PVSers who have not yet renewed their memberships. Delinquent members have 30 days to renew their membership, or be dropped from the membership. Please take care of your dues renewal immediately.

## **Jean Van der Tak:**

On 4 Sept., while jogging, Jean was struck by a vehicle. She was rushed to GW hospital by ambulance. She was treated for leg injuries and released. As the healing process began at home, Jean was forced to return to GW for one week, due to a flesh-eating bacteria. She is now out of the hospital and recovering at home. A family member is assisting her during her recovery. PVS sends their best wishes for a speedy recovery.

## **Jessma Blockwick:**

Jessma lives in Boulder, CO and shared her experience during the devastating floods that hit that area. She said that she was fortunate to only lose power for one day, and hot water for two. However, her retirement home, aside from her wing, suffered tremendous damage. Many garden apartments were flooded and furnishings were destroyed. Jessma's car was not damaged in ankle-deep water, but 80 cars in two other garages were totally destroyed; water reached the ceiling of those garages. Health Care and Assisted Living floors were totally flooded, so those residents had to be relocated to other homes in the area. The woman who heads the Activities Dept. has a home in the country outside of Boulder. She and her husband went out to tend to their horses, just as the huge wave of flooding came rushing toward them. They grabbed on to a tree and hung there for FIVE HOURS until they were rescued. Their house was destroyed. It is hard to imagine all of the tragedies in the Boulder area. A year's worth of rain fell in one week. PVS sends best wishes to Jessma and her friends as Boulder recovers.

## **GETTING TO KNOW NEW MEMBERS:**

**John & Gisela Storm**, together for eighteen years, are ardent multi activity individuals. We have each traveled extensively in the USA and overseas. John is a seasoned mariner – commercial and Navy ships, having circumnavigated the world westbound twice, with wide experience in the Far and Near East. Gisela knows Europe well, particularly Germany, Switzerland, France and

England. Both of us have lived in multiple locations on the East Coast and John also the West Coast. John was President of the Over-the-Hill Gang Chapter Ski Club in Washington for nine years, and assisted in the formation of CGS in early 2000's. We enjoy socializing with multiple groups and are fond of dancing, parties in the home, hiking, biking, bridge, photography, and can whip up a good party for special occasions such as Halloween and Christmas. Colorado has been our skiing area over the years. We have met a number of the PVS members in the homes of Cara/Bob Jablon and Kerry/Marianne Hines, and feel right at home with all of you long time PVS folks. We look forward to meeting more of you, and spending time with you in various activities. Thanks for opening your unique club to us.

**Mary Ann McNamar:** I was the "secretary for life" for CGS. We are delighted to join your group and have loved the warm welcome. Last winter was my 50th year on skis and I still love it. I retired from my attorney job with FDIC almost 10 years ago, and have spent the time fulfilling various dreams. I rode my bike across country, hiked the Camino in Spain, lived in Mexico to learn Spanish (alas, great fun but not much Spanish), and did other fun activities. I'm a docent at the Library of Congress, teach English to newcomers, bike, ski and play bridge. My husband, Bob, who doesn't ski, and is still working, and I have 4 children and 6 grandchildren on whom we dote. We live in Sumner Village in Bethesda where I serve on the Board. I now understand why the Federal Government is dysfunctional--it's like a big condo board. Hopefully we will join in your many activities when we return from our summer home, in Olympia, WA, in September. We look forward to meeting you.

**Rae Wine:** I am a former member of CGS and the Over-the-Hill Gang. I learned to ski on Mount Saint Anne and Mount Tremblant in Canada many years ago. I learned from Canadian skiers that the snow in Colorado was powder, and the weather was often sunny and pleasant. I have skied in Vail, Park City, Snowbird, Sun Valley, but I always return to Aspen/Snowmass. I have two daughters living in CO. One is in Snowmass--her husband has two restaurants there--Base Camp and Slice. The other daughter lives ten minutes from Breckenridge.

## **Roster Changes:** ([dwarthen@verizon.net](mailto:dwarthen@verizon.net))

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-See last page for new members.

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# THE KNEE

by Ray McKinley  
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It's October. Fall is upon us—although it's hard to tell by the weather. I recently read that weather forecasters are using a new methodology to predict a very snowy winter. It's called pinecone counting. A lot of pinecones is Mother Nature's (perhaps I should use the non-sexist "Parent Nature's") way to tell the squirrels to stock up as it will be a wingdinger of a winter. Scientists have correlated the amount of pinecones directly with the amount of snowfall. Although they don't tell us how the pine trees know how much snow will fall 6-9 months in advance.

I checked out the theory with my young pine tree. Of course, it's only **Knee** high (though not related to the soda). Last year it had no cones and we had scant snow. This year, its third, it also has no pinecones. It snow joke!

Lots of PVSers have moved away from the area. But, none have moved as far as [Liz Warren-Boulton](#). She is moving to Australia! It's not even the same day there. [Liz](#) bought a second home there several years ago. Now she is moving there. She will keep her DC abode and rent it out. Perhaps we'll have a PVS meeting "Down Under."

Coming from not so far away is [Dick Comerford](#). He just returned from a ski trip in Chile. [Dick](#) skied in Colorado, a ski area just down from Valle Nevado, outside of Santiago. It was the end of their season and the snow conditions weren't the best. [Dick](#) isn't certain if that counts as last year's or this year's skiing.

Well [Dick](#), it certainly doesn't count as this year's earliest skiing. The **Knee** can claim that distinction. In the next column is a photo of the **Knee** skiing in late August. The photo was taken on a cool Thursday afternoon on the back bowl at Liberty Mountain! And, you know the **Knee** would never lie to you!

According to [Marvin Hass](#), the owners of the Big Sky resort and the nearby Yellowstone Club are planning to purchase the smaller, nearly adjacent resort, Moonlight Basin, with the goal of creating a 5,700 acre megaresort on both sides of Lone Peak. It will have 23 chairlifts and 10 surface lifts covering a 4,350 foot vertical. This is a big deal for the ski industry!

Did you know that 34 of us out of some 175 members have September birthdays? Skiing isn't the only thing you can do in January!

Many of us are retiring. But, [Joe Jevcak](#) has a **Kneet** new job. It's with Carnival Cruise lines. [Joe](#) gets room and board on their cruises for free. In exchange, he attends the nightly dances and escorts the single women on the cruise around the dance floor. According to one of his partners, this fox can trot!

As a volunteer for the Red Cross, psychologist, [Rosemary Schwartzbard](#), took part in the psychological recovery effort after the shoot-out at the Washington Navy Yard.



The Knee Skiing at Liberty Mountain August 2013

Yoiks. [Jean van der Tak](#) was out jogging when she was hit by a truck. She was taken to a hospital, treated and released to her home. After several days she wasn't feeling well. She had been infected by a flesh eating bacteria. [Jean](#) is now cured and recovering. [Dave Warthen](#) is also recovering after eye surgery. So [Jan Marx](#) kindly volunteered to replace [Dave](#) as editor of this issue of TOOT. [Jan](#) always does a grate job at correcting all my mispellings. [Sandy Laeser](#) is also recovering, albeit she is certainly limping, after breaking her foot.

[Bonnie and Bill Sweeney](#), our PVS Indianapolis contingent, have their arms full – with identical twin granddaughters, Iris and Ember.

In a few weeks, [Ellie Thayer and Rosemary Schwartzbard](#) will head for North Carolina to run in a half marathon on their flat coast. Now that's really a run around.

Lots of us are still traveling. New member and nonagenarian [Peter Russell](#) is back from backpacking in the Balkans. [Sam and Inge Lesjak](#) have been in Germany. [Sam](#) stayed on a few extra days. [Sue Lyon](#) is on a cruise out of Baltimore to the Western Caribbean. And, [Maryann Rozzell](#) is heading for a vacation in California. **Kneenuf!**

**2013 PVS Calendar:**

- Oct 15 Tue PVS Monthly Meeting, 7:30 PM, Storms, Alexandria, VA
- Oct 17 Thu Cruise to Watch the Start of the Great Chesapeake Bay Schooner Race, 11:15 AM, Leonhardt's, Annapolis, MD *Contact Barbara at 301-963-8111*
- Oct 19 Sat BRSC Fall Meeting, Rosemary Schwartzbard, Springfield, VA
- Oct 22 Tue ExCom, 7:30 PM, Telephonic Conference Call
- Oct 29 Tue Culinaire, 11:45 AM-12:15 PM Arrival, Thayer, Rosslyn, VA
- Nov 02 Sat A Trip to Historic Fredericksburg, 10:00 AM, FitzGerald, Fredericksburg, VA
- Nov 19 Tue PVS Monthly Meeting, 7:30 PM, Ski Center, Washington, DC

**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 7-15++++, 2014: PVS/BRSC to Cortina, Italy (Dick Comerford)

**Useful Ski "Links"**

- Potomac Valley Skiers..... [potomacvalleyski.org](http://potomacvalleyski.org)
- BRSC Sanctioned Trips..... [skicouncil.com/tripsbydate.htm](http://skicouncil.com/tripsbydate.htm)
- DC Ski Online News ..... [dcski.com](http://dcski.com)

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