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President's Message June, 2025:

Many of us, skiers and non-skiers both, will return to Snowmass this January under the excellent tutelage of the Lakes. Snowmass is an all-purpose mountain in an established ski area, which has everything: varied ski terrain at differing skiing levels; good grooming; multiple skiing and non-skiing activities and services; good lodging; restaurants; shops and nearby places to go. Other areas are likewise well known and all-purpose like Vail, Steamboat and Killington. The purpose of this column is to remind us of mountains less traveled, of smaller, more offbeat ski areas, which we may enjoy.

I remember Sun Peaks with great joy. Sun Peak is in British Columbia, distant from just about everything except Canadian forests. It has non-crowded ski trails where you feel you are gliding, gliding down. One can ski past sufficiently spaced trees to be in the perfect, cool winter terrain. Canadian Olympian Nancy Greene built a lodge there, in which PVSers stayed and skied with Nancy Greene and her husband. Nancy Greene is still a Sun Peaks ambassador.

Bromley Mountain is in Peru, Vermont, near the larger Stratton ski resort and near lovely (that is one of the right words) Manchester village. Bromley is friendly. It has good skiable downhill. For reasons of perhaps Bromley's grooming and Vermont ice, sometimes going down the bottom slopes, one feels – or at least one used to feel – as if he or she is skiing on golf balls, a fine way to get foot massages. A warning: the main Bromley chair lift is sheltered by trees. Near the top, the trees end, making for the coldest-feeling place on earth, but it takes only a short time before skiers can unload, usually (when the lift isn't stopped), and quickly ski downhill to get warmer. The Vermont cold can be invigorating, although I must report that after Bromley and Sugarbush - another worthwhile out of the way place with a marvelous, not to be missed inn - my wife was motivated to have us ski in Colorado, saying that Vermont is just too cold.

When one goes to Bromley, one must go to Manchester. The village has beautiful mountain views, art galleries (There are two Manchester Vermont- paintings in our home), inns, doll house and local antique stores and, yes, of course, maple syrup and Vermont pancakes. Manchester's quintessential Vermont inn and restaurant, worth the trip, is The Reluctant Panther. Cara bribed me to go skiing in 1972 or thereabouts with après-ski meals at The Reluctant Panther, which is still open.

More off the beaten track – Taos. The best way to get to Taos is to fly into Albuquerque; rent a car and drive at great speeds to Santa Fe; stop at an inn, preferably for a number of days; see the world of Santa Fe art, including the Georgia O' Keefe museum and the Navajo sand paintings on the square. Then after a hearty Santa Fe breakfast take the two-lane, uphill, beautiful, but skillful drive to Taos, which is also an art locale very much worth seeing.

Ernie Blake founded Taos when he was looking for the perfect ski area. It has much for skiers at all levels, but some Taos ski terrain is most difficult. Taos encourages skiers to participate in its weekly lesson. Skiers lesson for half days and ski on their own for half days. At the end of lessons, skiers drink martinis that are buried on the mountain. As the story goes, the martinis originated when Ernie was having difficulty getting skiers down

the front Taos mogul trail (Al's run), and he had his son bring martinis to the stranded skiers. When they resisted drinking, Ernie told his instructees: "You drink or you die!" After the martinis, Ernie managed to get the skiers to safety.

In addition to unequaled skiing, Taos has history, a World Heritage site, art, geology, beauty and a uniqueness all its own.

Elk Mountain Ski Resort is near Scranton, Pennsylvania. It is in the Poconos, well off the PVS beaten track, but closer than Vermont. I have never skied there, although I once visited a coal mine in Scranton. Elk Mountain's trails look very inviting. Elk Mountain attends the BRSC ski shows every year and seems to have good skiing. Worth a trip?

Robert Frost said that he took the path less traveled and that made all the difference. I hope as many who can go to Snowmass with others in the club. But in addition, above are some different paths to consider for skiers and others.

Bob Jablon, PVS President

Past Event

SUMMER FEST Sunday, June 15, 2025

It was a drizzly Sunday, June 15, the day after the "Big Parade". The lovely hydrangeas along the path to **Jill Nelson's** home glowed with the wet gift. Once inside her home (just past the "No Kings" sign), lively conversation ensued by sixteen members of our Potomac Valley Skiers.

There was a bounty of beverages to begin..... a selection of wines, beer, home-made Sangria, iced tea, club soda and just chilled water for the complete teetotalers.

The ample table offerings included deviled eggs, a seven-layer dip, grilled Haloumi cheese, cheese and crackers, shrimp, and a fruit plate. The main course feature was a lovely grilled salmon, plus brats, broccoli salad, watermelon salad, and a pasta and vegetable salad. For those who had room left, there was a traditional carrot cake, cookies, a delicious blueberry cheesecake and freshly brewed tea. Happiness!



President **Bob Jablon** called the meeting to order and introduced: 1- **Kathy Lake**, our ski trip chair, mentioned that the Snowmass, Colorado trip still has openings for our favorite venue. Responding to a query about non-skiers, she encouraged anyone to come and just enjoy the camaraderie. **She and Barry Lake are leading the trip.** For any questions, they await your call: 703-625-2715.

The Blue Ridge Ski Council (**BRSC**) is sponsoring **2026 ski trips**:

- Banff, Canada for the Western Carnival January 31-February 7;
- The Eurofest is in Madonna di Campiglio, Italy, March 13-22;
- The USA Winterfest is at Jay Peak, Vermont, March 31-6.

2. **Marianne Soponis** mentioned upcoming events:

* **BYOB**, our "bring your own book" club, will be Thursday, July 10 at 4:00 p.m.

Anyone interested should contact **Nancy McKinley**



* There is no meeting in July but our **Steak and Swim**, hosted by **Marianne and Kerry Hines**, will be on Saturday, August 9 at 3:00 p.m. Please contact them to make a reservation.

* The September and October meetings will be combined into a **60th PVS birthday celebration** in early October. **Nancy McKinley** gave an overview, mentioning that the committee (**Bob Jablon, Rosemary Schwartzbard, Jan Marx, Don Vierimaa, Marianne Sponis and Nancy**) will be meeting via zoom on Monday, June 16 to decide on a date, time

and place. Anyone with suggestions on making the 60th anniversary more celebratory can contact anyone on the committee.

* **We will finish the year with our holiday party in December.**



Thank you, Jill, for hosting us!

Submitted by Marianne Sponis



!!!!!!! SPECIAL NOTICE !!!!!!!

Membership Alert – Bi-Annual Dues cycle restarts July 1, 2025

The PVS bi-annual dues renewal period for 2025 – 2027 will begin July 1, 2025. Renewal notices will be sent out via email to the current membership in late June. This notice will serve as the last advanced notice before the renewal distribution emails go out to membership. Thank you for your continued support over the years.



CELEBRATE POTOMAC VALLEY SKIERS' 60 YEARS!

WHEN: Wednesday, October 15th from 12 to 3pm

WHERE: J. Gilbert's Steakhouse at 6930 Old Dominion Drive, (Route 123) McLean, VA, famous for steak and seafood with lots of parking.

WHAT: Delicious 3-Course luncheon with your choice of steak, crab cakes, and more! With wine, soft drinks, coffee or tea and lots of memories of PVS fun over the years!

WHO: YOU! (And your significant other.)

HOW: The cost is \$50 per person. BUT you have a **DISCOUNT: \$40 per person** if your check is received by September 15th. (PVS picks up the remaining costs.)

Come join us and lift a glass to 60 years of ski adventures with PVS around the world! Activities are in the works and stories will be told.

Make your check to "Potomac Valley Skiers" and send to

Nancy McKinley
1805 Crystal Drive Apt 813
Arlington, Va 22202

PVS 60th Committee:
Bob Jablon
Cara Jablon
Jan Marx
Don Vierimaa
Rosemary Schwartzbard
Marianne Sponis
Nancy McKinley

SKI TALK

by
Kathy Lake

The following are the trips planned or available for this upcoming 2026 ski season:

PVS Snowmass, CO – January 14 – 21

Rooms are still available. Please see flyer elsewhere in the TOOT and send in your deposit to reserve your room!

BRSC Western Carnival – Banff, Canada – January 31 – February 7

BRSC Eurofest – Madonna di Campiglio, Italy – March 13 -22

Some folks have expressed interest. If you would like to go, please contact us at kathylakehomes@yahoo.com so that we can plan accordingly.

BRSC Winterfest – Jay Peak, VT – March 1-6

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This article by Lee Cohen appeared in the Jan. 30, 2025 Photo Annual Edition of Powder Magazine. Thought some of us could relate to it!

Becoming an "Old Geezer" Should be Every Skier's Goal

As age catches up, one skier finds the beautiful art of adaptability.

Geezer Quest

At the top of High Rustler on one of the best pow days of the year, it's dumping furiously, true bottomless. These are the conditions that have always made this the perfect run for me. Deep enough to hold you back while you let gravity take you. As I've gotten older, I've slowed it down, but on days like this, I still feel damn good. It's my sixth straight nonstop lap, and all of a sudden, I find myself thinking, "I don't see any reason why I can't be doing this when I'm 70." I had turned 65 three months before.

On the chair ride back up Collins, I pondered that idea further. It sounded reasonable enough. Then I realized you just don't see many people *that* age doing *that*. The precipitous decline catches up with everyone. Even with modern skis that make it so much easier. Even with attention to fitness being greater now than ever before. It doesn't matter if you have good genes, a relentless conditioning regime, have avoided injuries that nag you as you age, or you're just plain lucky—father time catches us all.

My circulation is not as good as it once was; my toes and hands get colder than they used to. Heated socks are definitely the best addition I've made to the kit in the last few years.

These eyes don't work as well in flat light as they did five years ago, even though my eye doc says I'm still 20/20 with my glasses. Thankfully, when it's deep and smooth, it doesn't matter.

I don't remember names as quickly as I once did.

"What did you say?" My hearing is not so great.

At some point, contact that used to do nothing will cause black and blue marks. Loss of balance, coordination, and strength are inevitable.

It's already harder to put my shoes on in the morning. Thank God it's not harder to put on my ski boots. But hey, I only forgot my pass once last season. Where are my car keys? Can't get to the hill if I don't find them. Is this the onset of *Alzheimer's* disease?

There is an entirely different side to losing physical prowess. There is the beautiful art of physical and mental adaptability. Quality is more important than quantity. I don't ski as much, and I don't ski as hard as I did back in the day. But I can still have a heyday.

Ever suffer from imposter syndrome? S***, I've heard that CEOs of major corporations do, so I guess an old [ski bum](#) can, too. For me, it's that I'm not out there fully committed and frothing like a 25 year-old every day. I need a little conversation with myself to talk me out of it. Identity crisis? Late-life crisis? Maybe. Last winter I skied bell-to-bell three times, and I was damn proud of it. After thousands of days, it makes sense that you would be pickier, and damn right, your aging body has something to do with it.

Easing into Social Security and Medicare, I have this—savoring is more important than getting a rush. Looking at it all a bit differently still fosters the connection, albeit a different love, a strong love, evolved through a metamorphosis I call the Geezerquest. I'm not looking for thrills or to scare myself. It's more about having an ethereal, in-awe-of-beauty, soul-soothing experience. I want to feel it, focus on more intrinsic awareness, on the sensations soaking in, instead of aggressively pushing out energy.

Skiing all day isn't as important as getting 7 or 10 incredible runs. Moguls? Forget about it. Forty years ago I was a bumper. It's soft snow and groomers now.

I don't get FOMO like I once did. That's actually not true, but I handle it better. Experience does teach you something along the way. Time is gonna get you, but if you listen to the universe, maybe it'll put you down gently. Roll with it, appreciate it, love it more than ever. Growing old gracefully is about knowing your limitations and not trashing yourself. You don't heal like you used to. And yet, the wisdom of age sets you up to enjoy skiing more than ever.

My friend Lynn is 83. I still see him most days in Goldminer's first thing in the morning. His reflection seems accurate: "It's not as easy as it used to be. You get pickier when you get older. You've earned the right."

If you're lucky enough to be retired, you might have more free time on your hands than ever before—and less time in the future to enjoy it. Might as well make the most of it. And every once in a while, when conditions are right, you can be out there ripping it just like the old days. I really don't know if I'll be lapping non-stop High Boys in pow when I'm 70, but I hope so. It feels as good as ever to cut loose. Floating in the deep and reconnecting with yourself, same as it ever was. These are the good old days. The Geezerquest.



Happy 4th of July!



Happy Independence Day 2025 - the 249th Anniversary of the day in 1776 when the Continental Congress ratified the Declaration of Independence. The Washington DC government urges everyone to come and: "Enjoy Independence Day in the nation's capital with fantastic fireworks and patriotic festivities."

Events



PVS - BYOB (Bring Your Own Book) Group

Some of our little group of readers have been with us since the very beginning in October of 2020. We have newcomers too! Think about it and pop in for our next book chat and see how you like it. No commitment and No required reading. What could be better? **See the info at the bottom for how to join in on Zoom on July 10th (the second Thursday of each month) at 4 pm!**

Here are the books we chatted about in June:

Ellie Thayer picked up (or hoisted) a "very big and very dense" biography, "Abigail Adams" by Woody Holton. Adams was ahead of her time being in favor of women's rights and education. She and John had a strong relationship, she was generous, and she was skilled at business, creating all of the wealth for the family. **5***

Rosemary Schwartzbard brought us "The Great Cool Ranch Dorito in the Sky," by Josh Galarza. The author creates a fictional troubled teen whose life has been marked by tragedies and who is coping in unhealthy ways. By the end you feel that he'll get through it and make his way in life. **3.5-4***

Mary Hubbard has been reading an old book from 1959 "Mrs. Bridge" by Evan Connell. Connell relates a story of family life in the early 1930s in the United States including tales of rebellious children and racial stirrings. Mary "didn't really care for the book." **3***

Jan Marx has an interest in mysteries and in author Louise Penny. "The Gray Wolf" by Penny is set in a monastery and deals with themes of good versus evil as in a white wolf vs a black wolf, along with murder, and conspiracy. **4***

Bob Jablon waded through the 1,033-page Ron Chernow biography "Mark Twain." (More power to him!) Bob felt that Chernow was more interested in how Twain's life was emblematic of the times including rampant racial prejudice in the south before Twain eventually became a civil rights advocate. **3-3.5***

Marianne Sponis chose a small Pulitzer Prize-winning novel from 1984. Alison Lurie's "Foreign Affairs" is considered a comedy and tells of two American academics whose paths cross and recross yet never settle together. Marianne: "I love the way she writes!" **5***

Nancy McKinley discussed "On Tyranny" by Timothy Snyder which relates historical events in the 20th century to serve as a warning to us now. **5*** The opposite side of the coin is "One Perfect Couple" by Ruth Ware a thriller that takes place on a reality tv site gone bad on a remote island. **4***

Our next BYOB Zoom call will be held on Thursday, July 10th from 4 to 5 pm. Let Nancy McKinley know at nancymckin@gmail.com if you have questions or comments. If you're interested in joining us, Nancy will put you on the list to get the link to the Zoom call.

Special Event !!!

Join us at PVS' 33rd (*not* annual)

STEAK AND SWIM



At the HINES'
Saturday August 9, 2025 - - 3pm
Rain or Shine



This is PVS' oldest annual club event, except that it's not quite annual!
Celebrate summer in the Blue Ridge foothills in Delaplane, VA.
Enjoy good food, camaraderie, open space, and maybe even a dip in the pool!

Limited to 25. Reserve Now!
Deadline to sign up or cancel is August 1st.

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

INCLUDED: steaks, baked potatoes, salads, fixings, beverages and (hopefully) sunshine!!

Cost: \$20 per person.

To sign up or for directions phone Kerry or Marianne at 540 364-4810, or email mchines@erols.com and tell us what you'll bring. Also, let us know if you need directions.





Potomac Valley Skiers

2026 SNOWMASS, Colorado Ski Trip

Wednesday – Wednesday
January 14 – 21, 2026

Trip Details

Once again, we will be staying at the **Snowmass Mountain Chalet (SMC)** which offers a convenient ski in, ski out location. The **“LAND ONLY”** package includes: transportation to and from Aspen airport; 5- day Senior (65 and older) lift pass ([good for all four ski areas in the Aspen complex, free shuttle bus](#)); 7 nights lodging (double occupancy); luggage handling; buffet breakfast, soup lunch, welcome reception, pizza party and farewell group dinner to celebrate our trip. Additional nights at Snowmass are an option **based on availability**. **Trip insurance is available through www.Encompasse.com and is [highly recommended](#).**

The Basic Package price is based on 2 people per room. We have 16 rooms reserved consisting of Standard and Deluxe, King and Queen/Queen rooms. The Standard Rooms are on the 1st floor/ground level with no microwaves or coffee makers. Deluxe Rooms are on floors 2-4. See below for pricing. Room preferences will be on a first come first serve basis.

Costs:

		<u>Standard</u>	<u>Deluxe</u>
Basic Land Only Package (65 and older)		\$2,497	\$2,635 per person
Under 65	add	\$ 137	\$ 137
Single Supplement	add	\$1,773	\$1,911
Extra hotel night (pending availability)	add	\$ TBD	\$ TBD per room per night
Non-skiers	deduct	\$ 396	\$ 396
Extra ski days (65 and older)	add	\$ 120	\$ 120 6 day Senior pass
	add	\$ 209	\$ 209 7 day Senior pass
Under 65	add	\$ 267	\$ 267 6 day pass
Silver Pass (Age 70 and older)	add	\$ TBD	\$ TBD

Payment Schedule

Deposit of \$1,000 due by **July 10th** with Application & Signed Waiver

2nd Deposit of \$1,000 due by **August 1st**

Final payment is due **September 1st**

Checks should be made out to **Kathy Lake** and mailed to
11677 Fox Glen Drive, Oakton VA 22124
(put PVS Snowmass 2026 on the check memo line).

Cancellation Policy: The entire cost of the trip is non-refundable after **September 27th**.

Kathy & Barry Lake are the trip leaders. Feel free to contact us at 703-625-2715 or kathylakehomes@yahoo.com

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APPLICATION FORM

Potomac Valley Skiers Trip to Snowmass, Colorado

January 14-21, 2026

Name (List both names if a couple) as on your Official ID:

_____ Age 65 or older Y N

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Address: _____

Home phone: _____

Cell phone: _____

Email: _____

Emergency Contact and Phone: _____

NOTE: Please let trip leader know of any special medical issues which may affect your trip.

Roommate (if a separate person) - Official name as on ID: _____

Bedding Preference (Pending Availability): ____ 1 King or ____ 2 Queens ____ Deluxe or ____ Standard

	<u>Standard</u>	<u>Deluxe Price</u>
Basic Snowmass Package (65 and older)	\$2,497	\$2,635 per person
Under 65	add \$ 137	\$ 137
Single Supplement	add \$1,773	\$ 1,911
Extra hotel night (Pending Availability)	add \$ TBD	\$ TBD per room/night
Non-skiers	deduct \$ 396	\$ 396
Extra ski days (65 and older)	add \$ 120	\$ 120 6 day Senior
	add \$ 209	\$ 209 7 day Senior
Under 65	add \$ 267	\$ 267 6 day pass
Silver Pass (70 & older skiing 8 or more days)	add \$ TBD	\$ TBD

Please check all appropriate spaces:

Cost (will be filled in by trip leader):

____ Basic package

____ Single supplement

____ Extra hotel nights

____ Non-skier

____ Extra day(s) of skiing ____ days

____ Silver pass

Total price of trip \$ _____

Additional nights at SMC: yes ____ no ____ if yes, what dates? _____

Additional comments _____

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WAIVER

**RELEASE, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY AGREEMENT PERTAINING
TO THE JANUARY 14-21, 2026 SKI TRIP to SNOWMASS, COLORADO
(Potomac Valley Skiers)**

- (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 leader, 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 of 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.
- (3) I understand and agree that the trip leaders, and the tour operators or agents with whom the trip leaders have contracted, have the right to substitute accommodations of similar or better quality, to change transportation arrangements and providers, and to modify other services. In the event of such changes, no refund or credit will be provided if the accommodations, transportation, or services are of comparable or better quality and cover the same approximate time period.
- (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: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name of Participant: _____

Signature of Participant: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name of Participant: _____

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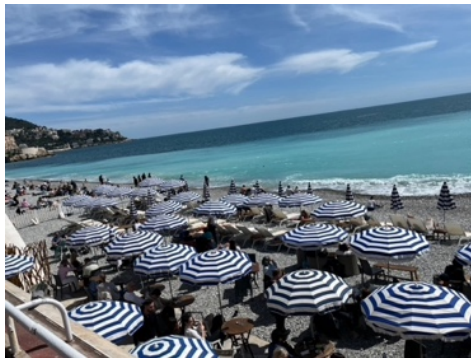
Members' Corner

CRUISING THE MEDITERRANEAN
FROM MONACO TO ISTANBUL
APRIL/MAY 2025



MONACO AND NICE

We boarded our ship, Regent Seven Seas Splendor in Monaco and sailed for 17 days in the Mediterranean to Istanbul. We visited the Amalfi Coast of Italy, the Greek Islands and Turkey. The weather was beautiful, and the sights were spectacular. We started by touring Monaco, an enclave of wealth and extravagance, build on hills with amazing views. We visited the fabled Casino de Monte Carlo and Hotel de Paris and the Prince Palace. Then on to the beachfront of Nice, just 12 miles away, with the famous blue and white striped beach umbrellas and chairs. Just a few blocks from the beach is the Old Town with a labyrinth of narrow cobblestone streets.



AMALFI COAST (SALERNO) ITALY. Our next port was Salerno with a well-preserved historic center plus a beautiful seaside promenade which stretches along the coast and is line with palm trees. From Salerno we

visited Pompeii, a Roman town which was buried under the ash of Mt. Vesuvius in 70 AD. It was surreal walking through this ancient town on the same stoned streets as the Romans. Much of the town is preserved!



GREECE

ATHENS. Talk about ancient ruins, we were on a roll. Seeing the Acropolis is always dramatic. From a distance or up close it is amazing. Climbing up the hill on the ancient marble steps and navigating the other tourists was a challenge but worth the effort. We managed to get up close and stand on this 5th Century BC site near the Parthenon and Temple of Athena. The Doric columns have withstood war, invasions, and the test of time. After leaving the Acropolis, we had a memorable lunch near the Agora. Then drove past the stadium where the first Olympic games were held in 1896. There are endless sights in Athens.



SANTORINI: Our ship anchored off Santorini on a cold, windy day. Getting to shore on a small boat was challenging. Once on shore a bus took us up a winding mountain road to the charming village of Oia where we walked along the narrow, cobbled streets and tried to stay dry. The views were stunning of the Aegean Sea and blue and white buildings. We climbed the caldera wall to the 18th Century Mount Profitis Monastery on the island's highest peak. What an adventure!



RHODES: For a mixture of old and new, a visit to Rhodes would satisfy. The New Town has upscale hotels and luxurious beaches. The Old Town has cobbled streets which you enter through the striking Gate d'Amboise. A visit to the 15th Century Archeological Museum and the perfectly restored Gothic Palace of the Grand Master of Knights of Rhodes takes you back in time. After viewing the historical sites, we had wine and meze at an outdoor café on this beautiful sunny day. While getting to the ship was a challenge in Santorini, the port was just across the street from Old Town Rhodes.



TURKEY: We visited three different ports in Turkey: Bodrum, Kusadasi and Istanbul. I knew nothing about the island of **Bodrum**. Sailing into the port and seeing the 15th Century Bodrum Castle sitting majestically on a hill was a great first impression. After taking a tour of the historical sites of Bodrum, we were happy to wander along the seafront, viewing large yachts, seafood restaurants and the ever-present shops on the back streets. We even had a ringside seat to watch a May Day parade go by.

KUSADASI is best known as the town where Ephesus is located. It is a coastal town on the western shores of Turkey facing the Aegean Sea. Getting off the ship we were greeted by a vibrant port with shops and restaurants along the seafront. But the main reason to visit this town is to explore **Ephesus**, a prominent center of trade, religion, and culture, founded in the 10th century BC. It is largely intact with a Grand Theater which could seat up to 25,000 spectators. But the most spectacular sight is the Library of Celsus built in the 2nd century AD. Its façade remains largely

Calendar

Thur Jul 10 BYOB, Zoom, McKinley, 4:00 p.m.
Sat Aug 9 Steak & Swim, 3:00 p. m., Hines, Delaplane, VA
Tues July 15 EcCom meeting, ZOOM, 7:00 p.m.

Ski Trips



January 14-21, 2026, PVS Snowmass Trip: Kathy & Barry Lake

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Members, and Chairpersons

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Useful Ski “Links”

[Potomac Valley Skiers](#)
[BRSC Sanctioned Trips](#)
[DC Ski Online News](#)

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