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# SKI NEWS

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**Peninsula Ski Club (PSC)**  
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PSC Ski News is Web-posted. Sept – May. Two newsletters are also mailed to members, one in September with new ski season's trip offerings in detail, and one in February. Please submit items to Editor by the 26<sup>th</sup> for publication in the following month's newsletter. Word documents are preferred, with separate photos in JPEG. Up-to-date info is also provided on PSC website and via email updates.

## President's Message:

Happy Spring.

**Please come to our April 10<sup>th</sup> meeting and vote on five board members** to begin serving on May 1<sup>st</sup> (we turn-over half of our board each year). As most of you know, the old board will meet in April, followed by a meeting of the new board in which a president will be elected by the board and then the new president appoints the other board jobs (such as Ski News Editor, Treasurer, Ski Chair). I thank the nominating committee of Sonny Short, Peggy Hewes, and Gary Bill for the work they did to present this year's slate. (see page 2) at our March PSC meeting.

PSC Publicity Chair, Bill Lewin, arranged for publicity about the club to be in the Hampton Roads magazine "Living Here" which is circulated with local newspapers. Please help the club have more **spring and summer non-ski activities** scheduled when that publicity hits the public. We especially need outdoor activities for all ages - good for new and "old" members and great for the club!

We all look forward to hearing about next year's club ski trips at the May meeting –an ice cream social.

Speaking of May starting off the new ski season, the new membership form includes a question about whether you give permission for your contact **info to be placed on the website in a password protected file**. Doing so would provide an up-to-date listing on line, while protecting privacy, plus save the club funds as we would not need to mail a printed copy of the roster/directory to 150 households.

As I finish a year as your ski club president, I want to thank you for this wonderful club, in operation since 1966, providing fun in snow and sun. **Special thanks to the board and Trip Captains!** / Melva Mallison

### **PSC MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS 2008**

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday Evening of the month, September through May

**AT WARWICK YACHT CLUB**

400 Maxwell Lane, Newport News VA (directions below)

**7 PM SOCIAL with light snacks and beverages**

**8 PM – Ski Club Meeting, followed by program, ending with door prize drawing.**

## April 10<sup>TH</sup> Meeting



**Program: Election of Officers**

- Trip Report by Chuck Mayer --- Zillertal, Austria

**MAY 8<sup>TH</sup> 2008**  
**ICE CREAM**  
**SOCIAL**

If we can't have snow we will have  
Ice Cream!

**Come hear about ski plans for  
2009 and non-ski activities this  
summer.**

**DIRECTIONS:** Take Oyster Point Exit (Exit 256 A) from Route I-64; cross over Jefferson Avenue; make a left onto Warwick Boulevard. Go one mile to next light and turn right onto Maxwell Lane. Follow to the WYCC – Entrance to the Right.

## ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS

In accordance with the club's by-laws, the PSC president appointed a nominations committee (Sonny Short, Gary Bill and Peggy Hewes) to select a list of candidates to run for the Board of Directors for two year terms beginning May 1, 2008. A partial list of three names was presented to the board on February 21, 2008. Three candidates were published to the membership in the March 2008 newsletter. **XXX** At the March PSC meeting two names were added and the five were placed in nomination.

The nominees are:

**Mel Anderson  
Butch Bolden  
Leonard Credeur  
Lynn Degregorio  
Ulku Nouri**

Additional nominations may be made by any member, with the consent of the nominee, at the Annual Election Meeting on April 10, 2008. The five (5) candidates receiving the most valid votes will be elected to the board for two (2) year terms beginning May 1, 2008. All members are encouraged to attend the meeting and vote.  
*/ Sonny Short, Chair, Nominating Committee*

### CLUB BYLAWS ARE AVAILABLE ON-LINE AT

[http://www.peninsulaskiclub.com/images/PSC\\_By-Laws\\_as\\_of\\_April\\_22,\\_2007.pdf](http://www.peninsulaskiclub.com/images/PSC_By-Laws_as_of_April_22,_2007.pdf)

#### PSC BOARD May 2007 – April 2008

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\* Board Members with terms ending April 2008. Others continue for an additional year.

\*\* Immediate Past President's term ends if president changes.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Thursday, April 17, 2008 6:30 PM Hostess: Edie Colbert

## Non-Ski Activities

Ski season is almost over. As I write this, Wintergreen is closed and Snowshoe is closing this weekend. Some resorts out west are still open, but on the east coast, it is time to start thinking about other activities.

How about hosting a bike ride? How about a tubing trip? Maybe a wine festival? Kayaking is also a lot of fun, especially when shared with other members of the club. The list is almost endless. We will work with you to get your activity out to the members of the club and also help with some arrangements. If it is a little out of the ordinary, we can work with that also. Please call Charlie Davidson, non-ski activities chairman at 874-7088 (h) or 218-7088 (c) or email him at [charlie.and.betty@cox.net](mailto:charlie.and.betty@cox.net). Or you could let any board member know what you are thinking about. Please don't hesitate. You will be happy you did it. You will have fun. You may even make some new friends.

*/ Charlie Davidson, Non-Ski Chair*

<b>2008</b>	<p align="center"><b>Peninsula Ski Club</b>  <b>NON-SKI ACTIVITIES</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Note: Please email announcements to the Non-ski Activity Chair Charlie Davidson and the Newsletter Editor Penny Oots</b></p>	<b>TRIP CAPTAIN</b>
<b>Sunday April 20</b>	<p><b><u>TENNIS - Warwick Yacht and Country Club</u></b>            Gather at 2 pm, and play until 5:30 pm. Dutch treat dinner (credit cards only)            \$6 Member playing. \$8 Non-member playing            \$3 Member not playing            \$4 Non-member not playing            Balls, drinks, and match-ups provided. Finger food optional.  <b>RESERVATIONS REQUIRED.</b></p>	<b>Agnes Evans 867-8072</b>
<b>Friday May 30</b>	<p><b><u>TENNIS - Hilton Tennis Club</u></b>            Gather at 6:30 pm, play from 7 pm until 11pm.            \$6 Member playing. \$8 Non-member playing            \$3 Member not playing            \$4 Non-member not playing            Balls, drinks, and match-ups provided. Bring finger food to share.  <b>RESERVATIONS REQUIRED.</b></p>	<b>Agnes Evans 867-8072</b>
<b>Saturday June 21</b>	<p><b><u>TENNIS - Back Creek Park</u></b>            Gather at 6:30 pm, play from 7 pm until 11pm.            \$6 Member playing. \$8 Non-member playing            \$3 Member not playing            \$4 Non-member not playing            Balls, drinks, and match-ups provided. Bring finger food to share.  <b>RESERVATIONS REQUIRED.</b></p>	<b>Agnes Evans 867-8072</b>
<b>Summer</b>	<p><b><u>POOL PARTY at Warwick Yacht &amp; Country Club Pool</u></b>  <b>Date and particulars to be determined.</b></p>	<b>Dave Culp 930-1623</b>
<b>Friday July 18</b>	<p><b><u>TENNIS - Hilton Tennis Club</u></b>            Gather at 6:30 pm, play from 7 pm until 11pm.            \$6 Member playing. \$8 Non-member playing            \$3 Member not playing            \$4 Non-member not playing            Balls, drinks, and match-ups provided. Bring finger food to share.  <b>RESERVATIONS REQUIRED.</b></p>	<b>Agnes Evans 867-8072</b>
<b>Saturday August 16</b>	<p><b><u>TENNIS - Back Creek Park</u></b>            Gather at 6:30 pm, play from 7 pm until 11pm.            \$6 Member playing. \$8 Non-member playing            \$3 Member not playing            \$4 Non-member not playing            Balls, drinks, and match-ups provided. Bring finger food to share.  <b>RESERVATIONS REQUIRED.</b></p>	<b>Agnes Evans 867-8072</b>
<b>Sunday September 21</b>	<p><b><u>TENNIS - Warwick Yacht and Country Club</u></b>            Gather at 2 pm and play until 5:30 pm. Dutch treat dinner (credit cards only)            \$6 Member playing. \$8 Non-member playing            \$3 Member not playing            \$4 Non-member not playing            Balls, drinks, and match-ups provided. Finger food optional.  <b>RESERVATIONS REQUIRED.</b></p>	<b>Agnes Evans 867-8072</b>
<p align="center"><b>To host a non-ski event, contact Non-Ski Activities Chairperson:            Charlie Davidson, 874-7088, email <a href="mailto:Charlie.and.Betty@cox.net">Charlie.and.Betty@cox.net</a></b></p>		

## BIG SKY, MONTANA

February 23-----March 02, 2008

On Saturday (Feb.23) 29 PSC members arrived at NN/Williamsburg Airport for a greatly anticipated ski trip to Big Sky, Montana. Check-in was a breeze. We all boarded the plane waiting anxiously to depart. We waited, we waited and we waited. After about an hour our pilot announces that we must deplane. It seems that the de-icer sensor was not working and we couldn't fly without it. We stayed in the terminal for a while until we were told it would take longer than anticipated to fix-the part and mechanic had to be flown from Atlanta. So rather than put us up for the night in Atlanta we were sent home to try again in the morning.

Sunday morning (Feb.24) 29 PSC members arrived at NN/Williamsburg Airport for a greatly anticipated ski trip to Big Sky, Montana. The good news is we didn't have luggage to check so we arrived an hour later. We all boarded the plane. We thankfully took off on time. We arrived in Atlanta, and instead of our direct flight to Bozeman we made a stop in Salt Lake City. We did finally arrive in Bozeman, Mt. After our stop at the grocery store we were headed to Big Sky. Along our 45-minute ride we searched the mountainside for wild "critters". We saw Elk, and "maybe" a Moose.

Upon arrival at the Big Horn condo's we settled in just before the "Welcome Wine & Cheese" party. Information was passed along about all the mountain had to offer. We were ready to ski.

Penny's sister and her husband, from Missoula, Mt, planned a trip to ski with Penny. Because of our delay, they only had enough time for dinner.

Agnes' cousin and her husband spent the week with us. We all met the relatives, and hopefully, left good impressions.

Unfortunately, some people don't take well to a drink of scotch, a glass of wine, altitude, and being tired all at the same time!

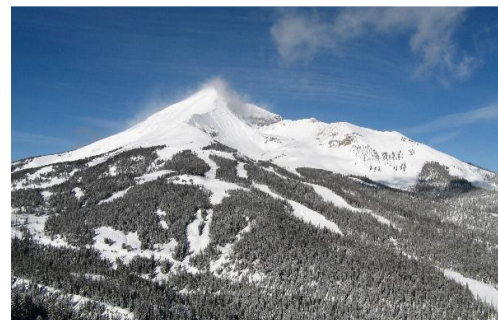
Those, along with the requirements to portage heavy bags of ski equipment up a steep flight of stairs proved too much for one white headed skier, resulting in an unscheduled ambulance trip to Bozeman's hospital. This ride in the dark, in a heavy snowstorm, was curative as

the skier was given clearance to hit the slopes, but to "take it easy". The basic rule is: Flatlanders, particularly old flatlanders, should not imbibe, exert themselves, or act like a teenager until acclimated to rarefied altitudes.

Monday Morning we awoke to a gray sky with the promise of snow. Mountain temps all week were in the 20-25 degree range. We all made our way to the POMA lift (a challenge for some getting on and a challenge for others to get off) that was directly across the street from our condos. As promised we received 5-6 inches of snow throughout the day. It was a terrific day.

Monday night we all rode the town bus to **La Luna**. The Mexican restaurant lived up to its reputation. The food was excellent and the carafes of Margaritas were splendid.

Tuesday was a "Blue Bird" day. Freshly fallen snow groomed into PERFECT corduroy made the skiing a true joy. However, John B couldn't resist the call of the top of the mountain...mid-morning he decided (?) to somersault, with one ski on, down the steepest peak on the mountain. The good news, he didn't break anything; the bad news, his ski week was over. He had torn his right calf muscle.



The Bills and the McLeods found a gem with the club in that Dick Prom is a former ski instructor. After an afternoon with ski tips they were zipping down the mountain with newfound skills.

Wednesday most of us skied over to MOONLIGHT BASIN. It adjoins Big Sky and shares one lift. We found more wonderful runs with perfect grooming (and it seemed like we were the only ones there). Most had lunch at the **Montana Cook House**. The soup was hot and plentiful.

Wednesday night we had another group dinner at M.R. Hummers, right on the mountain. The specialty that evening was prime rib. We had a great evening. It is always nice to gather and hear the (horror) stories of our fellow travelers.



Thursday nine PSC members choose not to ski and ventured on a snow coach into YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK. We were picked-up at the condos and transferred to the snow coach in the town of Yellowstone. The day was breezy and that made for a low wind chill. We experienced Elk and Buffalo, up close and personal. We were right there when OLD FAITHFUL erupted. We saw “ink” pots, “mud” pots. It truly is an amazing place.

Thursday evening we all gathered in Bill’s condo for a lovely *spaghetti* dinner with all the fixings. Thanks Agnes, and all your helpers, for a great evening. More stories were exchanged. Again, wonderful to see each other.

Friday was yet another “Blue Bird” day to ski. Several trippers made their way back to **Moonlight Basin Lodge** for lunch. It is quite the place to see including a 3 or 4 story fireplace with stuffed mountain goat climbing up the sides.

Saturday morning was beautiful and sunny. Our luggage was to be placed in the garage for the porters to pick up and load the bus, for us. We departed Big Sky at 7:45 A.M. We arrived at the airport and check in went smoothly. Only one person had to pay for overweight luggage. There were whoops of JOY when the scale showed 50 pounds or below. We headed through security and then waited for our plane. As we waited the snow began to fall, the FOG began to roll in, and the wind began to gale. Arriving flight was diverted. Our flight was cancelled. So was the next flight, and so on. We were told to go and reclaim our luggage and go to the Delta desk to be reissued tickets for the 6:15 flight to Salt Lake City. We left Salt Lake City about 11:45P.M, arriving at **JFK**, that’s right New York City, at 6:16 on Sunday morning. We spent a long six plus hours waiting for our 12:40 P.M. departure, finally arriving in NORFOLK at 1:35 P.M. Sunday afternoon. That sounds great however our cars were at NN/Williamsburg.



Bill Bryan certainly earned his “pay” this trip. Rearranging flights, making sure everyone was aboard, AND transportation from Norfolk to NN/Williamsburg. He was amazing and kept a smile on his face the whole time. When we arrived in Norfolk less than half of the luggage arrived with us. My luggage was on my front porch on Monday morning.

Despite it all we had a wonderful ski week. The next time you see us, we are not only referred to as PSC members, but we have come to refer to ourselves as **THE TERMINAL PEOPLE**.



# Zillertal, Austria Ski Trip Report

## MARCH 7 – 15, 2008

The trip started off uneventfully for most of the 34 of us that were to meet together in Dulles after getting there by plane from different places and by car by those that lived nearby. I say uneventfully for most because, as I will tell you later, you need an up-to-date passport to go to Europe.

Our flight was on-time and we arrived in Munich and met up with our final skier for the week. There was a slight problem as the bus that was supposed to pick us up and carry us to Austria was involved in an accident in Munich that morning. They delivered us another bus and we arrived in Mayrhofen a little after noon. We were all tired, but almost all of us were there.



The Hotel Zillertallerhof is a four star hotel, and it deserves every one of those stars. As is usual in Europe, all of the rooms are different. Some had one bed, some had two. Some had a large balcony, some had a small balcony. But all of the rooms were very nice. Down on the garage level, there was an indoor-outdoor pool, four different saunas with a quiet sitting area, and a massage room. Several of us used all of these facilities.

The breakfasts and dinners were also very good. We had different food each night, with a choice of three different meals that you would designate the night before. You did have to be careful with the wine orders. Someone else may end up with your wine.



The ski area around Mayrhofen is very large. There are two lifts in town: a gondola and a tram. We could take the gondola and ski from there to other villages. By taking a bus ride, we could ski several other areas including a glacier. Some people skied every



day, and some didn't ski at all. There were side trips to Innsbruck, Salzburg and a medieval village nearby.

Now for the story about the up-to-date passport. One of our travelers, Dave "I'll never do that again" Perry was packing for the trip and discovered that his passport had expired. His friend Annie took his paperwork to Washington on Thursday so Dave could hopefully pick up his passport on Friday in time to travel with us. Well, he didn't quite make it. He had to travel on Saturday, hitch a ride with another group to Mayrhofen and meet us at the Cheese Factory for lunch on Sunday. He says he will watch his passport expiration date very closely in the future.

We had a very good trip to Austria, even with the lousy exchange rate for the Euro. We all got home on time, even though all of our luggage didn't arrive with us. But that's another story.

*/Charlie Davidson*



# May 2008 through April 2009 2009 SKI SEASON MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL FORM

Please type or print clearly and sign **RELEASE AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT** at bottom.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

FAX: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

If applying for a family membership, list spouse and children under 18 who would participate in club-sponsored activities:

Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Children (under 18): \_\_\_\_\_

DUES are for One Year Membership from May 1, 2008 until April 30, 2009

Please check **three** appropriate boxes below: (**one each in lines 1, 2 and 3**)

- 1. Membership type:  Individual Dues \$25     Family Dues \$40 (2 adults & children under 18)
- 2. Membership is:  NEW     Renewing from 2008 ski year.
- 3. Payment by:  Cash at meeting or     Check payable to: Peninsula Ski Club

**NEW:** This is the first year the club will post a PSC Directory in a **PASSWORD PROTECTED** file on the website instead of mailing it to each household. This change will save printing and postage expense for the club. Request you check boxes below to grant permission to list personal data in a 'password protected' section of the website:

Yes - All listed data,     No – Do not include my listing on website,    or  only items checked below:  
 Name(s)     Address     Home phone     Work phone     Email

**PLEASE consider serving your PSC as a board member, activity leader, etc. Contact a board member to volunteer.**

**COMMENTS/ Suggestions:** \_\_\_\_\_

## TO BECOME A CLUB MEMBER YOU MUST READ AND SIGN BELOW: RELEASE AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

I hereby release, and further agree to indemnify and hold harmless, the Peninsula Ski Club of Virginia, Inc., and its officers, from any and all liability for any claims made by me or any member of my family for personal injuries or property damage or costs incurred due to any accidents or losses sustained by me or any member of my family during any club-sponsored or related activities.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**EACH ADULT MUST SIGN INDEMNITY AGREEMENT**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Bring application and dues to Ski Club meeting or mail to:

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