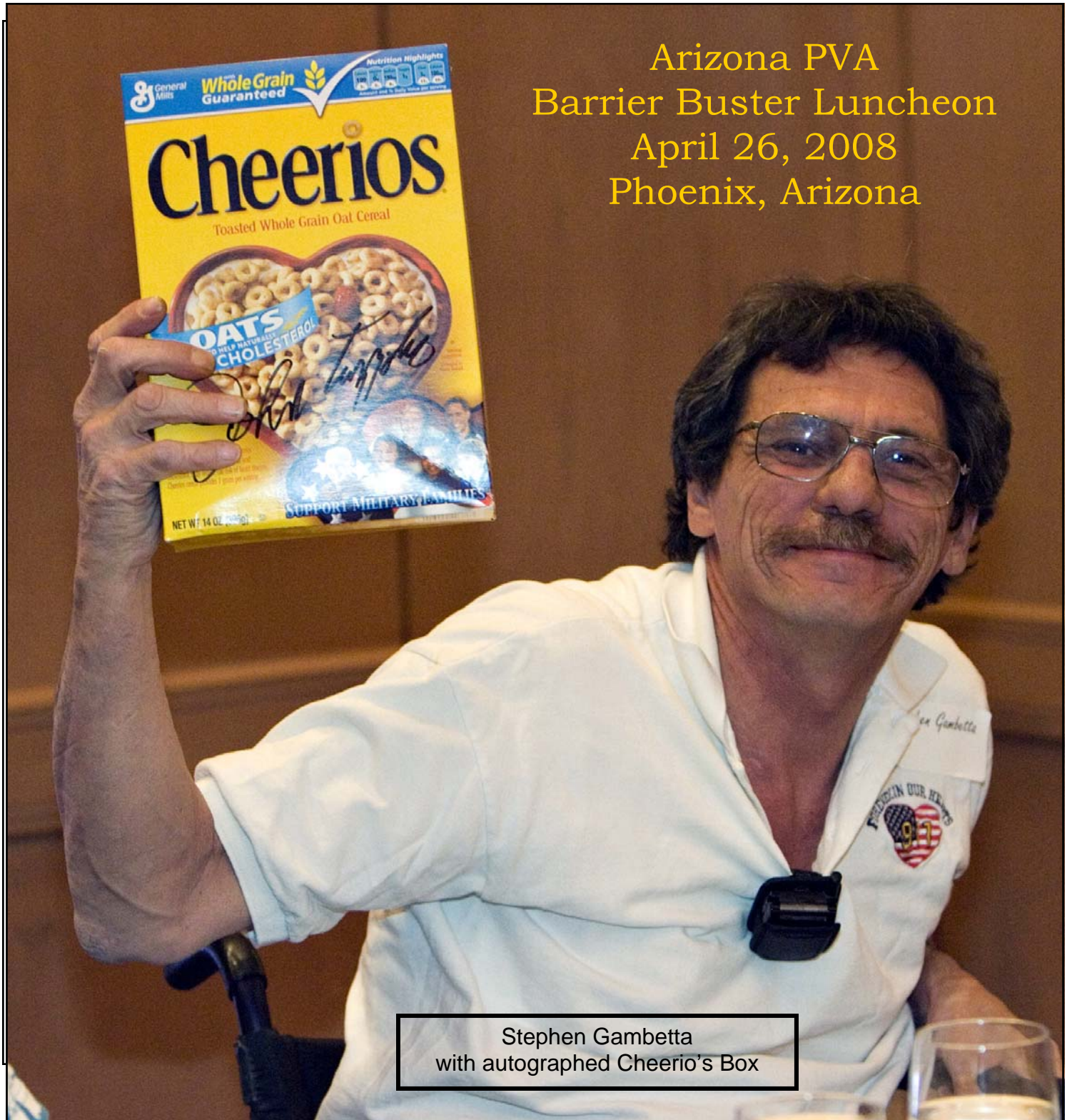


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with autographed Cheerio's Box

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Hey people, just writing to say hey on this fine spring day of May although the days won't stay so fine for very long.

Even though I personally do enjoy the hot weather that Phoenix can bring to us, it's not always so good for my health

though. I do enjoy going out by the pool and tanning, or getting some rays; I feel it's good for me. Maybe it's just good to do something that I, myself want to do for myself, not the Doctors, or the Therapists insist that I do. Ah Well.

I got this part for my article from Action Magazine, January 2008 edition, with permission from Craig Pierson, article by Tom Scott.

It states the "History of Medicine's Understanding of Multiple Sclerosis".

1890s-caused by the suppression of sweat: treated with herbs and bed rest: life expectancy after diagnosis was 5 years.

1910s-caused by blood toxin: treated with drugs that improve circulation; life expectancy after diagnosis was 10 years.

1940s-caused by blood clots & poor circulation; treated with drugs that improve circulation: life expectancy after diagnosis was 18 years.

1960s-caused by allergic reaction; treated with vitamins and antihistamines; life expectancy after diagnosis was 25 years.

1996-caused by autoimmune reaction possibly linked to virus; treated with steroids & system regulating drugs; life expectancy after diagnosis is essentially normal for most.

It was June 1996 that I began using one of what they used to call the A, B, C drugs (which stood for Avonex, Betasron, and Copaxone). Betaseron was the one chosen for me.

Then I started using Novantrone, which is more of an Intravenous (I.V.) type drug, and now I am taking Rebif, which is a subcutaneous, or just under the skin, type of drug. I feel this drug is stabilizing and modifying the disease, but I feel that I am at a further advanced stage, more of a Secondary Progressive, than a Primary Stage, which I will need to speak with my Doctor about, which I have an appointment with this month.

Any way, this is it for this month. By the time this comes out our Barrier Busters Banquet will be over, so let's keep trying to make it a safe, and barrier free life for ourselves, and the people who try not to make themselves barriers to us, Ha Ha! Bye

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Benjamin Garcia". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

Benjamin Garcia
President, Arizona PVA



The past four months have been excellent months for the Arizona PVA.

The Trap shoot in Phoenix in February was a success; Hilda Fox was terrific and the shoot hosted 48 shooters. We already have a date for next year's event. Our 2009 event will be February 5-7th at Red Mountain Range in Scottsdale, AZ.

National Vice President Liaison/ FAC Chairman Bill Lawson was in town for the trap shoot and followed the week end up with Chapter review. VP Lawson also took the time to visit two of our clinics; those in Prescott and Tucson. We are happy to tell you that at Mid Winter Board he gave the Chapter a glowing grade, especially on our efforts at the hospitals.

The March picnic/ board meeting was great outing. Larry Lattomus procured a picturesque Ramada in Marana for our joint venture with the Vietnam Veterans in Southern Arizona. The meeting was well attended and we enjoyed hours of interaction with many of our members. We look forward to our October meeting in Marana.

April was a busy month. Our developing VLO program is beginning to take shape as Vice President Gordon H. Moye has completed the initial training for volunteers in the Prescott Hospital. There is now an office manned 5 days a week from 12-4 with volunteers to help our members. BOD member Diego Suazo has begun training with NSO Michael Wilson to be our Phoenix VLO. Once a suitable candidate is found and trained in Prescott, VP Moye will then oversee the entire Arizona VA Healthcare System.

The Barrier Buster's Luncheon was probably the best ever as many old

friends and new faces filled the room to capacity. The Awardees were a strong sampling of what the Chapter has started to concentrate on in recent years. The areas of health and volunteers were our main recipients. The Chapter led again by John Tuzzolino was able for the second year in a row to pay for the luncheon and have funds left to provide additional novice funding for the National Veterans Wheelchair Games. Patricia Beran, the Chapter Administrative Assistant, did another terrific job in setting up the entire event.

The May BOD meeting was a training seminar put on by National CFO John Ring and National PVA General Counsel William Mailander. It was an informative presentation and we hope National PVA reinstates these classes on a scheduled basis in the future.

The end of May and into June we have the Day on the Lake hosted by St Joe's and a 9 Ball pool tournament. We are also planning and beginning preparations for our 3rd Annual Pow Wow on the Navajo Nation, happening August 9th in Chinle, AZ. We are expecting up to 1000 people attending this event and hope to increase the Native American Community's awareness of veteran's benefits and about PVA. This event and the follow up efforts by NSO Marco Rossi and our National Director Art Hardy has set up a training program for 13 Navajo service officers by National PVA, this June in Albuquerque, NM.

Please be careful and stay hydrated as the summer heat has already arrived.

The Norwegian Ridderrenn

By Dianne Brunswick

The Ridderrenn or Knight's Race is an annual Norwegian, international, adaptive cross-country skiing event for participants with visual impairments, mobility impairments and other disabilities. The Ridderrenn began in 1973 when Erling Stordahl, a Norwegian poet and musician, who knew he was losing his vision, wanted to find a way to continue the skiing he loved well into his years without sight. The answer that Mr. Stordahl found was to ski with a guide. At the Ridderrenn a skier with a visual impairment is given directions and guidance by a sighted skier as they ski their way through a course. Skiers who have mobility impairments also have guides to assist in maneuvering their sit-ski, which is a piece of adaptive equipment with parallel skis mounted under a frame.

I was fortunate to attend the 45th Anniversary of this amazing event with the support of my fellow Veteran's at the Arizona Chapter of the Paralyzed Veteran's of America. My guide, Glenn Beachy from Columbus, Ohio and I were part of an American group of 26 that would join the over 800 skiers in attendance from 11 countries. This would be Glenn's second time attending and my fourth, the last being the 40th Anniversary of the event.

The Ridderrenn is a collaboration of the Norwegian Sports University, the Beitostolen Health Sports Center, the Norwegian Council for the Defense, and the Friends of the Ridderrenn Organization. This event is a week in length and is so large in scale that I will restrict myself to my own experience.

DAY ONE: Friday, March 28, 2008

At 11:00am I flew from Phoenix to Detroit where I met up with Glenn and we boarded a plane for Amsterdam. Over seven hours later we arrived in Amsterdam for a brief layover before heading into our final leg to Oslo, Norway.

DAY TWO: Saturday, March 29

We flew into Oslo in the morning and were met and chauffeured to our hotel where we met up with those of our group who had already arrived. While we were at the airport searching for my missing ski bag, Glenn had learned that the Hamburg Symphony was playing a one-night engagement at the Concert Hall in Oslo. He found details on the hotel computer and we were able to attend the concert so we had a surprising and wonderful start to our week.

DAY THREE: Sunday, March 30

At 10:00 in the morning we boarded a bus that would take us into the mountains to Beitostolen where we would ski for the week. Around 3:30p.m. we arrived at the Radisson in Beitostolen, got checked in and settled in our rooms with our roommates. My roomies were two lovely, Norwegian born ladies; one from New York and the other from New Jersey. Glenn was down the hall with two guys from Seattle and New Hampshire. Dinner was at 6:30 and at 9:30 was the Opening Ceremony, and guide assignments for those who did not bring a guide. Most people don't. Assigned guides were students from the International Norges Idrettshogskole (the University of Sports Training), and also volunteer skiers. I then went back to my room to finish unpacking and found that my sit -ski frame had been damaged during the flight.

DAY FOUR: Monday, March 31

At breakfast I spoke with one of the Organizers and after he made a phone call I was told who to go see at the Health Sports Center, where we would go each day to ski. We took the broken

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frame and what we would need for the day and got a ride from the hotel to the ski area. The Military, Norwegian Council for Defense, plays a huge role in the workings of the Ridderrenn and they are everywhere taking care of many tasks. One was providing the transportation for skiers from the hotel to the Sports Center/Ski Arena. There were various sized buses available and individual cars, the cars being very handy for the sit skiers. The Soldiers would quickly strap the skis and sit-ski frames on top of the cars and off we'd go.

At the Sports Center, the man we were to see took my ski frame into a building. The driver insisted that Glenn and I wait in the car until we knew for sure what we were going to do – ski or go back to the hotel. Twenty uncertain minutes later my wounded piece of equipment reappeared, like a patient being taken back to their room, and had been successfully welded back together. We were going to ski! Actually, I was told that if mine could not be repaired, the Sports Center would have one that I could borrow. But I had my own, woohoo! We were out on the snow just after 12:00 and skied the 5K. One of the competitions during the week is the biathlon in which you ski and shoot. The Soldiers had been setting up the shooting range that morning so we had a chance to practice that afternoon.



We returned to the hotel to get cleaned up and have dinner in the large dining hall where all meals are served at the hotel. You go in, have your meal ticket checked, go through a large buffet line sometimes with the help of a student from the University, find a spot at a table and enjoy your dinner. On the grounds at the Sports Center there is a beautiful little Chapel called "The Chapel of Light". According to the program for the week there was a Norwegian Service being held at 9:00 p.m. so after dinner Glenn and I got a ride to the Chapel to attend.

DAY FIVE: Tuesday, April 1

After breakfast we skied the 2K and practiced shooting, I hit 10 out of 10, hopefully indicative of the next day's race! We had packed a lunch and joined some American skiers for a picnic before Glenn and I skied the 10K. We finished the 10, skied the 2K and called it a day. Back at the hotel we got into line to register for the Ridderrenn on Saturday. We had been pre-registered for Wednesday's biathlon and Thursday's 5K race. After dinner we tried to get to bed early.

DAY SIX: Wednesday, April 2

It snowed all day, heavy and wet. Temperatures have been mild every day so far in the 20's to the 40's. Today we skied the biathlon: skied 2K, had five chances to shoot and hit them all, skied 2K and shot again hitting all five, skied another 2K to the finish. By the end of the afternoon everyone was soaked from the snow. We went to dinner and then

everyone went up to the Beito Hall to the award ceremony for the biathlon. I took first place in my category! Sit skiers, Langrennspigging or sledges as they are called, are divided into two groups: Group One: Persons with limited mobility in lower extremities with relatively good balance. This group also includes persons with single or double amputation, above or below the knee.



Group Two: Persons with no mobility in lower extremities and no or limited sitting balance and/or with a distinct limited mobility in the upper extremities. Also included are persons with shortened/weak lower extremities and/or with shortened/weak upper extremities or torso.

I am in Group Two.

DAY SEVEN: Thursday, April 3

It was cloudy all morning. The 5K Women's Race and the 10K Men's Race began at 10:00 a.m. I don't know why they set it up that way for the men and the women. Glenn and I went back to the hotel after the race for lunch. We then found a driver to take us to Fagernes, a small town about 40 minutes away, on a small errand.

At 5:00 there was a reception for the Norwegians who have attended the International Ski For Light, the American version of the Ridderrenn held in a different winter location every year for the past 33 years. The reception was followed by dinner and the award ceremony for the 5 and 10k races. I took first place again, this time for the Women's Group Two 5K. After the ceremony we stayed for a presentation called "Everest Unarmed". The presenter, Cato Zahl Pedersen, summited Mount Everest in spite of the fact that he had previously lost his arms in an accident.

DAY EIGHT: Friday, April 4

On this morning, instead of going to the ski area at the Sports Center, a group of us asked the drivers to take us in the other direction further up the mountain to where the road was closed off for the winter. Getting out at a makeshift parking lot, we got into our sit-skis and asked the drivers to take our wheelchairs down to the Sports Center and leave them there. We were off on an adventure at the top of a mountain, but it felt like the top of the world! A short ways into the trip we



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BARRIER BUSTER 2008

April 26, 2008, the 31st Annual Dick Sloviaczek Barrier Buster Awards Luncheon was held again at the Sheraton Crescent Hotel in the "Phoenix Ball Room". The Arizona Chapter, PVA hosts this event each year for our members and their families. The luncheon is free, and it is a great time to get out and meet other members and friends of the APVA. This year's idea was to



celebrate all three VA Medical Centers. Our honored guest speaker was Toni Thompson Willingham, recently retired from the Phoenix VA, and a very sincere and gifted lady.

Also, this year we honored Jerry Beck and Thomas Barnhill with the Community Volunteer Award.



The Chapter Service Awards went to our very own PVA National Service Officers, Michael Wilson and Marco Rossi.



Distinguished Service Award went to Dr. A. Panneer Selvam Chief of Staff Physician, Prescott VAMC



and the President's Award went to Homer Townsend, Board of Director for APVA, and Executive Director of the National PVA. Congratulations to all! Benjamin Garcia, President, APVA presented the Awards.



A few "thank yous" are in order to Alliance Labs, Steve Valentine and Julee Hillyard,



John Tuzzolino and General Mills. John, who is a 13 Gold Medalist winner is featured on the Cheerio's box, graciously autographed each box for our guests. John has also been seen on early morning news shows doing the same at VA Hospitals around the State.

Thank you again to ASCIA, ABIL and MS and all our commercial sponsors who help make our Silent Auctions outstanding. Thank you T.J. Blake, Master of Ceremonies for your 6th running year of Excellence.

Winners of the Raffle: The Mikasa Crystal Vase from Jared's, George Caldwell. The Sony digital; Camera, Gary Hershey. Gary also won the Camera in last year's raffle, way to go Gary! The Panasonic 42" Plasma TV, Steve Wattleworth. The Slot Machine from the Slot Machine Store, Betsey Grey.

Thank you Art and Kathleen Hardy for donating the hand made silver reversible turquoise and lapis neck piece. Thank you Patricia Schwalbe, artist and art teacher, for donating the beautiful painting.

Here are a few highlights in pictures of the 31st Annual Barrier Buster Luncheon:



Honor Guard from Luke Air Force Base



John Tuzzolino
the Cheerio's and Enrmeez
Guy



Tom Mortenson and son Kenuno



Kathleen Livingston



Dorothy and
Gary Hershey



T.C. Tso representing the Navajo Nation
and AZ State Rep Albert Tom.



Thomas and Linda Bell



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of Quadalajara,
The Utopia That Once Was



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Ron Heard and Jackie Berkshire



AZ State Rep. Sam Crump
and Gordon H. Moye



Craig Stewart and
Frank Rigo



Peter Quinn with
son Peter



Vangie and Lindsey
Mortenson



Ann and Philip Santos



Jim Bley

stopped to wait for a friend and settled in for a break and to enjoy the surroundings. One hardy Norwegian woman offered up hot chocolate, bread and cheese. It was great! When we moved on we eventually came to the upper end of the downhill ski lift. Here was a very steep section of the trail that we took turns skiing down one at a time. We flew!

We came to a section where a "road" or pathway had been cut just wide enough for a vehicle to pass through. To cross we had to go down to the bottom and up the other side where it was a bit steep. As I was being pushed up the other side both of my skis made a very audible snap. Both skis remained intact but definitely snapped just behind the bindings. I made it down the mountain just fine, but the skis were totaled. Wasn't looking too good for the big race the next day. The ski experts in the waxing room at the hotel took one look at the skis and deemed them irreparable. I needed new skis. Fortunately there was a very nice Norwegian lady in the waxing station at the time. I had met this woman in my earlier visits to the Ridderrenn and know that she has been sit-skiing in competitions for years and winning as she is incredibly fast. She offered to accompany us to a ski shop to aid in the purchase of a pair of skis. When we arrived at the shop, she explained in Norwegian what I needed. I paid the bill and within an hour I had my new skis mounted, waxed and ready to go. Ah, the adventure continues!

DAY NINE: Saturday, April 5

The day of the big race. I was the only skier in my category to do the 10K so Glenn and I joked that I had a chance to win this one! The woman who helped me with my new skis was the only skier in her category to do the 20K.

After the race we had time for a hot lunch and then had to get cleaned up. We were invited to a very formal reception in honor of the Ridderrenn - Ski For Light collaboration. In attendance were key people from the Ridderrenn Committee and Ski For Light, high ranking Norwegian military officials, several Ambassadors, and skiers and guests from Norway and the United States.

Following the reception was dinner and the final award ceremony of the week. The excitement mounts! The anticipation! I took first place in the Ridderrenn Women's 10K Race! Woohoo! Yes, I



realize that I was the only one in my category. Still, I had only raced the 10K twice now and I had improved my time. Woohoo! I did the 10K in 53 minutes and 28 seconds. The woman I told you about who did the 20K? She finished in 1 hour, 3 minutes and 13 seconds. I am humbled.....amazing.

DAY TEN: Sunday, April 6

In the morning, after breakfast of course, we boarded the bus for the trip back to Oslo. It had rained on the way up the mountain and it rained on the way back down. We arrived in Oslo with just enough time to get ready to go to a Norwegian

friend's home for dinner. There were about 21 of us in all. The lasagna, which he cooked, was delicious and we were treated to a slide show of her multi-day cross-country skiing adventure in Northern Norway. Another hardy Norwegian woman! A very nice evening. As our cab was driving away from our friend's home we had the pleasure of seeing a beautiful view of the city at night. We could see the majestic Holmenkollen ski jump and stadium all lit up on the other side of the city. This beautiful structure was built for the 1952 Winter Olympics and houses the Ski Museum spotlighting the history of skiing in Norway.

DAY ELEVEN: Monday, April 7

I am affiliated with and supported by the Arizona Chapter of the Paralyzed Veteran's of America and had enquired as to whether Norway had a similar organization, which they do not. However, Mr. Carl Bonnevie, retired Lieutenant and Intelligence Officer of the Norwegian Army currently attaché for official guests, and Mr. Gustav Meisler, a Norwegian businessman, arranged a luncheon with Mr. Gunnar Sonstebly, the highest decorated Norwegian War Hero of the Norwegian Resistance during World War II. Mr. Sonstebly, who had just turned 90 years old the week before our luncheon, is the only citizen of Norway to receive the War Cross with three swords, the most honorable of all Norwegian decorations and orders. Other Medals of Honor he has received include the British Distinguished Service Order and the 2001 American-Scandinavian Foundation's prestigious Culture Award. The latter award from the American-Scandinavian Foundation was given in honor of his efforts to educate the general public about WWII and it's effects on Norway and the world. This polite, soft spoken, unpretentious man has captured the attention of audiences all across Canada, the U.S., and Norway.

As an agent during the Nazi Resistance Mr. Sonstebly had 30 – 40 different aliases and identities, one of which was "Number 24". I highly recommend reading his book "Report From #24" which is still in print in English in the U.S. after first being published in 1965.

Needless to say, this luncheon was truly an honor. Joining us, Mr. Sonstebly, Glenn and myself were Diane Hanisch, Friends of the Ridderrenn; Marion Elmquist, Ski For Light, USA; and Carl Bonnevie.

After the luncheon Marion, Glenn and I caught up with the rest of the American group at the Viking Ship Museum. This museum houses the three best preserved Viking ships ever found. These beautifully detailed ships were "placed in royal burial grounds to carry the dead to the Other World and contained unique treasures and handicrafts" which are on view.

Later that day our group took the subway to a restaurant in a very old building that in its previous life was an orphanage. The food was great and the building itself was interesting making for a very unique dining experience! The journey back to the hotel through the streets of Oslo was very interesting too! It was a beautiful evening and a lovely walk with so many things to look at, a great way to end the day.

DAY TWELVE: Tuesday, April 8

When Glenn and I made our way leisurely down to the hotel lobby, we were surprised to learn from Marie, one of our guides from Colorado, that another of our group had been admitted into Oslo's main hospital with a foot infection. After details were figured out, we offered to take our friend's luggage to him at the hospital. As Marie made a call to our friend's wife we collected his things from his room. We then claimed his ski equipment from the hotel storage, loaded the items into a cab and headed for the hospital. We

POWER SOCCER



The Arizona Heat Third Degree,

our new name for the Division 1 team, has had a good season thus far. We are on our way to the USA Nationals! Sixteen of the

top teams in the country have been invited from both divisions. Each team must now place in the top three in their regions to qualify. At the western regional tournament, held at ASU in January, San Jose won the D-1 title with BORP coming in second and the "Heat" taking third. Despite our record of a 3-1-1 record the Arizona Heat Third Degree did not get a chance to play the finals because of the 0-0 tie with Borp. In the one-on-one competition, I took first place, my team-mate Eddie McQuire took second, and Paul Bauer of San Jose, took third.

All the teams we played were so impressed with how well we played as a team, that they invited us to come to their local California tournament in Berkeley in April. There, we redeemed ourselves of the last game we played, by beating Borp 3-1 the first game of the tournament. The highlight of the game for me was scoring against Chris Finn, the Borp coach, goalie, and head coach of the world champions USA Power Soccer team, with a perfect pass from team-mate Eddie, an alternate for the USA team. Our next game was with the western regional champions, San Jose. Despite a loss of 1-0, we were extremely happy with the game. We held them scoreless the first half which is not easy as four of their team members were Team USA starters. I really felt bad that their only score got by me late in the second half. Our last game was another victory over Hollister. We would have liked

to stick around and watch a couple other teams play but we had a two day drive back to Phoenix ahead of us. Our team wishes to thank the Arizona PVA for providing us with two large vans for the trip.

I expect us to demonstrate what long practices do for your team when we bring the fire to Atlanta in June. I also expect to lead my team to gold in July at the National Veterans Wheelchair Games in Omaha. I expect the Arizona PVA team to bring back a basket of medals. That's a lot of expecting eh? Up to a challenge? Sign up for the Arizona 9-ball classic and see if you can beat me in 9-ball.

By Dan Koston

visited briefly, exchanged some dollars into Norwegian kroner, got him a calling card then guiltily left him there as we took a tram back to the hotel. Fortunately some of our Norwegian friends were able to keep him company for a few days until he was able to return home.

Meanwhile back at the hotel, Glenn and I took a quick walk for a photo opportunity on Karl Johans Gate, the main street in Oslo. We then met what was left of our group of companions and Anne, a friend from Oslo, for pizza. We stopped for ice cream as we walked Anne to the subway, and continued on to our hotel.

DAY THIRTEEN: Wednesday, April 9

This travel day began with a cab to the train, and the train to the airport. Our flight left Oslo around 11:00 a.m. going to Amsterdam, Amsterdam to Detroit where Glenn and I went separate ways, he back to Columbus, and me back to Phoenix.

The re-entry is always hard, and we hate to see such a good thing come to an end, but this has been a trip that we will remember for a very long time.

Thanks so much to the Arizona Chapter of Paralyzed Veterans of America for their support and for helping to make this trip possible. Thanks to Glenn Beachy for being my companion and ski guide on this journey. **The adventure continues!**

2008-2009 Calendar of Events

When	What	Where	Who
June 7 2008	BOD Meeting And Picnic/BBQ In the Pines	VA Hospital Ramada Prescott, AZ	Pat 602-244-9168
August 9-10 2008	Pow Wow	Chinle, AZ	Pat 602-244-9168
August 19, 2008	BOD Meeting Phoenix AZPVA Office	8126 N 23rd Ave, Ste J Phoenix, AZ	Pat 602-244-9168
September 16, 2008	BOD Meeting Phoenix AZPVA Office	8126 N 23rd Ave, Ste J Phoenix, AZ	Pat 602-244-9168
October 18th 2008	BOD Meeting & Picnic/BBQ in Marana, AZ	Ora Mae Harn Park	Pat 602-244-9168
November 18, 2008	BOD Meeting Phoenix AZPVA Office	8126 N 23rd Ave, Ste J Phoenix, AZ	Pat 602-244-9168
December 18, 2008	Christmas Party	3333 N Central Ave Suite 1055 Phoenix, AZ 85012	Pat 602-244-9168

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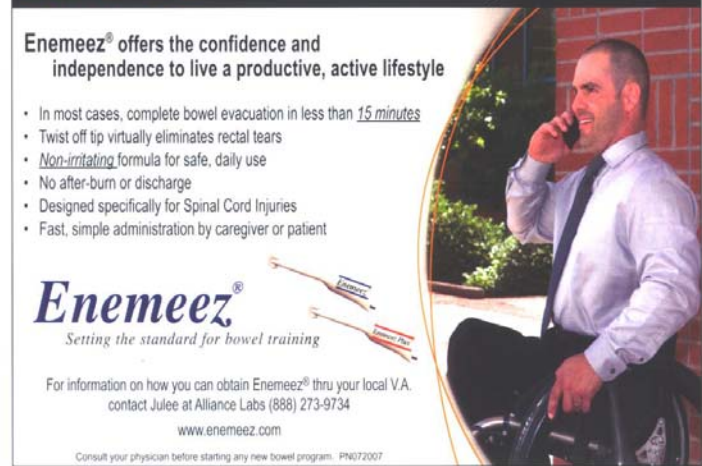
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MEMBERSHIP REPORT from The Arizona Chapter

The Arizona Chapter voting membership stands at **519** as of May 2008.

National and APVA records show our voting membership as:

289- Service Connected 230 - Non-Service Connected

The Arizona Chapter encourages each of our members to contact the Chapter and let us know how you are doing, and if we can help you in any way. If you know of any of our members who have passed away, or if you have an address/phone change, please contact the Chapter as soon as possible. Also, if you would like to receive the Desert Oracle Newsletter by e-mail, please call or e-mail the office with your e-mail address.

Do you know a veteran with spinal cord dysfunction who isn't a member of the APVA?

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