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ANNUAL ELECTION OF EXEC. COMMITTEE

The annual election of officers, members at large and the Board of Trustees will be held at the meeting of Wednesday, April 20th, and we felt that a word about the Exec. Committee might prove informative and enlightening to our members. As the the Miramar Ski Club grew, since it was founded seven years ago, and our operations expanded, it became necessary to enlist more help to share the ever increasing work load. The Exec. Committee sets the policy of many club activities, administers the finances and since many of its members are on the Trip Committee, they are vitally concerned with the conduct of our week end trips.

It becomes obvious, therefore, that in order for anyone to serve on the Exec. Committee, he or she must have available time to work for the club and believe me it is work. When you nominate or vote for someone to serve on the Committee, it is not enough that your choice be a nice guy or gal, it is more important that the individual have the time, inclination and ability to help Miramar.

Between now and April 20th, please give some thought to the elections and by all means come to the meeting to vote for those who will continue to administer the affairs of the club in an efficient manner.

ANNUAL ELECTION MEETING

Wed., April 20 — 8 P.M.

1955 SNO-BALL

Fri., May 6 — 8:30 P.M.

Hotel Beacon, 75th St. & Bway.

This lovely scene was shot from the top of Cannon Mt. by Norman Sachs during the Washington Birthday Weekend.



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PREZ SEZ:

Now that March has come and gone and the snows are *supposed* to be waning, I should like to briefly review the activities of the club and to thank some of the people who are responsible for the success of this season.

Miramar's 1954-55 season has been by far the biggest and most active to date. At the time of this writing, there have been 18 official trips scheduled and successfully carried out. This has not been the only accomplishment this year. Several goals have been attained. The most important of these is our goal to have a bus every week. This wasn't 100% successful but 2 car trips out of 18 weekends surpasses our most optimistic expectations. For five years a carnival and races have been planned but for one reason or another it never materialized. This year Miramar succeeded, in a most impressive fashion. I know we are all impatiently awaiting the showing of the films taken.

Three weeks ago through the planning of the executive committee and *Arthur Berger* in particular, we were able to arrange an examination for U.S.E.A.S.A. amateur instructor certification. Net result: 7 Miramar instructors are certified. This is one of the largest totals of any club in the east.

We have been talking about and tentatively planning a Miramar publication for several years. 1954-55 has seen this goal realized. "Lift Lines" is now completely established and running smoothly. It has been received with tremendous interest and enthusiasm. Last but far from least I personally am very gratified over the turnouts at the meetings.

I wish to thank officially and personally, the executive committee, and especially *Carl Glass*, *Jerry Klein*, *Arthur Berger* and *Mickey Morganstern* for their endless and tireless work which was mainly responsible for the success of this past season.

I cannot end this message without thanking the most important people of all: The members at large and the guests of these members. I do not only thank you for registering early and often, so as to make the trips possible, but for your complete cooperation on the trips (sometimes under very difficult conditions) which have made them very successful. —GUS SINGER

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1955 SNO-BALL

A season such as the one we are now concluding can only be climaxed by a great year-end affair.

This year's SNO-BALL will be just that! So plan now! We expect to see the entire membership and many of their guests the evening of Friday, May 6th. The Green Room of the Hotel Beacon, Broadway and 75th St. was chosen for this supper-dance, and things will start jumping at 8:30 P.M.

The \$4.50 per person admission price includes all the trips to the bar you wish to take, a buffet supper, loads of dancing and a few surprises, so don't be left out of the biggest event of the year. Send in your order blank which has been mailed to you with \$4.50 for each ticket you want in the envelope provided before April 20th. No tickets will be sold at the door.

This is going to be a stag-affair so all you guys 'n gals come on down. Let's make the FIFTY-FIVE SNO-BALL something to be remembered in Miramar for a long time.

TAKE TO THE WATER THIS SUMMER!

The same magnetism that draws the skiers to the highlands, attracts the boatmen to the water. The same yen for adventure, desire to come to grips with Mother Nature, impel both skier and sailor and this is why so many skiers form part of the community of the water.

The various phases of water sports have grown along with skiing. Witness the rise of water skiing, skin diving, outboard cruising, canoeing and sailing. If you are looking for activities that will help you survive the long months till we head for the North Country—take to the water.

Miramar Ski Club has its own seafaring tradition, having been born out of the Miramar Yacht Club of Sheepshead Bay. In keeping with this, we have organized sailing trips in the past and at least one club sailing outing will be held this season.

If you wish to make entry into the world of yachting, Artie Berger, who conducts a sailing school, will be glad to show you the way. He organizes regular sailing trips, "Learn-to-Sail" courses and one week yachting cruises. If you have reached the boat buying stage, Ray Feibusch, whose ad appears in this issue can be of invaluable assistance to you. Those of you who would like to make some canoe trips would do well to contact Sam Spivak, who is active as a leader in the American Youth Hostel canoeing program.



Spring Skiing at Dutch Hill, the young sapling in the foreground is Normie Meyerson.

'HEADWALL'

A magnificent sight awaits the intrepid skier at Mt. Washington, New Hampshire. Panoramic Tuckerman's Ravine.

As late as June, between 30 and 40 feet of snow can be found at the bottom of the ravine as well as the equally amazing sight of skiers in bikini's and lederhausen. You sun worshippers had best bring lots of lotion because the concentration of ultra-violet is far greater in the ravine than any beach in Florida, Bermuda or even Coney Island.

The most exciting thing in Tuckerman's is to hear the cry "Headwall" which means someone is about to attempt the descent from the top. Everyone stops to watch one of the most thrilling events in the world of sports. A 60 degree slope where a spill means a tumble of over 900 feet, where the uphill ski rides at thigh level of the downhill leg and the uphill shoulder is 10 inches above the slope on traverses.

Mt. Washington may not be as gruelling as Mt. Everest but the thrill of accomplishment after a rugged three hours climb will be as great.

For skiing at its best (and that includes novices) and nature at its most spectacular join us on Memorial Day weekend at Tuckerman's ravine. For all information write me. . . .

SAM SPIVAK, 350 Madison Street, New York 2, N. Y.

THIS IS SPRING SKIING??

On March 25, three cars containing 16 Miramanias started out on what they expected, would be one of the first "Spring Skiing" trips. Arriving at the Osborne Inn in Speculator, New York on clear roads, they awoke Saturday morning to find about 5 inches of new snow. Heavy snow continued to fall throughout the day and Saturday night.

Our hardy skiers had the rare experience of skiing in deep powder snow. The Expert "Oak Mountain Run" had so much snow, that it extremely difficult to get down.

Sunday morning everyone awoke to see the sun shining. At least they were going to have one day of Spring Skiing. But they were to be surprised again. It was very cold outside and a real gale was blowing. The sun disappeared in the afternoon, and more snow started to fall. The skiing was "SUPER EXCELLENT", with everyone getting well over twenty rides up each day. At the end of this beautiful Spring Day the temperature had dropped close to zero! Went home in a blizzard.

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