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ROGER PEABODY ADDRESSES FIRST MEETING

The surprise appearance of Roger Peabody, Executive Director of the United States Eastern Amateur Ski Association, featured the first meeting of the 1955-56 season. Mr. Peabody, with a long record both as a competitor and as a U.S.E.A.S.A. executive, delighted 115 Miramaniacs with tales of the disease of skiing.

On a serious note, he spoke of the need for organized skiing and the fine work being done by Eastern in this respect. Although his time was limited on this occasion, he has promised to return and adress some future meeting at greater length and show a film in connection with his talk. It was a great pleasure to have had him and we are looking forward to his return.

The remainder of the meeting was devoted to introducing the new Exec. Comm. and approving the budget for the coming year. The Exec. consists of Gus Singer, pres.; Ralph Brodwin, vice-pres.; Sam Spivak, Treas.; Mickey Morganstern and Pat Tuohey, Sec'ys.; Carl Glass, Bernie Brodwin and Ben Leven, members-at-large and Fred Fein, membership chairman. The board of trustees is in the experienced hands of Jerry Klein, Artie Berger and Lou Kerstein.

After full discussion, the budget as presented by Sam Spivak was accepted and his recommendation for dues of $8 for this year with married couples paying $13 was approved by the membership overwhelmingly. Each member will receive two of our new patches upon payment of dues.

The President announced that our storage room has been renovated and is available to MEMBERS ONLY at *no charge* this year. Rules concerning storage room will be in next issue. Ralph Brodwin spoke of the Summer Activities Committee and a full report, including photos, may be found on other pages. There was a general reunion both before and after the meeting and cookies and coffee closed as fine a meeting as we ever had.

GENERAL MEETING

Friday November 18 — 8:30 p.m.

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EDITOR'S NOTE:—*This issue has been devoted to a series of articles by our members, reflecting what their activities have been this summer.*

WATER-SKIING

In an effort to fill the gap left after snow skiing was over, Carl Glass and Lou Kerstein decided to try water skiing, and so they bought a hot rod motor boat . . . .

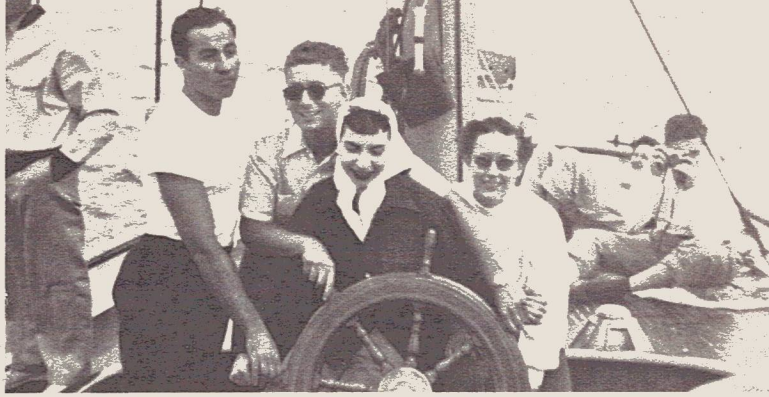
On Saturday, August 13, 1955, the first Yellow Jacket, born to be a runabout but destined to become a cruiser, was launced This "bouncing" baby weighing a "mere" 500 pounds and measuring in at 15 feet now went on at a tender age to roll up mileage in Jamaica Bay, New York Bay, The Hudson and East Rivers, the Sound and Atlantic Ocean both by night and day.

Finally, since the boat was rated to be a terrific lake boat we decided to take off for Mahopac—How? Simple! just toss it onto a trailer and off you go! (According to a smooth salesman.) Easier said than done, you must get it out of the water before you can start lifting it onto a trailer.

We arrived at the Miramar Yacht Club about 7:30 one Friday evening ready for the simple job of pulling the boat out of the water by use of the dolly which floats in the water at the bottom of a winch which pulls it up. Needless to say the dolly didn't float because the tide was at its lowest. So started our vigil at Sheepshead Bay waiting for the water to creep up. At 1 a.m. it finally did. At 2 a.m. after many a strained muscle the boat was "tossed" onto a trailer and the motor into the trunk and we were ready to go. With everyone telling us that Mahopac would be loaded with people ready to help put the boat in the water, Carl and Cecile went alone with Lou remaining at home to follow on Saturday evening. We arrived at the lake about 4 p.m. on Saturday and after a quick look around found none of those helpers. A combined weight of about 250 lbs proceeded to move Mt. Mansfield. Finally we were ready for the rare treat, our boat on a lake. How was it??? Fast we guess . . .

Space does not permit countless stories of experience with high waves, navigation maps, etc. etc. . . . Oh . . .Water skiing??? Never did get to it!!!

—Cecile Goldberg



SKI TALES

SUMMER SCENES—*Ralph* (Wild-One) *Brodwin* motorcycling up to the Maine North woods . . . *Muriel Kiel* living it up real Bohemian style at Reilly's on Fire Island . . . Co-Capts. *Carl Glass* and *Lou Kerstein*, cruising out of Sheepshead in their newly acquired speed-boat . . . *Lorraine Bernard* and *Lynn Levine* tennissing it up at Green Mansions at Labor Day . . . Prez *Gus Singer* breaking in a new putter on the greens at Berkshire Country Club . . . A whole crew of Miramaniacs led by the *Wallachs* and *Tepfers* drinking up the culture at Tanglewood . . . *Jacques Millstein* water skiing out of Fire Island . . . *Bunny Elsas* slurping up the sun at the Jetties on Nantucket . . . Dr. "*Zolly*" *Koppel* motoring around the country in his new Bel Aire . . . Sporty *Charlie Kosloff* operating like crazy at an exclusive Brooklyn Beach Club (Bay 2) . . .

What feminine member spent part of her summer vacation living in a midtown hotel? She had a beautiful room, overlooking the rent, tennis at Central Park, swimming in the East River—but they had difficulty finding a bed long enough for her.

Ever since the dues were lowered for married couples weddings have been booming . . .Everything is fine with the *Feins* with *Fred* and *Monica* established in their warming hut in Tuckahoe . . . *Fred Haber* and *Naomi Kruger* joined ski poles and became Mr. & Mrs. this summer. They set up Brooklyn winter quarters. . . . *Marilyn Glasser* and *Mel Boskin* make a very engaging couple . . . Several of our married couples are expecting little schussboomers soon. Among our ladies-in-waiting are *Alice Wallach*, *Sandy Tepfer*, *Fran Klein* and *Sybil Rosenbaum* . . . The *Oscar Arons* want to know if anyone has a pair of one foot skis for the new son *Richard* who arrived in July; ditto *Trudy* and *Dick Bernat* who welcomed a new arrival in September.

WHITEWATER CANOEING

Towards the end of last season an active group of skiers were gleefully watching the melting snows and were busily planning a new kind of slalom that was quickly catching the imagination of the sports world.—The long-awaited day arrived and the gates were set over a giant slalom course that would take the courage and skill of an expert. All things were the same, that is, a marked obstacle course down a long hill, only the snow had changed to water and the skis to canoes.

The melting snows running off the mountains filled the dried creeks and rivulets with a white froth that roared over rocks and crags and rushed ever downward to the sea. In this turbulence a slalom course was laid out and many groups gathered to try their skill. In the accompanying picture Bob McNair of the Buck Ridge Ski Club shows the form that has won often.

Now skiers can follow the snow into July and experience the thrills that only the combination of snow, mountains and the outdoors can bring.

—Sam Spivak

KUTIES KORNER

ED. NOTE: *This is the first of a series of tintypes on some of Miramar's more active skiers.*

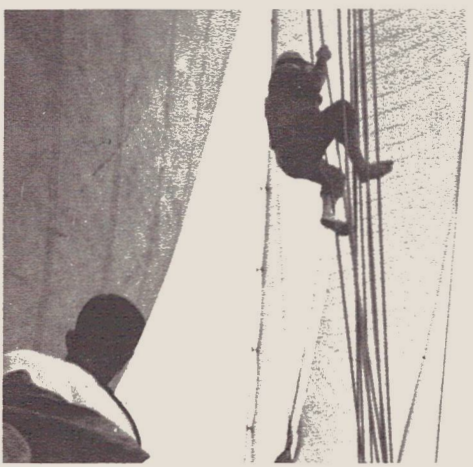
Pert PAT TUOHEY'S first contact with Miramar was during the winter of 1952, on a vacation at Jasper, in Quebec. Her enthusiasm for the club and skiing was quickly recognized and, after being active in club affairs for 2 years was elected corresponding secretary for this year.

Pattie is an R.N. and few of our members will let her forget it. She is constantly giving care on trips for everything from a chapped nose to a broken leg, and Pat has contributed greatly to maintaining our First Aid Kit in good order.

Although she is now employed by a Park Ave. physician, a good part of her experience was in the *prison ward* at Bellevue Medical Center. Many's the time she patched up a notorious shot-up gangland character so he would be well enough to stand trial, or give information about his assailant.

Pat spends a good part of the summer on or near the water. Her prowess as a fancy diver was well known in metropolitan amateur circles and she auditioned for Billy Rose's Aquashow (what do they know). Knitting is one of her most pleasant pastimes (beer is another) and she has to her credit more sweaters, fast caps, socks, etc. than are found in the average ski shop. Pattie is no slouch on the slopes and even though she was out of commission a good part of one season with a bad sprain, she rates among the tops of Miramar's feminine schuss-boomers.

Pat's one problem for the coming season: "If I don't eat lunches every day, I'll have enough money to ski every week-end. But if I don't eat, I'll be too weak to ski."



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SAILING AND CYCLING

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To get close to the countryside through which you are traveling, nothing beats a motorcycle which was our mode of locomotion. One or two small towns broke out the white flag of surrender to us but for the most part the cycles tore down the formal barriers and allowed us to get friendly fast.

It was an interesting trip that clocked off 1500 miles before we were through, but at 80 miles to the gallon even I can afford it.

Beware of boatyards and boat-happy friends in the spring.—In May, I walked through a boatyard wide-eyed and happy. A buddy, Morris Goldberg, spied me and hauled me over to his neglected Lightning Sail Boat. In a few hours, with the aid of an accomplice (Artie Berger) I had innocently pledged away many week-ends. of sweat and toil under a hot sun.

Finally the great moment came. The boat was launched and contrary to many opinions, remained afloat. We made ready to sail, cast off the mooring line, and in a few seconds I knew that it had been worth all the agony. The pleasure of accomplishment; the exhilaration of the sport and the good feeling of being out on a dancing sea in a sailing breeze were enough to insure a happy summer of new experiences.—RALPH BRODWIN

What's New In The Ski World

U.S. OLYMPIC SKI TEAM still thousands of dollars short of its budget before it can leave for Cortina in December—Make your contribution now through the Miramar Club Olympic Fund . . . All new USEASA members will receive a free lesson at any of the East's top ski schools this season . . . 109.4 miles per hour was the unbelievable world speed record set this summer by Ralph Miller in Chile. This gives the U.S. a strong chance for a gold medal in the Men's Downhill . . . Jacques Brunel of Mt. Beacon Ski Club, Beacon, N. Y. announces that its new all-year-round ski jump, downhill trail and tow covered entirely with synthetic snow will be ready by Oct. 30 . . . The new full length Hollywood feature '*Ski Crazy*', produced by Gordon McLean will be released to regular theaters—it is the first major ski film produced cinemascopically . . .NEW LIFTS all over the place—double chair and Poma at Cranmore, new Poma lifts on the East Meadow at Bromley, and at Hogback, new double chairlift to the summit at Mount Snow, new T-bars at Tremblant, Snow Ridge and a brand new major ski area at Ludlow, Vt. with a mile plus chairlift & Poma — These certainly are LIFT LINES.

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EARLY SKIING

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TANGLEWOOD TREK

A terrific time was had by those Miramar members who turned out for the Tanglewood Berkshire Music Festival trip. Bob and Alice Wallach who led the trip, and Charlie and Sandy Tepfer, who supplied the food, did a terrific job to make it a big success. We cooked our own dinner (T-Bone steaks) and breakfast on several grills which we set up.

Cabins served as our sleeping quarters, with most of the gang using sleeping bags. Charlie and Sandy pitched a tent. outside.

The Saturday night and Sunday afternoon music was enjoyed by everyone, particularly those who did not doze off, while lounging on the big beautiful lawns of the Festival grounds.

YACHTING ON THE MAYHAP

35 Miramar guys 'n gals spent a day of yachting aboard the 85 ft. yawl Mayhap, in June . . . Despite gray skies, a snappy sailing breeze made the day worthwhile. The Mayhap transformed to a greyhound and passed everything on the Sound that day. Artie Berger was skipper for the day, and the trip was sparked by Lois Finkelstein, Ralph Brodwin and Walt Meierhof. Harriet Berger did yeoman service in preparing and dishing out the tasty chow.—That day of sailing sport left a lasting impression on many—Ben Leven later chartered a sloop and cruised to Nantucket hunting hurricanes; Kathy Carmody breezed through a Bosun Sailing School course; and Charles Koslov and Ceasar Kortez came back for more on the Mayhap on its Fourth of July Weekend cruise. A near-riot developed when in anticipation of this cruise they both laid claim to the bunk in the lounge which guards the entrance to the girls stateroom. —There'll be another chance at the mayhap you all next year.

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