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NEW YEAR'S TRIP — *Immediate Sellout*

Our traditional New Year's jaunt to Stowe has been filled to capacity by 82 members and guests. This trip leaves at 5:30 A.M., Friday, Dec. 30 from 24th St. and 7th Ave. The two coaches, skippered by Gus Singer and Artie Berger, will head for the Pavilion Hotel at Montpelier, Vt. The utmost in co-operation will make this long haul a smooth one.

Allow time for a snack and use of washroom facilities at the Y, since the first and only stop will be at Albany. Place your skis, properly tied, and your bag, outside your bus. Get on board as soon as you are checked off by the leader and stay put. With plenty of travel, skiing at its best, and New Year's Eve frolicking in store for you, you would be wise to store up some rest prior to the trip.

Our excellent relationship with the Stowe area has made it possible for the club to save our members both time and money, through the prior purchase of lift tickets and school tickets in bulk. These will be available on the bus. There is no better way of opening the season than a session or two at the Sepp Ruschpp Ski School, first in the East. For this reason, club instruction is very limited on this trip. The staff will be mainly organizing groups to run the various trails, and will also be spending a lot of time going to the Ski School, for a refresher course in instruction.

Newcomers to Stowe will be thrilled by the vastness of the area and old timers will find many improvements added to their favorite area that they can never tire of. Among these improvements are smoothing and grading of Main Street over on Spruce Peak and the enlargement of the Lodge at the main Area with a new restaurant upstairs.

The Pavilion Hotel is one of the finest and most comfortable in Vermont and should help make this trip a memorable one. On Monday nite, shortly before midnite, 82 contented skiers will be racking up their skis at McBurney Y, having launched another happy season of snowsport.

GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, December 21 — 8:30 p.m.

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STORAGE ROOM RENOVATED

Our storage room at the "Y" has been completely renovated and racks built to store our skis in a more orderly manner. Gus Singer engineered the job and is to be commended for his excellent work.

However, there are several rules which apply to the room and we must insist that there be no exceptions to these rules. Walt Meierhof and Ben Leven are in charge and only staff personnel, authorized by them, may place skis in or remove skis from the room. Only club members may store their skis as our space is quite limited; guests will not be permitted to use the room under any circumstances and anyone who authorizes them to do so must answer to the Exec. Committee. We regret the necessity for this stringent attitude but making one exception kills the effectiveness of the rule.

All skis must be tied securely with poles flat against skis and tagged. If you don't know how, Walt and Ben will be glad to demonstrate. Boots may not be stored and must be removed from skis. Neither luggage nor clothing may be stored at any time. All those who do not renew their membership by January 15th will be asked to remove their skis from the storage room. There are several pairs of untagged skis in the room at present and unless claimed by January 15th they will be placed in a public check room and the owners will be liable for any fees accruing.

The room will be open on all meeting nights and on Friday nights once the skiing season begins. Please cooperate with the staff in charge and you will receive the maximum advantage of the room; above all, please do not ask for any exceptions to the rules as the staff does not have the authority to grant same.

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SKI TALES

A late summer report just in, Leo Greenfest is still grinning about his good fortune; he spent this summer as swimming instructor at an all girls camp. he got paid too. . . . It was nice to see some of our long absent alumni returning to the fold at our last meeting. For one, ex recording secretary, Jane Ellentuck is returning. . . . Two former members of Miramar's bachelor club, Bob Spevack and Lee Flam were also present with their spouses.

With the ever increasing amount of married couples why doesn't some ingenious character devise a tandem ski. . . . Lois Finklestein and Paul Worth may be sharing the same T-Bar soon. . . . Best of luck to Fred Fein and his associates in their new venture, they are taking over the Fahnstock ski area from the state. . . . Plans include artificial snow machines to insure skiing and increased eating and parking facilities.

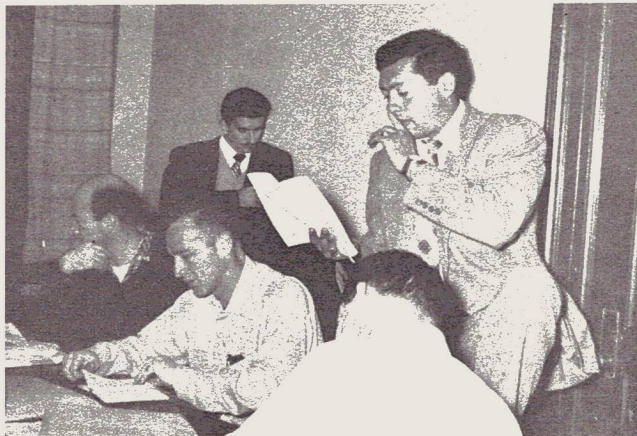
Herman Wouk's novel, Marjorie Morningstar, has caused quite a stir in literary circles and has also had its effect on one of our members. The title character is a New York girl whose real name is Marjorie Morganstern. Recording secretary Mickey Morganstern, who has been plagued by inquiries, states she is not the basis for the character. . . . Thanks to Walt Meierhof for a yeoman like job he did in putting the ski storage room in order. Latest recipe from the ski bar: ½ glass cold ginger ale, ¼ glass cold milk or cream, 1 shot vodka. Add in that order and you have an Avalanche, two of these and you think you've been hit by one. . . . This columnist is looking for a spare doghouse, no I'm not in trouble, I just need a garage for my MG.



Gus Singer distributes our own new Instructors Manual at Trip Committee meeting.

CLUB SKI PATROL UNDER WAY

After several years of talking about it, our own Club Ski Patrol is on its way. The first requisite of a patrolman is a Red Cross Advanced First Aid Certificate and 14 members attended the first Red Cross session on Monday evening, November 28th. The course is being conducted by one of our members, Leo Greenfest, an Official Red Cross Instructor. We feel fortunate in having an instructor like Leo who has a long and varied background in First Aid. Beside the regular course Leo is incorporating First Aid as it pertains to skiing, as outlined by the National Ski Patrol.



Leo Greenfest demonstrates First Aid technique to class at first session of Red Cross course.

WE CAN'T ALL BE PRESIDENT —

But there is one thing we can all be, and that is a club participant. Skiing represents a pastime we love, the skiers are our friends and the spirit is happy and healthy. Is that really enough? Somewhere between the ranks of "just plain member" and president there is a place that can be filled by you.

How? The executive committee members of an organization generally are elected on the basis of their interest and capability, and once elected, they usually act in the best interests of the membership.

Well then, not necessarily by executive participation, but by contribution to Lift Lines. The purpose of Lift Lines is to present to our members and friends a picture of Miramar — as a group and as individual members. It follows then that any interests, hobbies, thoughts, activities, talents or lack of talents, should be shared by the rest of the world. We want to know all about you — where you ski, what other hobbies you pursue, your thoughts on any topic of interest, your comments about the club. Anything. And we want to see what pictures you have taken of ski trips, summer vacations. Anyone.

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CORTINA—The Ski With Fiberglass Muscles

(See accompanying illustration.)

With synthetics & metals, more in the makeup of skis in recent years, many skiers have retooled in the search for perfection. The Head ski swept the ski world and for a while it looked like it had virtually a monopoly in the premium ski field. This ski now being challenged by a thoroughly tested newcomer from Italy, now known as the CORTINA (formerly Zig-Zag.)

Some of us used this ski last year, since its promoter, Ugo Quazzo (the dapper Mexican of last year's carnival) has skied with us and is a candidate for Miramar membership. Last year his car was stacked with these new runners; for hot shots to try out and those that did were profoundly impressed by their strength, speed and tracking ease. Even some of our "average" skiers were amazed at what they did to improve their form. Harriet Berger, after an afternoon on Cortinas, at Speculator, was heard enthusiastically saying, "All I had to do was think the turn and the skis did the rest."

Cortinas basically are made of resin-bonded hickory laminations, but here their conventionality ends, for sealed into the ski are reinforcements of fiberglass cording running full length, taking the pounding while allowing the ski to remain elastic. All this encased in hard Celloflex Plastic protecting against gain or loss of moisture. The plastic is bonded and dovetailed into the wood and resists scratches or chipping and reduces friction to a minimum for speed without waxing. Tips and heels protected by built-in metal and rubber shock absorbers.

CORTINA, with its expert hand-craftsmanship by Lamborghini brings as attractive, durable, fast and maneuverable skis as could be desired. In the same class they have also brought out a beautiful slender shatterproof fiberglass pole that should prove to be of equal calibre to the skis.

Our Shopper Reports —

There are new things aplenty in ski cloths and equipment this year worth the serious attention of all Miramar skiers intent on getting the last bit of extra control out of their skiing or just looking and feeling their best on the slopes. One new ski that is being featured by many shops is the Cortina, discussed elsewhere in this issue. . . . The White Mountain Ski Shop of New York City and Great Neck is featuring a new metal and laminated-wood ski called the A-15 Metallic. Manufactured by the Swiss Attenhofer company, this ski has become very popular in Europe and is currently undergoing extensive tests in this country. . . . Osmund Sandeen, at the Olympic Ski Shop in Brooklyn, is also featuring a new type ski—the Hart ski. In outward appearance this ski is similar to the metal-wood ski made popular by Head, but instead of using laminated wood in the interior, the Hart ski uses a composition material which is reported to be impervious to water. It seems that one of the troubles with the Head ski is that the wood layer absorbs water which freezes as the temperature drops and sometimes causes the metal layer to part from the wood. This does not happen with the Hart ski. Incidentally, ask "Whitey" to show you his "Sandeen Boot." . . . A new slant on skis is the one-year guarantee given by the Scandinavian Ski Shop for their new Swedish ski, "Skimaster." Incidentally, their rental department offers brand new equipment this year. . . .

Sig Steinwald, the veteran ski jumper, will be regularly in attendance at Suns Sporting Goods this season to advise on technique and the selection of ski equipment. Suns is featuring the Nordica and Tyrol boots this season as well as Sun Valley and White Stag ski cloths. Be sure to drop in for their new catalogue. And incidentally, their closeness to the McBurney Y.M.C.A. makes them an excellent place to rent ski equipment for Miramar trips. . . . Charlie Post advises us that his new after ski jacket of corduroy lined with milium for both men and women is selling like hot cakes at his remodeled shop. While there you should also see the new Strasser boot which includes the "boot-within-a-boot" construction so popular now. Starting price for this boot is \$29.95, which sounds like a buy. . . . Ski Club of America runs a very efficient and inexpensive one-day trip every Sunday to Bellayre which should be a good consolation prize for you when you can't make a week-end, and the snow reports are enticing. . . .

Have you been thinking about taking out a ski or accident-type insurance policy? You might check with Noel Nocks who has been specializing in this type insurance for some time and has the best plans available to suit a variety of needs. Check with Noel anyway, he'll be glad to talk to you about the special low-price policy he features.

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