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Vital Statistics of New Year's Stowe Trip

An analysis of the recent highly successful New Year's jaunt to Stowe revealed the following facts and figures: MILEAGE—730 highway miles per bus; 1,300 uphill miles on the lifts, 3,500 downhill miles on Mansfield and Spruce Peak; FUEL CONSUMPTION—500 gallons of diesel oil, coffee, tea milk, cokes, and the liquid that cheers; 125 lbs. of choice meats, 400 eggs, untold gallons of Vermont ice cream and lots more. SKIING—1,500 man hours (women also). 2,400 lift tickets, 60 ski school lessons; WEATHER—*Brrr!! Brrr!!* Temperatures ranged from 10 above to 20 below ZERO, (mostly below), Monday's heat wave brought the mercury up to 10 above with sunny skies; Precipitation was two measly inches (snow of course); CASUALTIES: 1 sprained knee, 18 frostbitten toes, 14 thumbs likewise and 32 cases of chillblains—considerable hangover symptoms Sunday a.m. *Also* 60 frozen lobsters in Bennington. CROWDS: Fantastic, 5,000 on Saturday, 4,998 in warming huts, 2 on the trails. (Guess who). FINANCES: We distributed upwards of $4,000 between the good people of Vermont and our bus co. . . . On Monday at 2:34 p.m. your reporter flung himself down the Nosedive for the seventh time that day and barely dragged himself to the bus, so happily pooped that the rest of the staff had to remove his skis—so he could get on board and growl "O.K. Lets go!"

GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, February 7th—8:30 p.m.

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SKI TALES

OBSERVATIONS — New Year's Weekend. Stowe, Vermont. Sat. & Sun. very cold with frozen toes and fingers as common as skiers—Pert *Debbie Riffe* sent in by ski school instructor when her cherry red nose showed signs of frostbite . . . *Selma Riess* commpleting an uphill christie on the Sterling, misses the edge of the trail and found herself in a gully, 8 feet below . . . Two girls from one of the many bus tours at the area related how they had taken the double chair ride up Spruce Peak with the intention of returning by chair, however *each* had to have a patrolman ride down with them because they were so-o-o frightened. Some gals will do anything to get alone with a man. . . . New Year's Eve Party a wonderful success thanks to the efforts of *Jerry Sachs, Harriet Berger, Bunny Elsas, Bernie Berlin, Pearl Tissavarry, Kay Susmann* and a host of others whose decorating and arrangements made the dining room of the Pavilion Hotel into a real night spot . . . *George Lebolt* who celebrated his birthday on New Year's day was feted to a luscious one candle birthday cake, compliments of his wife *Judy*. . . . Funniest routine all weekend was put on by *Manny Eisner* and *Lynn Levine* when they did a real sensuous Valentino type Tango . . . Bus No. 2 received an added bonus when it turned out our bus driver *Verne*, sings while he drives, this plus the spirited guitar-playing of *Mickey Morganstern* and *Irene Adler* and *Berger's* usual agonies on the harmonica had the jitney rockin' & rollin' all the way into the north country . . . *Sandra Schwartz:* only casualty of the trip, pulling a ligament—here's hoping she'll be back skiing soon . . . FLASH *Harriet Berger* is expecting. She spent the weekend in front of the fire at the Pavilion Hotel. —*Bern Brodwin*

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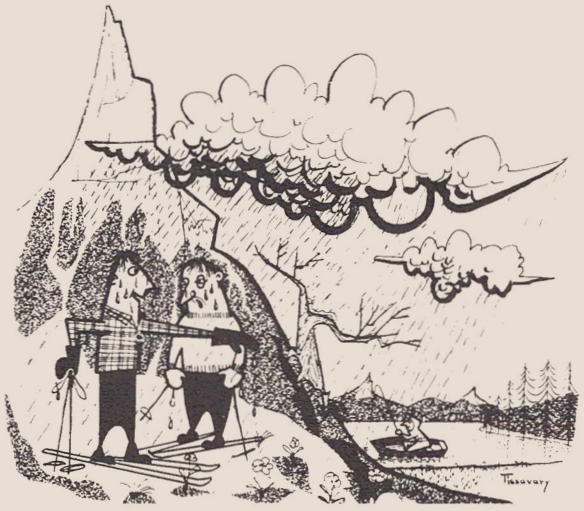
KUTIES KORNER

In February, 1952, Gus Singer led a car caravan of Miramar skiers on a week end trip to Vermont. One of the guests in his car was a tall, attractive brunette who complained all the way to Vermont that she had no room for her long legs. This was Miramar's introduction to CLAIRE TOPPER, our Kutie of the Month. Claire is one of our more active skiers and since she is always walking up and down the aisle of the bus, these same legs are always getting her into trouble. Sometimes referred to as the Fordham Flash, she makes her home in the Bronx and is employed as a secretary by a large New York insurance company; a very efficient secretary by the way. Claire's hobbies are skating (she says), tennis, knitting and her niece. On the slightest provocation, she will sound off at length about the fabulous things her niece did last week. Don't get caught between Claire talking about her niece and Fran Klein talking about Susan, you'll be a long time recovering. We cannot attest to her ability at skating or tennis but we can assure you that she is an artist when it comes to knitting. She makes her own ski sweaters (fills them well, too) and has knitted ski caps for some of our male members. Despite her other outside activities, Claire always has time to work on some project for Miramar. She can usually be seen in the group serving refreshments at meetings and working with the Entertainment Committee setting up the Saturday night parties on skiing trips. Miramar could well use more members like Claire Topper.



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Miramar is in the very favorable position of having six certified amateur ski instructors in its ranks. Although this in itself is a source of prestige, it means more than this alone. We can now set up a schedule of uniform proficiency tests for our members. The tests are divided into three types: *Basic*, *Standard* and *Advanced*. By means of these tests, each skier may follow his increasing proficiency and at the same time determine where his technique needs work.

All members of Miramar may take the basic test, which merely requires that you be a member of a club which belongs to U.S.E.A.S.A. Actually, every skier in Miramar should easily pass this test as its emphasis is on control in basic maneuvers of skiing. There are ten parts to this exam including walking, climbing, elementary turns, sidestepping and snowplowing. The candidate must show that he understands each maneuver and can do them adequately.

You must have passed the Basic test in order to take the Standard and you must be an individual member of U.S.E.A.S.A. This test serves as a prerequisite for those wishing to become ski patrolmen or amateur instructors. Here the accent is on form, quality and most important, perfect control. The test is divided into two parts, the first consisting of the turns: stem, stem christy, christy and pole turn. Each of these must be done correctly before this section of the test can be passed. The second part consists of a slalom run, set up according to specifications in the judge's manual issued by Eastern. All parts of this exam must be passed during one season for the candidate to be certified by Eastern. The object of this test is to prove that the individual skis with steadiness, control and asssurance.

The Advanced test is open only to those who have passed the Standard and it is a tough one. It consists of three parts: turns, slalom run against time and a downhill run of two violent minutes. The trail for the downhill must be at least one mile long with a vertical drop of 1,000 feet. This test, just as the others, can be judged only by those who have passed it.

It is most desireable for all members to try one of these tests, not so much to be able to wear a badge, but to give yourself a standard by which to judge how well you are skiing. Dates for these tests will be announced very soon. *Charley Tepfer*

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What's New In The Ski World

Two areas we are long familiar with report considerable improvements: *Dutch Hill,* celebrating its tenth anniversary, broke all records last year with 120 days of skiing. They inform us that the Dyke trail is now a mile long open slope. The Yankee Doodle has been widened and lots done on the Windmill and Dutchmen's Holiday. . . . Hogback has put in a new Poma lift serving two new trails, the 200 ft. wide Great White Way with a N.E. exposure and the Molly Stark, 75 ft. wide.

We would like reports from pioneering club members on the two new areas in Vermont, Burke Mountain at Lyndonville and Okema at Ludlow. The press releases we have received are intriguing, but seein's believin'.

The Uniform Test Program of USEASA will give thousands of recreational skiiers the Basic, Standard and Advanced Proficiency Tests, giving them recognition and encouragement. Get in on this program by joining Eastern — see A. Berger for full particulars.

Frank Elkins, well-known ski writer, will be heard this season regularly over radio station WINS on Thursdays, at 10:30 to 10:45 P.M. The program will be known as "Along the Ski Trails," featuring snow reports and news of the ski world.

GOOD NEWS for those who can't get away much—Fahnestock Park Ski Slopes, 60 miles north of the city on the Taconic Parkway is now equipped to cover their hill with real machine made snow to give you good conditions all season. Our own Freddie Fein is running the ski shop there . . . Sundays at Bellayre will now be more tolerable, what with the new T-bar lift at Highmount, around the corner from Bellayre. Their very delightful trails will now lure some of the crowd as long as they don't have to play Tarzan on their souped-up rope tows.

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Guest's-Eye View of the New Year's Trip —

The festive merrymaking of the New Year's weekend subsided only long enough for the old members to get to meet some of the newcomers to the club. Among them were a male threesome who promise to soon become active membrs and club enthusiasts. They are Jack Gerber, Mac Gerber and Harold Sussman. This was their first official club trip. They were immediately noticed when they appeared to be carrying an unusually large amount of luggage. Our suspicion as to the contents of the excess baggage was soon justified. They had packed some sandwiches and goodies. And the wisdom of their forethought was exceeded only by their willingness to feed the ever hungry Miramar skiers.

They expressed enthusiastic approval of the efficient manner in which the trip was run and the happy spirit of the friendly group. And they had good reason to appreciate these features, because the usual spirit prevailed plus the New Year's gaiety.

They found the accessibility of competent instruction by the Miramar staff most helpful. They found this instruction to be a valuable supplement to what they learned while attending the official Stowe Ski School; which all Miramar skiers. are urged to do. They were also pleased with the large number of people on the trip, which gave them an opportunity to ski with skiers of varying abilities and to meet many new people.

Mac, Harold and Jack were only three of the many new faces that were on the New Year's trip. We look forward to their participation in future club activities.—*Mickey Morganstern*

George Lebolt is shocked by his surprise birthday cake.

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