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HOW TO SURVIVE SUMMERTIME

You shouldn't holler on me when I'm telling you that the skiing season is being over: this is one of the unwelcome promises of our climate. However, every silver lining has its snow laden cloud and it is this philosophy which will keep us going through the sun filled, amorous days of Spring and the Tom Collins filled, lazy days of Summer.

But awake, arise, smile, shine (and all that garbage)! We have suggestions for you; we do not intend to let you sit on your sitzmarkers dreaming of the past and future; the present is here and must be utilized (who is this nut?). Our sordid (typographical error) assorted members have offered these Helpful Hints on How to Hibernate Through the Summer and still give the impression of being alive.

Sam Spivak will handle gently those mental cases interested in White Water Canoeing; George Lebolt will teach all thrill seekers interested in Trout Fishing and Archery how to harpoon some defenseless Guppies; Lou Kerstein and Carl Glass come closest to our narrow minded first love with their offer to anyone interested in Water Skiing and Outboarding; Sailing with Artie Berger and drying diapers should be fun; Gus Singer and Ruth Hochhauser, his caddie (she's practicing carrying the clubs now—wait till she starts wielding them) will willingly show how golf head covers can be used for mitten fillers; for anyone underweight or merely wishing to witness a phenomenon, Norman Meyerson will be eating; Bernie Brodwin is organizing a Glee Club (what's gleeful about his singing I'll never know) and applicants must complement Bernie's vocal technique by not knowing the words and being at least vaguely familiar with the tune; those phonies wishing to discard Bronx nasal tones see Pat Tuohey who will be brushing up on an Idaho accent (anything to keep her mouth going); Jerry Klein will be giving lectures on How to Keep Your Wife From Running Hog Wild. For anyone who has not found his niche in the aforementioned activities, a general discussion group headed by Loud Mouth Walter Meierhof is being formed. One of the many topics will be How to Get a Hot Shower with 40 People and 2 Bathrooms.

Seriously, as with some of the first few activities mentioned, Miramar is organizing a Berkshire Music Festival trip and a one day yachting trip, about which you will be notified by mail.

And on this cheerful note we wish you a fun filled Spring and Summer: Enjoy yourself — it's later than you think.

—ARLENE **(Bubbles)** RECHT

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FLASH — Election Results

Hold the Press—At the meeting of April 18th the following people were elected to administer the affairs of the club for the 1956-57 season. President, Carl Glass; Vice-Pres., Leo Greenfest; Treasurer, Walter Meierhof; Secretaries, Betty Steinman and Mickey Safferman; Membership Chairman, Arlene Recht; Members at Large—George Lebolt, Norman Meyerson and Pat Tuohey; Board of Trustees—Lew Kerstein, Bernie Brodwin and Jerry Sachs.

We congratulate all of them and are sure they will carry on the tradition of hard work and devotion set by all our past administrations.

APPRECIATION

Dear Miramar:

Here I lay in the hospital—for how much longer, I don't know, but my break is not as bad as the doctor in Pittsfield led me to believe . . . I'd like to thank Sam Spivak for his calmness and quick thinking and for sticking with me. I thank all of the people on the trip for their sympathy, and those that "shlepped" me about. Leo's knowledge of first aid was a great relief . . .You won't be keeping me off those skis next year. Keep sending me all news of the club.

Thank you for the $15. It's a nice feeling to know that Miramar provides for such mishaps.

See you soon. Fondly
Diane Peskin

NOTE—Our efforts to form a club patrol in the interest of safer skiing for our members have met with success. After completing a thorough Advanced First Aid Course, Frostie Session, Standard and Toboggan tests; the following have been certified by the New York City Ski Patrol as Patrolmen: Gus Singer, Artie Berger, Carl Glass, Leo Greenfest, Ben Leven, Walt Meierhof and Ralph Brodwin. Several more will be qualified by next season.

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A SKI TALE OF WOE

Despite the cries of "it can't be done", many 2-day bus trips to Stowe have been run efficiently and enjoyable. However, the trip of the weekend April 6-8 provided a test of endurance. We won! We made it!

The first flat tire was noticed as we were leaving Glens Falls and was changed with no more than a normal amount of difficulty, considering the lack of necessary tools. The second flat—or blowout— provided a considerably greater challenge, since the spare tire had already been used, and civilization had been left far behind. Arrangements were finally made for a new tire to be sent from Burlington, Vt., and no one really minded waiting the four hours it took for its arrival.—7 a.m. we were again underway, and after a breakfast stop, arrived at Montpelier at 11:15 a.m.. At 11:45 a.m. the bus left for Stowe, the people tired, but disturbed mainly by loss of skiing.

A bit of Miramar history was written that weekend which almost made the 17 hour trip worthwhile. Four years of careful planning finally culminated in Miramar's First Lobster Dinner. The only cloud to mar the joy of the lobster lovers was the appearance of the steaks served to non?lobster-eaters; the thickest, largest reddest morsels ever to grace our table.

The last bit of energy was expended in singing "happy birthday" to bus-driver Don, who has been promoted to the Farley-Verne ranks of Miramar's favorite people. — The trip home was quite quiet.

ALL PHOTOS IN THIS ISSUE BY *GLORIA LEVENSON*

"LIFT LINES" TAKES A BOW

Dear Art:

Thanks for the copy of **"Lift Lines"**—one of the best club publications I have ever seen.

Needless to say I am extremely pleased to read frequent references to the USEASA here and there in the publication. If more clubs would stress, or even mention, USEASA activities in their publications or at their meetings I think we would be a lot better off membershipwise than we are.

Keep up the good work.

I would appreciate receiving a copy of "Lift Lines" whenever it comes off the press.

Best regards.

Cordially,
Ed Anderson
(Membership Chairman for USEASA)

33 PASS PROFICIENCY TESTS

Miramar's Uniform Tests held Feb. 11-13 at Stowe and Speculator, gave a large group a chance to measure up their skiing. 28 made the grade in the **Basic** and 5 passed the **Standard.** Those flunking out benefitted greatly by discoverd their weaknesses and should do much better next time.

Conditions were ideal, and both examiners and candidates enjoyed the test. The management of both areas were very cooperative for which the club is grateful.

The following were the successful BASIC candidates: Phil Schoer, Dick Klein, Ruth Hochhauser, Pat Tuohey, Mickey Safferman, Claire Topper, Elliott Eisenbach, Andy Di Maio, Max Schwartz, Chester Deutsch, S. Wasserman, Sonya Tannhauser, Harold Unger, Marilyn Kaufman, Sue Brown, Betty Steinman, Jeannette Rockefeller, Norman Meyerson, Karl Berger, Bernie Brodwin, Alex Ubersfeld, Arlene Recht and Charles Koslov.

The successful STANDARD candidates were: Pearl Tissavarry, Walt Meierhoff, Leo Greenfest, George Lebolt and Paul Berman. They are to be congratulated, as those wearing the Standard pin can ski almost anywhere with a large margin of ease and safety.—The hard working judges deserve the acclaim of the club for a job well done, in which they practically gave their entire week-end over to the job. They were: Gus Singer, Artie Berger, Lew Kerstein, Carl Glass, Ralph Brodwin, John Tissavary.

SECOND UNIFORM TESTS—At Stowe on April 8th the following passed the Basic; Cathleen Carmody, Gloria Levenson, Robert Weissberg, Harold Sussman and Rita May.—Rita made a clean sweep by also passing the Standard.—Bernie Brodwin has completed the slalom portion of the Standard test successfully.

For those taking the tests at future dates:—Be sure that you have a fast gliding surface on your skis and no loose edges. Slow skis greatly increase your possibility of failure.—but nothing helps so much as **PRACTICE**—and be sure to reread the requirements.

Basic: "Proper use of poles" means that hands come up through bottom loops to grasp the poles. In the "one-step" right ski and left pole go forward, then left ski and right pole. In "two-step" first one ski goes forward, then the other, the poles coming forward during the two steps for a double thrust. Skis must glide. Be sure to get your weight on poles when herring-boning. Lean into hill when doing kick-turns. Side slipping must show control of edges and proper weight distribution.

Standard: Lots of practice for the jump-turn. Lean out for hill in stem turns. Slalom is through wide gates using a mixture of stem turn and christies—snow plowing will not be acceptable. Run must be no-fall so don't press, push or be over anxious—just take it easy.

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