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USEASA CONVENTION IMPRESSIONS

It was at the end of the ski season. I just made the 10:01 out of Grand Central, reaching the Ten Eyck Hotel in Albany at 1:00 a.m. The lobby was full of guys and gals with the characteristic look of convention goers and their inevitable lapel insignia. Posters and equipment were displayed profusely.

After an amazingly brief bout with red-tape, I was equipped with dozens of pamphlets, tickets, agenda, note pads and USEASA coasters (presumably to protect the hotel furniture. I was directed to a room where a 5-piece Bavarian type band was playing for our beer drinking brethren. There was dancing, of course, and telling about "the slope that got away." At 7:30 a.m. your delegate and mine, Arthur Berger, joined me at breakfast together with his wife and half a child. We mapped out a program dividing the many committees and panels for us to attend. One problem which was taken up in the Rules Committee was proportional representation of clubs as proposed by one club, Mt. Mansfield, which has about 1200 members, a unique club having considerable dual membership. The committee recommended that the application to increase Mt. Mansfield representation be denied. It was. At the Ski Patrol and First Aid sessions, all types of new equipment was exhibited and discussed, including fibre glass toboggans and impregnated waterproof collapsible cardboard box splints which could be used for traction.

At the "Clubs Committee" Mr. Berger very effectively presented Miramar's view on instruction at the slopes. This topic was also dwelt on at length on the convention floor plus many other problems.

A cocktail party in the afternoon became a very political gathering with active campaigning for various measures which were not settled in committee. Groups caucused right to the time of voting on the convention floor. That night a banquet with speeches and presentation of awards. Extremely well run, as these things go.

Sunday, discussion and voting with Miramar very active and a lot of honest effort in the proceedings as a whole. A very special pressure group made a successful pitch to have the next convention at Bridgeport, Connecticut. It will be a 3-day meet.

We all came away tired, but glad we went and dedicated to make Miramar a 100 percent USEASA club. **(ED. NOTE—This enthusiasm for Eastern has infected the club as a whole with our October meeting acting to place Miramar on the honorable roster of 100 per cent clubs.)**—J. SACHS

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EDITOR SEZ

The winter of 1956-57 should be a banner one for skiers in the East and particularly for our club. Each year the sport comes more of age with new facilities coming into being and existing ones being improved. Safety, proficiency and good fellowship reaching new heights with the growth of ski clubs and USEASA.—This year Miramar joins the honor roll of ski clubs with one hundred percent enrollment.—Skiing makes for healthy citizens. A healthy citizenry will help to make for a healthier and saner America.

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A TRUSTEE REPORTS ON EXEC SESSIONS

Most of us are still playing tennis. Topcoats are not on sale. But the executive meetings have started. The social part of our sessions start with dinner (optional) at he Anchor Inn.

The first meeting was a probing and getting oriented sort of thing for both the new president and his crew. A romantic setting was provided by the 'Y' up a winding steel staircase to an abandoned kitchen. Miss Recht was perched on the stove as if she needed it. The other meetings were full sessions with administration per se being discussed, committees bing formed, and individual reports heard. Suggestions for streamlining operations taking into account last years Trustee's report were also heard.

There was a big policy discussion, which is still apparently open: "Shall we attempt to build a surplus bank account?" The item of business which took the longest time was the budget. — Your elected officers attend meetings and are on the ball.—

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There is a brand new ski area called **Jay Peak** in North Troy, Vt., featuring an 1800 foot Poma lift serving an 1800 foot slope, 200' wide with a 450' drop, a good area for beginners.

Mount Snow is booming — The popular Overbrook trail is now one of the widest and longest in the East, since the lift has been extended to the summit. —The South Bowl offers a protected valley with a two mile trail almost 1000 feet wide, with an 1800' vertical drop.—The good news for beginners is the special slow running 750' rope tow with a 65' vertical rise—The area also boasts the new Norse House Ski and a magnificent lodge accommodating 800 skiers.

At Stowe—the Sterling Mountain trail now connects the Spruce and Mansfield areas. There are two Poma lifts to take you to the summit. One is 2000 feet and the other 3500 bringing you up to the Sterling Ponds. —Both sides of Spruce Peak are now skiable—Little Spruce has a new T-Bar—The Toll House slopes now are serviced by a T-bar, giving beginners a long run.

Mohawk at Cornwall, Conn. has a new chairlift.

Henke has come out with a radically different boot which eliminates lacing—using adjustable levers—it'll be well worth watching.—PHIL SCHORR

Harriet Berger proudly shows Marc Peter in his first ski sweater.

MIRAMAR SKI PATROL

Skiing is fun. Miramar's numer one interest is skiing and is doing its utmost to keep the sport as enjoyable as possible. In order to get the maximum enjoyment, one must feel as safe as possible. There is nothing more comforting than knowing there are people near you in time of any emergency.

To be prepared for any emergency, ten of our members took the advanced Red Cross first aid course. They sat through 15 sessions of intense instruction which included all the measures to take to minimize any serious damage caused by improper care or lack of care. First aid for a cut to a broken limb.

After completing the course, which highlighted winter accidents, they then took skiing exams which qualify them for the Ski Patrol. At present our club Ski Patrol, led by Gus Singer; consists of Ben Leven, George Lebolt, Walter Meierhof, Artie Berger, Leo Greenfest and Carl Glass. We hope to qualify many more this season and make it our safest yet

We hope the rest of the club can feel more secure knowing they have qualified people skiing with them Remember, have fun, enjoy yourself and cooperate with the Ski Patrol.—LEO GREENFEST

Shirley Feld, Charley Koslov and Ruben Steinberg snu themselves on the deck of the Mayhap during our annual yachting trip.

SOME WORDS ON HARPOONING GUPPIES

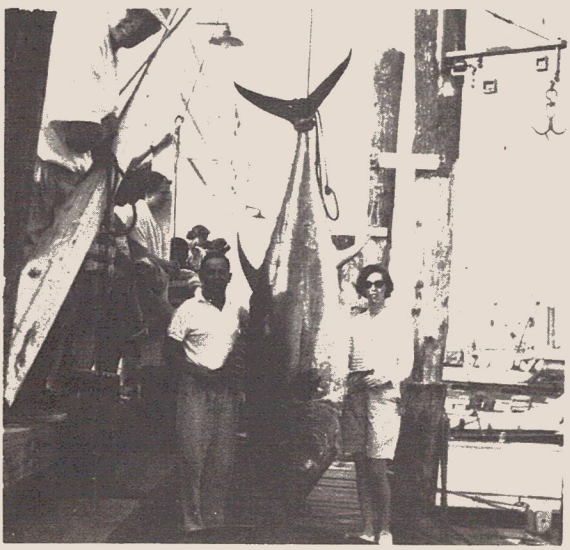
As prognosticated by "Bubbles" Recht in our last issue your fearless reporter once again engaged in his favorite summer occupation—downing the doleful denizens of the deep. (Guppies to you!)

Due to the shortage of hard hickory harpoons, (raw materials being snapped (up) by the ski industry) I was forced to use a new type—known as rod 'n reel.

And so, I reported for action at La Paz, Mexico, on May 21st, 1956, on dock No. 2, at 5:10 a.m. Mexican Marlin Time. Rumors had reached my ears that this season's guppies, having been affected by the Bikini underwater atomic experiments, had grown to prodigious size and had even developed their own harpoons (this tends to prove the old adage that truth is stranger than fission.)

My first encounter netted a Blue Marlin type guppy which weighed in at 106 lbs. The next day, after one hour and fifty three minutes, with the aid of a six ounce tip and 27 lb. test line, I boated my 2nd Marlin—weight 143 lbs.

For those of you who scoff, drop in for a visit and see the original on the wall, along with numerous other specimens.—All of which proves what I said before—**'truth is stranger than fishin.'**—G. LEBOLT

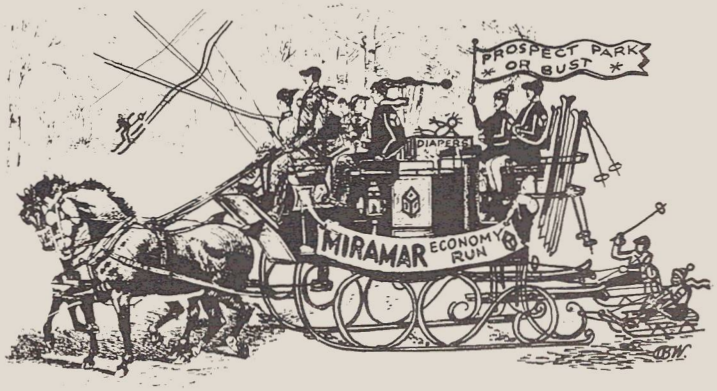


Jerry and Fran Klein harpooned this guppy this summer.

SKI TALES

Marriage still holds the lead in Miramar summer activities . . . heading the list are ex-prez **Gus Singer** and **Ruth Hochhauser** who spent part of their honeymoon water skiing . . . Vice-prez **Leo Greenfest** and **Helaine Weiss** did them one better and honeymooned up at Jasper-en-Quebec this summer (who needs snow, when you're in love.) . . .Two of Miramar's former secretaries who tied the knot this summer are **Jane Ellentuck** and **Mickey Morganstein** . . . Another interclub union was formed when **Lori Lamm** and **Stan Berliner** got hitched . . . **Max Gerber** and **Doris Schere** will cross skis on Dec. 23rd and spend 2 weeks on a ski honeymon in Canada. Max just bought a complete trousseau (one pair of Head skis) . . . Miramar may have a junior group before long — **Susan Klein** (of the **Jerry-Fran Klein** Klan) will be skiing this winter. Susan has a brand-new sister, who is called **Nancy Jane** . . . Not to be outdone, **Artie** and **Harriet Berger** have come up with No. 1 on the diaper parade, to the tune of **Marc Peter** (the drooling image of Artie without a mustache) Good fortune and bon voyage to **John** and **Pearl Tissavary** who will be heading for Europe where they will set up housekeeping.

Treas. **Walt Meierhof** saved up enough of his own to take in a World Series game and got his photo in the center fold of the New York Mirror to prove it. . . . Prez. **Carl Glass** and **Ceil Goldberg** made the papers by their rescue of a couple and their dog out of the East River whose cabin cruiser had been sunk by a tanker. Carl's ski patrol training came in handy for administering artificial respiration — Seeking more adventure, they took the wee 15 ft. outboard runabout on a summer cruise to Vermont. (**Mac Schwartz** is really living it up After returning from a deer hunting trip in the Adirondacks, with Olympic ski jumper Art Devlin. Mac will embark on a cruise to the Dominican Republic . . . It was very pleasant meeting skads of Miramaniacs at Tanglewood, including **Bunny Elsas**, **Cal Davis**, **Archie Hollander**, **Arlene Recht** et al.—and in the words of the King of Siam etc. etc. etc.—BERN BRODWIN



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