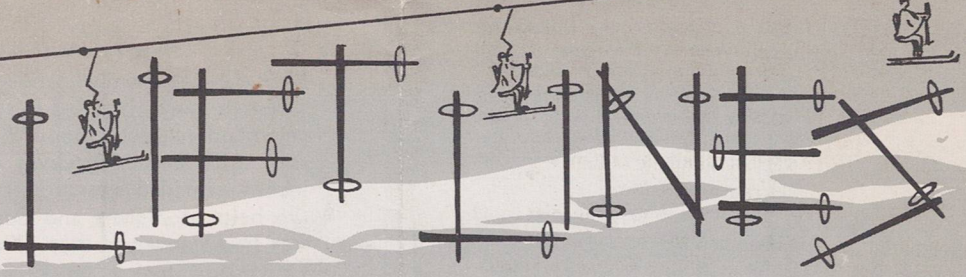




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New Year's (cont'd)

BUS #2—41 members and guests, caught in a festive mood, boarded bus 2 with Vern in command of motivation. We left promptly at 6 P.M. Bernie Brodwin, cheer and song leader provided monotonious music. With the help of Norma and Suzi Pick, melody was heard now and then. We stopped at the Crossroads for a quick snack and were greeted there by North Star Ski Club. We started on the last lap to Stowe at 9:45. At 12:00 a horn blew to announce the New Year's arrival to the jovial group! We reached the Pavilion Hotel at 1:30 A.M. sleepy but eager for the welcome we expected from bus #1 . . . wha' hopen????

The next morning the phone rang at 7:30 A.M. to let us know that the first day of skiing was upon us. We staggered to breakfast (due to lack of sleep and celebration beverages) and we were met by the wide-eyed crew of bus 2.

The rest of the trip ran smoothly . . . where is Diane Blitz??? On the way home Vern guided his missle with great success through the snow and sleet of Vermont. Bernie's choir entertained (?) us again on the way home, but we managed to take a short snooze before arriving at the Y at 1:30 A.M. Lou Kerstein complained that the snow machines kept him awake. A new guest from Queens kept the rest of the men awake.

Casualties on Bus #2—only one bent Head (ski). The victim Jerry Sacks. Thanks to Jerry, Lou, Harold, Bernie and Mac, we had a WONDERFUL TIME!

SYLVIA SACKS

STOWE NEW YEAR'S STORY

BUS # 1—Imagine leaving the city in the luxury of sunlight. Under the Holiday spell, we were serenaded in French by Liz Drucker and Jacques Milstein. With our course set for Stowe, we arrived at Montpelier in time to greet the New Year and entertain it, but sleepy heads refused to stay awake long enough to welcome Bus #2.

Unexpected warm temperatures brought even the snow bunnies out of the warming huts. Trip Leader Ben Leven, and staff members Leo Greenfest, Carl Glass and Phil Schorr started us off right, seeing that everyone could take two club lessons. We skied and skied and progressed every day. One more day, and we all could have skied the Nosedive, since I've been told every mogul had been flattened out by Stan Tannenbaum. The new buffet breakfast idea passed with flying colors. Early morning arrival at the slopes meant little or no waiting on lines for those first runs.

It was wonderful seeing old friends back with us. Mickey (Safferman) Milbauer with hubby Richard and brother-in-law David; and Pat Touhey. What could we ever do without Boris (S.T.)? Not only cocktail parties with a built-in glow, but all kinds of delicacies to go with it. And of course, music to dance by under the supervision of Bernie Brodwin who has finally confessed that there are one or two songs he is not completely familiar with. Dinnertime was a special treat for those sitting in the vicinity of Jack Gerber who is now learning to speak French.

With a feeling of great satisfaction about the skiing we had done, mixed with a desire to stay just a little longer, we left Stowe on Sunday afternoon with the snow and the temperature falling. Dinner at the Rip Van Dam in Saratoga really added the final touch to a perfect weekend. CYNTHIA BERMAN

IS SKIING A LOT OF SCHUSS?

Many think of a skier as a blur down a hill followed by a cast and a hospital bill.

They'll never know the thrill that is won when Miramar style is safely done.

We think that a skier who is uncontrolled Should quickly be read out of the fold.

Safety down the hill is all in the know-how, which starts for us in a slow, easy snow-plow. And not straight down—you can surely guess we first want to see your great big S.

From snow-plow to christy, and if all is well, like a champ you're soon skiing parallel.

These are the things we want you to know; and we've others—some go like so—side slip, traverse and wedeln—apres de ski and schone maideln.

So through the season, you'll be happier by far for weekends well spent with Club Miramar.

ABE RUBIN

THE BROTHER ACT

THAT DYNAMIC BALL OF FIRE you see orbiting around Miramar Ski Club is none other than *Howard Irwin Baker*. His latest and most successful contribution to the Miramar Ski Club was our wonderful cocktail social, held at the Empire in December.

Howie, which he prefers being called, has been a mainstay in the organizational duties so important in making a club tick.

His enthusiasm for sports was developed early in his life. During summer vacations, he was a camper, then counselor. One of the many incidents that he recalls from his youthful ventures at camp is the time he and his fellow campers were playing "Scout and Indian" against the counselors—accidentally, Howard broke his counselor's nose, whom they called "muscles".

Howard was graduated from Cornell University with a degree in Engineering. He had by this time completed his tour in the Navy. He then became a serious sports enthusiast. Won his letters for football, was on the rowing and swimming teams. Water skis (on one leg), hunts and fishes too.

Howard spent two years in Europe while working for the government. Vacationed at famous ski areas. He joined Miramar Ski Club only three years ago, and with his eager desire to be an active personality in our club, proved himself time and again. Last year he headed our raffle committee which was a huge success. He is also a qualified amateur instructor.

He likes wine, women and chocolate ice cream.



HOWIE

NORM

SKIER, SAILOR, SKIN DIVER AND ADVENTURER — This is *Norman Leonard Baker*.

Everyone remembers the way Norm walked away (rather skied away) with all the trophies at last year's Carnival. He won the Invitation race and several novelty races. Norm and Howie won a prize for their crazy costume too. Norm has passed his standard proficiency test and is also a qualified amateur instructor. He was even awarded a special pin last April—a broken bone pin.

As a youngster Norm developed an active interest in hunting, fishing and swimming. While at Cornell University where he was graduated with an Engineering degree, he won his letters for rowing and football.

Norm visited Alaska, before entering the Navy. After completing his tour in the Navy (where he is still in the active reserve) he set out to work for an Engineering firm in Colorado. Adventure still in his blood, he took off for the Pacific, where he met an ichteologist and sailed from Hawaii to Tahiti. His adventure was on a TV show called Bold Journey. No doubt he got plenty of skin diving and waterskiing.

He has been a member of Miramar for the past three years. He tells the greatest stories about his adventures and makes our bus trips a delight. That is, if you catch him before he uses the magic code XK-154J—which immediately puts him to sleep. (Maybe that's his formula for winning races: plenty sleep.)

Norm likes wine, women and vanilla ice cream.

COCKTAIL SOCIAL A BIG SUCCESS

Miramar's first pre-season cocktail social was a rousing success. A hard-working committee led by the relentless Howard Baker deserves our gratitude for a bang-up job done in spite of many handicaps.

The 300 persons attending had a real ball. The excellent snow reports from the north country did not affect the attendance. Miramar's own hot shots remained loyal to the cause by returning to the city Saturday night after one day at Bellayre.

Our own Florence Zinberg helped model those sexy stretch pants and parkas. The afternoon was climaxed by the awarding of door prizes, which were won by eleven girls and one fellow (mostly non-skiers). The #1 door prize (a free 2-day weekend with Miramar) was won by Miss Roberta Barsky.

LOIS MEIERHOF

NEW SKI AREAS

Two new major Vermont ski areas have started operating: Killington Basin and Sugarbush Valley.

Killington is actually one of 3 peaks converging at a common base area. The summit of one peak is reached by two Poma lifts running 4,600 feet. A third lift, which may be ready, will serve a second peak. Eventually all three will have their own lifts. The area's high elevation, exposure and gladed areas should provide late spring skiing.

Sugarbush has the highest vertical rise in the East. A 9,300 feet long gondola lift takes skiers to the top in less than 15 minutes. This is the longest single lift span in America. The glass enclosed cars run close to the ground and are stationary at terminals. A T-bar lift serves practice, beginners and novice areas.

LOU KERSTEIN

THE EARLYBIRD SKIING

With 21 areas in the northeast reporting skiing in the December 5th issue of the New York Times, the season got off to a rousing start. Several reports from some of our Miramacs follow.

Nov. 29-30—Harold Sussman trying to beat everyone to the gun by going to Mt. Snow, was disappointed to find only the baby chair tramway operating.

Dec. 5-6—Leo's story ("Yip Yip Yo") see below.

Dec. 14—18 Miramacs skied Bellayre on a cold, sunny day, with good conditions throughout the area. All lifts were operating and all trails open. Everyone, including "Igor" Glass had a good day's skiing.

Dec. 14-15—A weekend of excellent skiing was had by a number of club members at Big Bromley. The new chairlift, due to open early this month had only three towers in place!

Dec. 21-22—It's getting repetitious, but more superb was had by 16 Miramar people at Big Bromley. Saturday night they met at the Worthy Inn in Manchester for dinner and were served wine, courtesy of the owner, Fred Colclough. Jack Gerber and a friend took a run over to Mt. Snow and raved about the new outdoor heated swimming pool with outside temperatures hovering at 10.

"YIP YIP YO"

For some a 25 inch snowfall in November is a hardship. For us, it's a blessing with all the disguise removed. "What areas are operating?"—"How far do we have to go?"

Speculator, Stowe, Mt. Snow, Turin, Bromley are but a few reporting excellent snow conditions. First time out, no need to go far. It's either Speculator or Turin. Ski-Meister Lou Kerstein makes the decision. So with Ceil and Carl Glass, Phil Schorr, Max Schwartz, Ruth Freyer and brother Carl and Betty Steinman, we find ourselves at Spec.

"Should I practice new Wedeln technique or rotation—which should I work on". Then I remember; "skiing is fun." So with a "Yip Yip Yo" I zoomed down the slope. Snow plow, snow plow turn, snow plow christie, stem christie—longer and longer runs without stopping—no lift lines—wonderful snow—Five more months of skiing to go.

LEO GREENFEST

CAR JOCKEY'S CRUISE NEW ENGLAND

"Brunhilde", queens of the Volkswagens, provided luxurious transportation for her grateful passengers—proud owner Bar-keep "Boris" Tannenbaum, "Knicker" Tucker, and "Schuss" Schorr. She was escorted by a gas-devouring American job containing Les Hauer, Dick Klein and Harold Sussman.

Our first day was spent at Cranmore, with its ski-mobile. The runs were good to warm up on. The next day we shuttled over to Wildcat with its Gondola lift. We were told that it is not unusual for two strangers to enter this lift and to arrive at the summit engaged! Regrettably, none of us had this experience. The two trails from the summit, the Wildcat and Polecat are both rated expert. However the cover was poor, rocks and stumps kept us on our toes. This will be an exciting area in several years, with late spring skiing. The following day we drove to Cannon Mountain, with the aerial tramway. This would be a good club area except for the long lift lines. There are runs for all.

Next we went to old faithful Stowe, where the conditions were superb. We then headed homeward—refreshing our spirits and stomachs with a sumptuous banquet at Massey's, in Glens Falls. We arrived back in New York, with 1,000 miles clocked.

PHIL SCHORR

CHRISTMAS AT WHITEFACE

A substitute Christmas trip resulted in a wonderful four days at Whiteface. Stanley Ackerman, his wife Marilyn, Ray Cohn and I covered the distance to Lake Placid in 7 hours, arriving at the Alpine Motel in 25 below zero temperature. Christmas Day at Whiteface was cold and clear, with no lines at either chair. The two trails open from the very top were adequate for our season's first.

Our evenings were spent with a group of Canadians who joined us in hopping from one night spot to another; the Marcy and St. Moritz hotels, Mirror Lake Inn, and some of the restaurants in Lake Placid itself.

Saturday our Toronto friends talked us into a ride down the Olympic Bobsled Run outside of Lake Placid. After signing a release absolving the area from liability and donning the necessary crash helmet, I found myself flying down the iced runway, mostly at a 90 degree angle on the walls! Wowie!

An ice-skating date Saturday evening was pre-empted by a hockey game in the Olympic Ice Rink.

We met many charming people in the beautiful warming hut. It is decorated with large replicas of New York State Ski clubs and we were especially proud to see the Miramar patch prominently displayed.

After a luxurious and social four days without injury, I was greeted Monday morning with the news that the only other girl in my office fractured her wrist while ice-skating in Central Park! ALAYNE SPANIER

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