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PRESS RELEASE . . .

MIRAMAR SKI CLUB SPONSORS JUNIOR TRAINING PROGRAM AT JAMAICA HIGH SCHOOL

For the first time in the history of the New York City school system a junior skiing program is being started. This is being sponsored by the Miramar Ski Club of New York City, at Jamaica H. S., Queens. The club wishes to give this opportunity to teen-agers; that was not available to their members at that age.

Heading up this effort is Leo Greenfest, a leading member. He is a Qualified Ski Instructor and a Licensed Health Ed. teacher at the school. In its initial stages, instruction will be given on the school grounds under complete supervision. Later the students will be given a chance to ski at nearby slopes with professional instruction.

The Miramar Club is conducting a campaign to collect good used equipment for this project. Any contribution would be helping the future of the sport. Send skis, poles, boots, etc. to Mr. Leo Greenfest at Jamaica High School; or send a post card to the Miramar Ski Club, 215 W. 23rd St., New York City; indicating when and where the equipment can be picked up.

Miramar will present a trophy to be awarded to the student showing the greatest progress. The club asks all other ski clubs in the metropolitan area to get behind this program.

EDITOR'S NOTE—*We released this to the metropolitan press early this month. The alert ski editor of the World-Telegram seeing a real story in this, contacted Leo and got the facts for a good sized article on this pioneering of ski training for Gotham school kids. We are proud to be associated with this project. The executive committee has designated Bernie Brodwin, Howie Baker and Artie Berger to act as a committee to aid, spark and promote Leo Greenfest's inspiring program at Jamaica H.S.*

Leo is in the running to win the individual nomination for the L. I. Press Ski Trophy. Cast your vote by sending a post card to Frank Elkins at the L.I. Press, indicating your choice.

All members who have equipment they wish to donate are urged to bring it to the next meeting. Ten pairs of unclaimed skis in the store room will be contributed if not claimed.

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AN OPEN LETTER TO OUR NEW FIRST LADY

Dear Clair,

When you married our President, Ben Levin, on January 12th, you weren't even a member of Miramar yet—so first we want to welcome you to our midst. We hope you like us 'cause we think you are awfully nice. We were a little upset when you just up and got married and told us when it was all over. We forgave you, however, the following weekend when you spent your honeymoon on our trip and we all danced and drank at your "wedding".

Tell us Claire, when you met Ben last July at Fire Island and spent the summer sailfishing, skin-diving and crabbing with him, did you ever dream it would be like this, or were you too busy painting a sea-scape and getting your studio ready for your big interest—sculpture.

And now you've taken up skiing. After just a few short weekends it seems you've scored again.

Please tell Ben for us we wish you both joy and congratulate him and you on your respective choices.

Fondly,
THE MIRAMAR SKI CLUB

Our president, Ben Leven, and his bride, Clair

GUESS WHO

Who is she? . . . One of Miramar's better skiers in addition to being a most charming and personable "old-time member. She was born in the Bronx, the second of four children. Her mother was a nurse and this sparked an early interest in the profession for her. Nursing was something that just seemed to come naturally and that she was alwasy destined to do. She attended Hunter High School, Hunter College, got her Masters from St. John's in Brooklyn and is a graduate of nursing from Bellevue Hospital.

Her great attraction to water brought her to the Navy as a Navy nurse. She was stationed first in Brooklyn and then transferred to San Diego, Calif. From there she returned home only to have the Reserves call her back to active duty aboard the transports. She made several trips back and forth to Europe in this way. This affinity for the sea also brought her to the Moore-McCormack Lines with whom she shipped out, spending some time in South America. At present she is instructing nursing at Lenox Hill Hospital.

She has always been fond of all outdoor sports but skiing is her first love with swimming, tennis and ice skating a close runner up. She is also is very interested in campaing. Several years ago she breezed through a sailing course with Artie Berger.

She attended the USEASA convention last May in Portland, Maine and proved to be quite an ambassador of good will for Miramar in all the echelons of organized skiing. She made the then Governor Muskie an honorary member of Miramar which he graciously accepted and invited him to come to New York to enjoy some Long Island potatoes and homegrown lobsters.

Answer: CATHLEEN *(Cathy)* CARMODY

ED. NOTE:—*After a fruitless search through our large collection of Miramar snapshots, we have come to the conclusion that this charming gal is a shy one and stays out of camera range. Our photographer has a priority assignment to make sure that her sparkling smile lights up these pages in a future issue.*

Stan Tanenbaum reclines in the shade of Aviva Kanfiel, Clair Leven, Ceil Glass and Siri Zarco. The pasha has since joined the broken bones club. Hope you're back with the harem soon.

Walter Meierhof, Max Schwartz, Bernie Brodwin, Phil Schorr, Carl Glass, Lou Kerstein and Howie Baker, officially presenting the Miramar placque at the Whiteface warming hut.

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SKI-ING IS BELIEVING

It's six-fifteen Friday as I enter the bus
and all is agog with preparatory fuss.
But it finally settles down at last
for a seven hour bus trip, if it's fast.

I'm in line at the tow
it's less than ten below.
Frozen and numb I slide off the chair
I wiggle my toes to see if they're there.

And now for the fun
the fast down down hill run.
Watch the rocks—the bare spots—
the icy stretches—the what-nots—
How in the world can we really be thrilled
unless in the process we're almost half-killed.

Back in the office with the usual things
the weariness wanes, but the spirit still sings
Of standing on the top, with the clean white snow
covering hills beyond and the valley below;
Of well-timed turns—such ease and grace.
Of the delicious tingle of cool air on the face.

Bemused so in thought I sat all alone
And almost subconsciously reached for the phone.
"Save me a seat on the next bus—Ben Leven.
Skiin's the nearest thing I know to heaven."

—ABE RUBIN

ED. NOTE—Abe must now be as close as he can to the angels in this world. As this goes to press he is in the midst of an Alpine ski holiday.

A memorable trio at last year's Carnival—see you soon at this year's.

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''BROWSING

In our recent tour of the city's ski shops, we met one of the most dynamic personalities in the ski world. SIG BUCHMAYR who has been in this country since 1929 was one of the first instructors in America.

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—ARCHIE HOLLANDER

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JANUARY JAUNTS

Special Wedding Treat at Spec.—1/16

There it was Friday night again and some of us Miramaniacs and a few guests were off. This time lead by George Lebolt, we headed for the familiar slopes of Speculator. We all sang a little, chatted a bit and catnapped our way up to Amsterdam, arriving at the Peter Schuyler about an hour off schedule due to bad road conditions. Our hosts greeted us with hot coffee and donuts. After getting to bed, before we knew it . . . there it was, that old familiar ring heralding the news that the bus will be leaving at 8:00 a.m.

Ski conditions were excellent on all the slopes and everyone took advantage of this by skiing to almost the last minute. We all saved some of our strength for a big night ahead.

Our President, Ben Leven, had given the club a first lady, so we thought we might do something nice for him too. So . . . we had, with much thanks to Ceil Glass, the first wedding party ever given by Miramar, and it was a humdinger, with champagne, a delicious wedding cake and many toasts to the new bride and groom wishing them every happiness. The champagne worked a strange transformation on some of our most sober members. (One of these was my better half—I must admit . . . you were quite funny honey!!)

After one of our best Saturday nights ever, most of us made our way back to our rooms at about 10:30 feeling quite sleepy. With a good nights sleep, Sunday morning saw us rarin' to go.

On Sunday, as the day before, conditions were excellent with the addition of glorious sunshine. Could we ask for anything more! We didn't have to—it came in the form of a succulent sizzling steak dinner to climax one of the very best Miramar weekends.

ODDS & ENDS—Irene Adler, we hope the back injury you suffered doesn't keep you away too long. . . . Claire Topper, hope the fingers you hurt are healing fine. . . . Liz Drucker—you looked like a symphony in blue, skiing in your new parka and stretches to match. . . . and three cheers to Archie Hollander, Harold Sussman and Leo Greenfest for a Kuzatski well done Saturday nite. Think you could do it sober boys!!!

—LORRAINE SPIVAK

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Club Plaque Dedicated at Whiteface—1/23

Whiteface, here we come. A bus and two cars loaded with eager skiers led by Phil Shorr. En route—a fascinating discussion of the peculiarities of the Glass and Bogarty dogs. On arrival at the Alpine Hotel in Saranac Lake—donuts and coffee.

Saturday was a big day—Whiteface's first anniversary. We celebrated, singing "Happy Birthday" in the warming hut. It was sunny, but very cold. Conditions were not too good due to lack of snow and lots of ice. As a result, however, there were few people there and no lines at the lifts.

The Standard Proficiency Test was given by Judges Lou Kerstein and Howie Baker. Congrats go to Elizabeth Drucker who passed with flying colors.

At the party that evening we all glowed.

On Sunday morning an official dedication of the Miramar plaque took place. The staff members grouped on a big ladder in the warming hut and presented the Miramar emblem to Whiteface. A picture was taken to commemorate the event, and is shown in this issue.

The weatherman blessed us with snow on Saturday evening and flurries on Sunday, covering up the ice and making conditions much better. We had dinner at Massey's in Glens Falls and returned home before midnite.

—LOIS MEIERHOF

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Breaking the Ice Barrier at Stowe—1/30

— And, did we try! After the warm rain on Friday, a sharp drop in temperature transformed the entire Stowe area into sheets of ice—(known to skiers as "boilerplate"). It was an excellent opportunity for our instructors to try out a new technique for skiing on ice with a slight wiggle of the hips.

With unfavorable conditions and freezing temperatures, many of us found our way into the ski shop at Little Spruce to test and examine the new Wedeln machine, designed to limber you up and improve your form. When proper body motion is used, the board swings freely and rhythmically. After several runs on the machine, Bernie Brodwin felt that we were missing the best skiing in the "heat of the day". Our run on Little Spruce was a sight to behold. I can still see Carl Glass sliding into home plate, erasing a portion of his ski pants around the seat, ditto Ben Leven, with Bernie and Lou breaking through the ice in the treas. Claire Leven, Ceil Glass and Gloria Levensohn took in the acrobatic feats before sliding down themselves. Needless to say, we packed it in.

An attempt at having a weenie roast was made Saturday evening, unsuccessful only because we were just too stuffed to appreciate more food after dinner. The leftover hot dogs sure made a hit on Sunday in the Mt. Mansfield warming hut, served by Matt Gruen and Claire Topper who was recovering from frostbitten cheeks.

—CYNTHIA BERMAN

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