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The last issue of Lift Lines was late and this issue is later. I'm sorry. I'll try to do better.

Want to listen to my excuses? Well, there were 28 students in my day session freshman composition course and 27 in my evening course, and they all wrote 10 papers apiece. That's 550 papers. Then there were 35 students in one literature class and 36 in another, and they wrote three lengthy papers each. That's 213 papers. Then they all wrote, in the kind of handwriting that only abject terror can produce, three essays each on their final exams. That's 213 more. And I had to read and grade all of these between Christmas and mid-January.

You think that's bad? When I got home from skiing (must have some recreation) on January 5, I found that my neighbor had pasted a note on my door: "Ed, don't go in. Knock on my door, any hour." It seems that the pipe that feeds his john had burst on Friday night, roughly at about the time we got to New Baltimore, and the 50,000 gallon tank on the roof had drained through his foyer and, ultimately, into my unprotected apartment I had the only literally sunken living room in New York.

So, what with grading papers and bailing out my pad, I got a little behind on Lift Lines. I'm sorry.

And that rumor about the divorcee is completely false.(ed.)

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xmas week

We arrived at the lodge Sunday afternoon. Snow started falling that evening and continued to fall heavily into Wednesday morning. Monday's temperature was comfortable, Tuesday slightly colder, Wednesday the Deep Freeze set in, Thursday the Deeper Freeze set in, with Glen Ellen mid-station reading -27°. Unofficial readings quoted the "Chill Factor" (temperature and wind velocity combined) at -65° at Sugarbush. Friday, the last day of the week, was clear and slightly warmer.

At one time or another there were 49 people at the lodge, of all sizes and shapes, including 19 juniors. On Tuesday evening before dinner yours truly was shaving only to find myself running out of water. This was followed by Tomi's quiet voice booming from the kitchen, "Walter, there's no water." Lee, our ski bum, and I immediately proceeded to our sub-basement only to be greeted by a maze of valves and gauges that we didn't know what to do with. Only one person could get us out of this predicament, and he was traveling from New York in a snowstorm and not expected for quite a while, possibly not until the next day.

We proceeded to sit down for dinner, when the front door opened, and Eli Greenbaum followed by Harold Unger walked in, having just made it over the McCullough Turnpike in a heavy snowfall and zero visibility. Harold, right after dinner, started to check out the water system, only to find that our cistern was empty. At best we could have a limited water supply for the next 12 hours. On Wednesday night he volunteered to reline the cistern.

COMING EVENTS

and a few that went

Jan. 10-12	Pre-test ski clinic
Jan. 17-19	USEASA Ski Jamboree, Basic or Standard Test
Jan. 24-26	Miramar host to Met Council Races--Mad River
Jan. 31-Feb. 2	Basic test
Feb. 7-9	Slalom practise
Feb. 14-16	Standard test
Feb. 21-23	Basic test
Feb. 28-Mar. 2	Slalom practise, Standard test
Mar. 7-9	Intra-club races
Mar. 14-16	Open House
Mar. 21-23	AYH Race. AYH host
Mar. 28-30	Carnival
Apr. 4-6	Easter skiing
Apr. 11-13	Spring skiing
Apr. 18-20	Spring and sunshine skiing
Apr. 25-27	Springing and sunning skiing

On Thursday night the following award was made at dinnertime:

"To a Miramar member who has served above, below and beyond the call of duty: Namely, on the eve of December 24, with the lodgers near the breaking point, having been without water for several hours, Our Hero ar-

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CHANUKAH WEEKEND

The first Miramar bus trip of the 1968-69 season had to start on Friday the 13th, but with Judy Broder leading all was safe. Walking in the rain to the New Baltimore cafeteria, which was closed, should have been our first clue. The second clue was that Ray Cohn had lots of friends but little food.

On Saturday morning Marie Finney was in her best attire, with her shower cap topping off the ensemble. Laura Dominus was in her best Gray Rocks form for the first run down the chute at Mad River. Conditions were mashed potatoes to ice on the same slope. Fortunately for us conditions improved to allow Don Zipern and Sandy Flichtenfeld a good run down the chute. It had to start snowing because Harold Unger said so.

Saturday evening, Fran Eglowitz's hors d'oeuvres gave a gourmet touch to Miramar.

This was Miramar's Official Chanukah Weekend. Gifts of Chanukah gelt and dreidls were presented to Armand Jacobs' and Flo's kids.

We awoke on Sunday morning to winter conditions. Erika Mailaender followed Howie Baker's ski tracks into the woods. Blizzard conditions began to develop so we started to wonder if we might be snowbound. And, unknown to us, Bill Carney, our bus driver, was wondering if our bus would run. He called to tell us that he would be a little late, and 4½ hours later he arrived with a very sick bus. But at least everybody was happy at having finally gotten his money's worth at Sugarbush. While waiting, George Foster kept asking, "Why won't anyone ski ahead of me?"

Our goal was to get our ailing bus to Rutland. There we met Roger Maxwell with a beautiful Trailways bus. I was finally going to get out of my ski clothes. Cynthia Berman's words were, "Don't rush. Even new Cadillacs break down." At that point we got stuck on the curb leaving the parking lot. All the world loves a cripple, and the gimp, Harry Cohen, led the push. After that, everyone, including Cathy Carmody, slept well.

As we arrived at the Y at four o'clock Monday morning, someone remembered Murray Brettschneider's words when he called for this trip: "Good news! Last time someone had to go up in Max Schwartz's car, but this time everyone gets to go up in a nice fast bus."

--Perry Levine

Jan. 3-5 Weekend

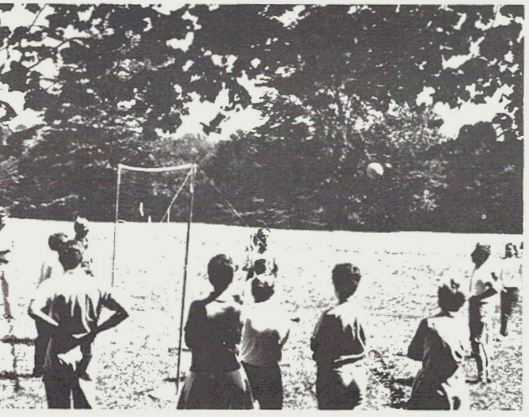
Skiing conditions were good at Sugarbush on Saturday and excellent at Mad River on Sunday for the January 3-5 weekend, under the leadership of Howard Baker. With a light bus and light hearts, Miramar skiers enjoyed a delightful post-holiday weekend in the snow.

The outstanding event of the weekend--for good skiing, good eating and drinking, and good organization are taken for granted--was a new driver, a new bus company, and a new bus. The bus, too high to go through the covered bridge in Waitsfield but warm and comfortable, got the group to the lodge early, and back home to the Y even earlier. Bob, our driver, made marvelous time, considerably shortening the unavoidable but hardly enjoyable travel time.

As for the weekend itself, everything went smoothly and everybody had a good time.

Last Summer's CLAM BAKE

Photographs by Sol Israel



S N O W BALL

The snow had melted by the beginning of April, but that didn't stop Miramar from throwing a really cool Snow Ball on May 17.

Forgiving us our press passes, the Overseas Press Club let us past the "Members Only" sign and onto their fourth estate inner sanctum. Someone pushed a button, and an elevator appeared (Talk about the power of the press) to run us up to the tenth floor ballroom, where we were caught up in a web of fellow skiers. Imprinted clearly on their faces was a look of pleasure at the good service of the OPC bartenders--they're no dummies--who helped get the evening rolling.

To offset the effects of the cocktail hour, the waiters brought us the good news that, out in the galley, dinner was ready to be served. Headlining the bill of fare was an international specialty, Beef Stroganoff on green noodles. And for dessert, our perennial favorite, the snowball.

Turning to the sport and entertainment section of the evening, we saw Harry Cohen broadcasting the big news of the season--the trophy winners. Intra-club winners came first: Bernie Gold, Men's Invitation; Harold Unger, Men's A; Gerry Jacobson, Men's B; Judy Broder, Women's Invitation; Rikki Robinson, Women's A; and Esther Melamed, Women's B. Other trophies presented were to Laura Dominus, the Most Improved Skier; to Allan Silk, who was Snow Ball Chairman, the Schussnik-of-the-Year; to Sandra Erlich, the New-Member-of-the-Year; and the final trophy, whose recipient was unknown to the master of ceremonies, was presented by incoming President Murray Brettschneider to Harry Cohen himself. Member-of-the-Year. A gavel, handsomely mounted on walnut and appropriately engraved to show our warm feelings for him, was presented to outgoing President Lou Lerner .

Following the announcements and presentations there unfolded before our eyes a tabloid in celluloid--the annual Miramar movie. Filmed and edited by Roz Seidler, Harold Unger, and Judy Broder, the motion picture captured the thrills and chills of our annual Olympiad, the intra-club races. With a sophisticated narration by Hank Solomon, this year's film is bound to capture an Academy Award . . .

Turning the music pages all evening was an ensemble of fine players headed by our own Gerry Jacobson, who also sang a few tunes for us. The late city crowd danced on until the musicians played their final note.

Judy Broder.

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rived on the scene. He proceeded to the sub-basement to survey the damages. After fiddling with the valves and tapping the gauges, he finally decided on only one course of action--reline the tank. The next evening he got into his polyethylene leggings and bravely waded into the Miramar Water Storage Tank, having been ably hoisted in by his two assistants, Armin Jacobs and Marty Winters. He proceeded to save us from a fate worse than death, no hot showers after skiing. As Trip Leader I bestow upon Harold Unger the Royal Order of Poly-ethylene King." (signed) Walter Meierhof.

In spite of our problems a good time was had by all.

Walter Meierhof

race weekend

As we go to press, the Miramar racers are waxing their skis and waiting eagerly for the events of the Annual Race Weekend, January 24-26. Races will be held at Mad River against other member clubs of the Metropolitan New York Ski Council.

A strong Miramar team under Captain Bernie Gold expects to sweep ahead of all competition in every event. In addition to the main events, there will be intermediate and novice races, free style and husband and wife competitions.

Going beyond the races, Miramar, as the host club, will hold a cocktail party and raffle on Saturday night.

Cathy Carmody, who has arranged, publicized, begged, cajoled, and bullied in organizing the races, is looking forward to a successful Race Weekend and to VICTORY.

Ginsberg in $ Post

Saul Ginsberg, who had previously served as Treasurer of Miramar, has once again been named to the post, replacing Herman Rubenstein, who found it necessary to resign because of the pressure of business.

Ginsberg . . . Rubenstein . . . the money's in good hands.

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