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HOTFLASHES: ANNUAL MEETING SET...SKI SCHOOL HAS GOOD NEWS...
AND BIGGEST YEAR...PATROL 100% LOCAL YOKELS....BETH CANDIDATE
FOR MISS GERMAN POTATOE SALAD...OR MISS CARAWAY SEED..HOLIKIDS
REVOLT...JANE GEIER CHASES JESS BELL...FRANK MUNSTER LOSEFSKE
PASSES OUT CIGARS...SINGERS SING A SONG OF SANKEY...KATY'S
BACK...EGGLESTONS HOLIMONT HITS...JUST CALL HIM CERTIFIED, IT'S
EASIER THAN GOLEBIEWSKI...DUTCH ROY WAS ON THE BOARDS...KARL
FAHRNER PARTY HIGH POINT OF SEASON...ABEL SCORES AGAIN...

APRIL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday 14th Board of Directors meeting Buffalo

Friday 21st Annual Spring Dance Dinner 7:30
Skylon, Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada

Saturday 22nd HoliHuts Annual Meeting 2:30 Walters' Chalet
HoliMont Annual Meeting 4:00 H'Mont Chalet

Post Meeting Dinner & Drinks 6:00
Chalet Soiree 8:00 Until

Ski School Staff Party, afternoon
Scotty's Alpine Appalachia

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

President enjoys isolation from 'Leaf. His message is enclosed. Let's have a big turnout for this his first annual meeting. He wants this to be a very productive meeting and I know he is putting a lot of effort into it. And, plan to stay for dinner and the party afterwards, we have some things cooked up to put the cap on the season. You'll enjoy it.

SKI SCHOOL REPORT

Big news around the Ski School: Big George Golebiewski who was persuaded to stop enjoying himself skiing and try his hand at instructing, by Scotty over at Poverty Hill four or more years ago, and who has assisted Scotty from the beginning of the H'Mont School, had his moment of truth at Glen Ellen in Vermont last week at the USEASA certification tests. Of one hundred fifty taking the rugged test, only half passed and George came through with flying colors. H'Mont will have two certified instructors next year, and, if Gary Pearson locates in the Buffalo area, now that school is over, we will have three. Bob and Pat Harter will be back; Jack Johnstone too, though Jack is vague about Merilee. If Morris Donaldson doesn't pass his physical at Wellesley, he'll be with us.... and Barbara Steward, too, and it now can be told, Barb has a husband, darn it, and a real nice guy. So, the Ski School is in great shape for next year.

And, Hear This!: Due to the abrupt end of the season, anybody holding unused books of tickets, hang on to them, Scotty will honor them next year. Also any new members this year who did were unable to schedule their free lesson, may take it next year. The school gave between five and six hundred lessons and for the first time turned a profit for the Club. Good Work Scotty...and you'll be interested to know that in nosing around for news, we never heard so many compliments for the work of your staff. Some of us hold-outs ought to break down and take some lessons next year.

In the first Annual Ski School Races, results were as follows:

Class	Gold Medal	Silver	Bronze
Nine and under	Don Cutler Jr.	Cindy Bibbs	Richard Lynn
Under twelve	Peggy Maloney	Moirra Farrell	Julie Bell
Under eighteen	Kent Eggleston	Kathi Maloney	-----

Over eighteen
I.D. Cards Required Jess Bell Jane Geier Don Cutler
Last place contestants in each class were awarded a free lesson, so they can do better next year. Note Bien: Jane Geier finally admits to being over eighteen, Hi Grandma!

Scotty and Barbara are throwing a party for the Ski School Staff in their beautiful home Alpine Appalachia on Poverty Hill Road the day of our Annual Meeting, after which they will join our wing-ding at the HoliMont Chalet. Maybe by then Scotty and Bob Harter will have their yodels down as smooth as their skiing and we'll hear a Ski School Yodel. Our family club is fortunate in having such a fine group of dedicated instructors. We like you!

SKI PATROL REPORT

Gary Richards a very early member of HoliMont and leader of our Patrol who is indestructible on a ski slope but can snap an Achilles Tendon trying to keep up with wife Olga on a tennis court, which he did last summer and still got in shape to ski this season, ended up the season with a pretty smug look on his face. He had reason to. He had excellent results from the Regional inspections and everyone of his Trainees passed their tests and may now be classed as Local Patrolmen. Ron Hileman passed his tests and is now a Senior. His group now numbers about fourteen and we were regularly supplemented by our first chief Bob Kreitner, and our old friend Ray Smith and four trainees and locals from Lime Lake.

Gary backed up by his assistant Jack Johnstone, veteran Red Cross First Aid Instructor is planning on an expanded Patrol next year. His organization will include a Training Officer an Equipment Officer with back-up trainees in each category. And if any member thinks that this organization is not of the utmost importance, it should be borne in mind that without it we simply could not operate.

Ever see a Ski Patrol Accident Report? I checked Connie Matla's, our newest member. One hour after husband Ron turned in his application and check, Connie became a casualty. Ray Smith was the patrolman and it had everything on it but the barometric pressure. In discussing this report with Gary, he told me that he has regularly checked with the hospital by phone, talked with the Doctors to see if the case arrived at the hospital in satisfactory condition. He said in every case he has received nothing but compliments on the work of the Patrol, which speaks well for the constant drilling they have been doing.

We have received letters to that effect, and several families have made unsolicited donations to the Patrol in appreciation of the excellent handling of their accident case. This money will go for more and better equipment for next year.

HoliMont has averaged less than two accident cases per day on weekends, which is phenomenal, since we have it on fairly good authority that an operation the size of ours usually results in from ten to twelve. Gary says he is confident the Patrol can handle most any case creditably, except perhaps a parturient one, if so many pregnant members continue to ski as they do at HoliMont, he may have to institute training in that department. That fertility tree over the door really works.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

The following name is published for the first time. Members have ten days to register an objection.

Ronald Matla, 122 Thorncliff Road, Spencerport, New York
Eastman Kodak Company

Wife: Connie; Children: Michael 7, Shawn 5, Natalie (can't count yet, or just won't say what her age is)

Sponsors: George Schlossel, Gary Richards

This makes twenty three in the current campaign. We also have a transfer application coming through, but we can't count it as a new one, though it will activate a membership that would otherwise be dead to us, and we love those active, live members. We need seven to make our goal of thirty before the annual meeting.....STOP!.....THINK A MINUTE.....please WHO IS THERE AMONG YOUR FRIENDS...AND GUESTS WHO HAVE SKIED HOLIMONT WHO IS ON THE VERGE...AND WHO WOULD SUCCUMB TO YOUR APPROACH...NOW... TO NAIL DOWN A HOLIMONT MEMBERSHIP FOR NEXT SEASON.....BELIEVE IT OR NOT MOST OF OUR MEMBERS WERE SIGNED UP IN THE OFF SEASON....and it does look like we're in the off season, doesn't it. Call somebody and let's go over the top. Please!

Following are the names of men who have sponsored new members. Two names go on each application. If a man's name appeared on more than one application the number will show:

Bob McHugh	6	Earl Abel	Dr. Love
Tom Gallagher	3	Jess Bell	Mike Luthringer
Hank Wright	3	George Davis	Bill Maloney
Ed Doyle	2	Phil Geier	Don Mellinger
Bob Forsythe	2	Jim Fuller	Dr. O'Brien
Dr. Mirehouse	2	Ed Hills	Gary Richards
Paul Philp	2	Dr. Hendershot	Gordon Precious
Dutch Roy	2	Ralph Krau	George Schlossel
WALLY JACQUES	2	NORM BYRNE	Charles Simpson
			Dick Walters

The names in caps on the list above deserve special note, they are new members this year.

According to the above, about twenty percent of our starting roster were able to give us about a twenty percent increase in membership. The President's slogan is still good 'Every Member - a New Member', especially now, because if this happens we can then really be a private club and close the gate.

MEMBERSHIP continued

It is our intention to continue our campaign as vigorously as possible until the roll is filled. Until this is done we can not adequately stabilize our program for operation and improvement of our facilities. Road work, parking facilities, chalet accommodations so necessary are all dependant on a broad base of support provided by full membership in the club. Otherwise we are forced to commercialize the operation by seeking public support, the very reason most of us joined the club to avoid. So, while thoughts of that beautiful spring skiing are still fresh in skier's minds, sign them up.

The following appeal is very seriously and sincerely made: If you have any suggestions that will make our membership campaign more effective, if you have any criticisms that will improve the character of the campaign, please make them known. At the risk of being trite, 'this is your club and by your action or inaction you will determine what it will be'.

We have plans. A membership packet should be ready for the annual meeting the 22nd of April. An incentive program has been proposed to make it attractive to sign up now. Don't wait though, any applications taken now will be covered on the new program.

We plan monthly 'open house' weekends throughout the off season to show off the place and so Al Boylan won't forget how to run the lift. Plan a picnic at HoliMont and bring your skiing friends down to see what we have to offer. This is how we sold it in the beginning; it's still our best selling tool.

Ernie Brunton, new Canadian member has come up with a good suggestion. He suggested having HoliMont parties in your area for prospective members. Have several members there too and as much of HoliMont as you can. If you need slides to show at such a party to show the fun group we have, say the word, we'll send them. If you want the large photograph produced by John and Pat McGarry and which excited so much interest at Buffalo and Cleveland shows, you can get it. We even have a supply of straw covered, empty, wine bottles, to prove we've had fun. We'll even send a bottle of Air-Wick that we are going to use in the lavatories next year, to help you make a fresh presentation of the HoliMont picture. We might even persuade our President to give up his visits to the Shakespearean Festival at Stratford to come to your party. Any fellow who can sell dental drills should be able to sell HoliMont, he'll put teeth into your program.....

NAME THE SLOPES

Marge Cornelison who heads the committee went to Snow Masse, Aspen to see how they are doing it. They are offering a free Ski Chalet lot and a year's free skiing as prizes. Well, Ollie Hazard will donate one used, 1927 vintage "Plumbers' Punch Bowl" as a prize - every family needs one. Send in your suggestions, Marge wants to be ready next season with names instead of numbers for our slopes.

Sis Steinhart, ski correspondent for the Buffalo Evening News visited us, gave us a nice write-up and came up with a novel suggestion. Why not name the slopes after cities from which the members come. Some suggestions: Toronto Twist, Buffalo Breezeway, Hamilton Heights, Cleveland Heights, Niagara Falls, Jamestown Jump, Warren Walk, Lockport Lane etc. What's your suggestion?

HOLIKIDS

With Nanci Walters discovery that a boy can be a 'friend', and Chris Oliver becoming addicted to Vail Colorado, and Kathi Maloney incommunicado, there's no telling what we'll have here. We tried to get Mikal Vaughan to write it, and she was off skiing Vermont; Laurie and Susie Davis are in Colorado, John Mirehouse has a broken thumb, Normie Brunton says he doesn't write American, Andy Gage says he doesn't know anybody, Greg Dekdebrun says his Dad only let's him write commercials, Mabel Whitaker says she's not a member, Dave Roy says he's busy with his snow plow, Peet Rapp said he has to study the stars some more, Jackie Prudhomme says, "Je ne parle pas bien l'Anglais" and Cindy Scharf said "Me too!", Bob Veillette said 'Dad says never put anything in writing', Cheryl Lynn said 'I'm busy with Gus Abel', George Abel said 'Ugh!', Kent Eggleston said he had to practice his geetar and Lynn Eggleston said, 'what! with a cast', and so about all we can report to you is the results of the Fahrner/HoliMont Club Races:

CLASS

I ages 16 - 17
II 14 - 15
III 12 - 13
IV 11 and under

GIRLS

Kathi Maloney
Betsy Walters
Mary Ann Harter
Peggy Maloney

BOYS

Greg Dekdebrun
Danny Merk
Kenny Roy
Michael Fuller

Ed's Suggestion: Why don't the HoliKids organize and elect some officers so we can plan a full program for next year, like the dance planned, races, hill parties, fox hunts, snow sculpting contests, snow dances, sleigh rides and what else?

MISCELLANEOUS

March was a great month at HoliMont. Skiing was magnificent during the week but spotty on the weekends.

Starting off the month with the Ellicottville Winter Carnival a lot of people 'discovered' HoliMont in the exchange between Holiday Valley and our area. Many of our people discovered the Fire Tower and how to get to the Valley over the hill. The costume party was the greatest with Frank Losefske fooling everybody with his Frankenstein Munster costume, Jack Swanson as Santa Claus did a big business and Scotty Lavtar as a befuddled novice skier with ten foot forty year old skis and an eight foot ski pole gave an exhibition doing the Telemark Turn, the like of which we'd never seen, and it's on film.

The next big affair was the Ellicottville Ski Club/Karl Fahrner Day, March 11, with a great Bavarian Dinner by Beth McHugh, a square dance and much fun. Buffalo Attorney Ed Siemer presented the Iron Cross to Fahrner who yodelled up a storm; Bob Siemer a legend in his time, gave out with the squeeze box and some songs and it was by all accounts a party to remember.

On the 18th, HoliMont had a large delegation as guests of the E'ville Ski Club at their Chalet in the Valley, and we saw how the other half lives. They live very well. The buffet was like the Waldorf and the Crab Chowder by Doug and Sam Robbins was a masterpiece. Buffalo attorney and bon vivant (we should be so bon) Jimmie Wilson recited "Sheridan's Ride" in such fashion that by the time we got to Winchester, we knew we had that war knocked.

It was a perfect Easter morn, still, flawless sky, bright beautiful sunshine, comfortably cool. Earl Abel was ready with a planned hilltop service, which will live with us for a long, long time. The improvised pulpit of beer cases and snow, an organ on a Sno-Cat, the fabulous view from the top of # 2 for a backdrop, sixty members and guests made up the service. Hymn sheets and responsive readings from Corinthians were supplied. Jean and Beth alternated on the pump organ. After an opening hymn Earl led the readings, another hymn and Bud Oliver read the Gospel of the Mass. A magnificent solo was sung by a member of the Toronto Opera, Jim Copeland guest of Jim Fuller. A short original sermonette by your editor and that was it. Many experienced an uplift that was new. Coffee and doughnuts followed in Dick Walters' Chalet and we were off to a perfect day. If the season had to end, it could not have ended more beautifully.

HOLILEAVINGS

Where to start and what to say on one page, when there are so many many people we'd like to throw a bouquet to, or a thistle maybe? Take the Egglestons for example, on vacation at H'Mont pitching in helping Al Boylan, selling tickets...just very helpful and very nice people...Art Hilger quietly doing dozens of things in the background...Jack Derbyshire, not a member but in there pitching with the Patrol and on Public Relations.... ... or take Bob Rapp the sacrifice he makes getting people to drink his wine and making everybody sing...it isn't every club that has a member who can wear a white ski hat with authority, such authority...from now on it's thistles for Jess Bell, for I've noticed that the only time we get any Bonnie Bell samples is when Julie comes...and what's Bob Sankey got that the whole gang was singing him a song when he left for home Easter, he can't give any samples away can he? Then there's that Dick Travers, all heart, he says the fellow that took one of his brand new Shakespeare poles, should come forward he'll give him the other one so he'll have a pair....speaking of pairs, Les Fox and Janie Geier paired up to supply the Easter eggs for the Egg hunt....Marsh and Sue Davis had the biggest Ros Bif party Elsigans' Chalet colony ever saw...George Davis did the arrangements for Rochester to donate the speakers, but the guy who is becoming Mr. Music at H'Mont Earl Abel, did the work and supplied the records and all the rest...and much more... Our cashier Doris Grenchon would get a bouquet from me except I know she has Rose fever...I'm sure I saw her getting feverish when she was talking to her sister...but what a job she has done for us...and I'm saving Al Boylan for next time, after all we may have snow yet and it's best we don't tell him yet what kind of job he's done....It was good to see Katy Logan back on the boards and looking more charming than ever..I'm just repeating what Karl Fahrner said to Kay-tee...it's also good to see all the Canadians back from Europe and I can't start mentioning names because the list is too long...let's have a long list of people at the Annual Meeting...everybody should be back from everywhere by then....what a bunch of travelers...I wrote to Charlie Richmond in November, he answered last week, just got back...Fred Gratwick skied once, just got back since early last fall...Had a letter from Conservation Department...want to know what we'd like to do with the State lands...anybody want a project? Or should we organize some work weekends on our own place....doggone if I'm not running out of space...well, it's been our best year, better ones are coming just keep those membership application blanks coming in and we'll have the finest skiing with the finest people in the country. See you the 22nd.

John Mc Hugh