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HOTFLASHES: CHIEF SAYS MORE FUN JUST BEING INDIAN....FLAGMAN COMES THROUGH....HAZARDOUS PARTY BIG SUCCESS...SPAGHETTI SUPER BRINGS OUT CLEVELAND LATIN WITH SCOTTISH ACCENT....CANADA AHEAD IN MEMBERSHIP RACE....DERBY DERBYSHIRE DAZZLES DIRECTORS LOCAL POLICE SAVE ULLA FROM DROWNING...LIPSTICK ON HILGERS NEW FLOOR...BOYLAN BECOMES AREA SUPERVISOR..*LEAF HOOPER RATING NIL

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Lumps are expected in this job, but I didn't expect them to fall so fast and with such force! The question of the subjects to cover next in this spot was answered by events since the last issue of the Holileaf - a new subject almost daily. For the sake of reporting, they fall in a logical sequence.

MANAGING DIRECTOR It is my unhappy lot to announce to you the resignation of Bill Merk as our manager. The move is one predicated on economics. A man of Bill's caliber requires more income than we, as a fledgling Ski Club, can afford to pay him at this time in our history. Although the Board recognizes the great indebtedness we have to Bill as our founder, it was also recognized that sentiment, however noble, would not serve to put bread on the Merk table or put Holimont on a strong financial footing. We also have a debt to our members. We also have a debt to Holimont's future.

With these thoughts in mind, the reluctant acceptance of Bill's resignation was inevitable. He is still a director; he is still a member. We wish him well and expect to continue to lean on him heavily as we grow in the future.

Our good friend, Al Boylan has consented to keep things in motion as Area Supervisor.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER continued

Al will report directly to the President and has the backing and promise of any needed assistance of the Board of Directors. He has a special feeling for HoliMont and HoliMont people; we have a great deal of confidence in him based on his first-hand knowledge of the area.

FACILITIES My neck is all covered with knicks because I stuck it out in the last Leaf by stating we were ready to roll with the first snow. The neck is out again, but this time from first hand knowledge. We are ready to go!

Apologies won't help but one is due all of you who stood by and saw a perfect ski-week-end go down the drain. This is particularly true of those who brought guests and prospective members with them. As the reports came in, I was embarrassed for you. The week-end cannot be regained but you have a promise everything possible is being done to see that we don't have a repeat.

We had a bad break, but this doesn't mean we have to cover ourselves with sack-cloth and ashes for an indeterminate period. Much was learned and if it had to happen, it happened at the right time rather than when the season was in full swing.

Your letters and phone calls, although unhappy ones were appreciated. I wish there had been more for it is better that you express your feelings to your Board than to blow up a storm among yourselves. Your Board wants to hear the good and bad at all times. Believe me, they will listen.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS These men have been doing themselves proud. There have been times when I have felt like an animal trainer in the wrong cage, but it is becoming more and more a pleasure to work with them. They are all moving in the same direction, not as a rubber stamp but as a group deeply concerned with the interests of HoliMont and you, its members. They have been putting in long hours at meetings and what seems like longer hours driving to and from meetings in all kinds of weather. I would be remiss if I didn't put in a word for their long-suffering wives. Bless their good natures!

FINANCES A Committee composed of Board members and the Executive Finance Comm. Chairman, has been working with the Bank to set up a program that will put the Club on solid ground. This will clear up our cash flow and get us moving forward instead of sitting on dead-center. We hope to have a package to present to the membership-at-large at a general meeting January 14. Please set this date aside; if we can make it by then, and we expect we can, you will receive more details in a special mailing. Hope to see you all at the New Years Party; if not, the best of everything to you all for the New Year and a great year for HoliMont

BOARD MEETING

Meeting held Dec. 2nd in Buffalo. Directors present: Ditious, Gartner, Hettich, Merk, Raismon, Swanson, Brownell and Scribes Tarbell and Groves. Summary of important items of business: Earl Watson's Ways and Means Comm. recommended and Board approved: \$ 875 Initiation fee be continued. If deferred pay plan is plan elected, member may*balance of \$875 net within 12 months, but must elect to do so by end of fiscal year in which he joins, 12/30 If not paid within 12 months, then total fee will be \$ 1,000. Day rate fees for Canadian groups accepted at Canadian Par. Delinquent members names be posted in Chalet and published in Holileaf after Jan. 1, and skiing privileges be denied. Special cases may be approved by the Board. Aerial photo of area with HoliMont boundaries to be prepared for posting in Chalet. Discussion of conversion of short term demand obligations to long term open end arrangements putting Club on firmer footing. Ski School contract discussed Discussion of Public Relations and Promotion Program, and Membership Campaign. New look taken at operating budget in view of foregoing programs. Conclusions: Membership roll must be filled and guest income must be increased substantially to avoid deficit this year. General Membership Meeting set for Jan. 14th to acquaint and discuss conclusions of the Board. (*PAY)

Charles Groves, Recording Secretary

HOLIKIDS

Blame it on the Christmas Mail situation, but we don't have a report from our correspondents Chris Oliver, Kathi Maloney and Nanci Walters. It is not because they have not been working; we know differently. We also know that the number of HoliKids will be increased by 19 if all the present applications for membership are accepted. Kent Eggleston (15) Lakewood, Ohio writes that he would like all HoliKids who play instruments and would like to form a combo for after ski fun, get in touch. He can use guitars, drums and organs especially. (What kind of organs, Kent?) Kenny Roy says that any HoliKid who wants to start off the New Year right with a Duck, he has twenty seven, and he's getting tired of chopping them out of the ice in the Pond back of Dutch Roy's Lodge. He says they fall asleep floating on the water and in the morning are frozen in place...believe it or not! He says it's a good thing they float, or it would be a deep freeze. He took honors at the summer fairs with one named Diablo, after George Abel. Kathi Maloney is practicing driving up hills; she says it's so she won't have to wait for Mom and Dad to go skiing. I heard it was so she can get up to Abel's cabin. Ken Watson could help you Kathi.

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND PROMOTION (The Derbyshire Story)

What Otto Schniebs did for the wooded Hills of HoliMont, Jack Derbyshire is doing for the HoliMont image. His three page report to the Board of his activity since he was retained Nov. 11, shows a real Pro in action. Some items in that report: A new HoliMont Signature, new color brochure designed, printed and on its way to 8,000 members of Western N. Y. Skiers Inc. Mbr. Charlie Richmond's group, numerous contacts in Radio, TV and papers in the Buffalo area, a projected plan of promotion that should put us on the skiing map this year but good. But who is Jack Derbyshire? Well, for one thing, he and his wife Cindy are on the H'Mont Ski Patrol. He is now and has been for five years Public Relation (P.R.) Supervisor, Sylvania Electric, Williamsville, N. Y., a member of the P. R. Soc. of America, V.P. Niagara Frontier Chap., member Nat. Management Assoc., was news editor and announcer WBTA, Bureau Chief Buffalo Courier Express, Public School Art Teacher, P. R. Acct. Exec. large Buffalo Adv. Agency, a weather observer U. S. Army, and a father to Martha 14, Madeline 11, Traverse 10, Catherine 8, Andrew 6, and Margaret 2½. First heard of H'Mont from Ski Patrol stalwart Ron Hileman, then talked with Ron Hettich, joined our Patrol, caught HoliMont fever and decided to tell the World about us. After his first weekend at H'Mont with Blue Sky and Powder Snow, we asked Jack his impressions of the area. He said, "Other than the fact I buried a ski tip six inches in the unfrozen ground once, got wiped out on Trail 5 trying to stay up with my daughter, was stiff as a board on Monday, my family and I had a great time. On the way home Sunday night, one of my children said, "Gee, everyone is so nice at H'Mont...." I think that sort of sums up the Club rather well. The combination of excellent slopes and trails, the esprit de corps, and the magnificent view add up to some significant attractions, and I believe it won't be long before your membership is filled. I hope I can help make HoliMont one of the most sought after ski resorts around here." That's just the beginning of the Derbyshire Story. To help him continue it, he is very interested in hearing from the membership both for ideas, and especially from any of you who have outlets for publicity for our area. Jack is at work on feature material suitable for publication in your local paper.

FLASH DERBYGRAM: ART HILGER, OUR MAN WHO PUT THE CONCRETE FLOOR IN THE CHALET, HAS ACCEPTED CHAIRMANSHIP OF OUR OPERATIONS COMMITTEE TO WORK WITH AL BOYLAN, AREA SUPVR. IN CHARGE OF BUILDINGS GROUNDS, LIFTS AND MACHINERY. COMMITTEE MEETS THIS WEEK WITH AL.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

The following applications for membership have been received:

Stanley S. Benjamin, Box 154 County Line Rd. Gates Mills, Ohio
Vice-Pres. Erickson Tool Co. Solon, Ohio
Wife: Jeanne; Children: Barry 16, Timothy 14, David 9
Sponsor: Dick Walters

Dr. William Farrell 104 Inverness Ct. Hamilton, Ontario
Medical Doctor, 212 James Street, Hamilton
Wife: Cecelia; Children: Jim 16, John 14, Moira 12, Edward 9,
Paul 7, Peter 2
Sponsor: Tom Gallagher (No. 2 for Tom)

David W. Swetland, Daisy Hill RR 3, Chagrin Falls, Ohio
Executive, 907 Park Building, Cleveland, Ohio
Wife: Mary Ann; Children: David 18, Ruth 15, Polly 5
Sponsor: Phil Geier

Richard N. Waterous, 301 Dufferin Ave. Brantford, Ontario
Lawyer, 20 Wellington Street, Brantford, Ontario
Wife: Joan; Children: Jeffrey 12, Johanna 9, Jane 7, Adam 5
Sponsor: Dutch Roy

Norman E. Byrne , 19 Thorndale Crescent, Hamilton, Ontario
Barrister: 166 John Street South
Wife: Mavis; Children: Kathy 13, Norman 11, Shelley 6
Sponsor: Gordon Precious

Following Applications are in transit, the names are submitted for your approval, family detail will appear in next Holileaf:

Robert A. Burgart, 1240 Crittenden Blvd. Rochester, New York
Jack Stradwick, Deborah Crescent, Burlington, Ontario
Bradford Colbert, Toronto, Ontario
Dave Newlands, Lake Shore Blvd. Burlington, Ontario

If all applicants are approved, this will give us ten new members under the new program, seven from Canada, three from the States. A reminder: Our promotion will bring lots of people to Holimont. Our temporary chalet will be crowded. Special effort will be called for in housekeeping to make our guests welcome and as comfortable as possible. The sooner we fill our membership roll, the sooner we can build our permanent, ample Chalet....so, remember the slogan: EVERY MEMBER - A NEW MEMBER!

SKI SCHOOL REPORT

As another ski season begins, I have my movie camera ready to take more pictures of HoliMont Skiers. I have those taken last year assembled in a movie entitled "SKI ON THE SAFE SIDE". I shall be showing this film at our parties, beginning New Years. My Staff of instructors this year is made up of: Jack and Merilee Johnstone, Big George Golebiewski, Popular Bob and Pat Harter, and, a new man Morris Donaldson. Gary Pearson, I am sorry to say is away at College this year. Ollie Hazard will not be teaching this year, he is busy with other assignments (Ed's note: "...like husbandhood and fatherhood?"). Morris Donaldson is an English teacher at U. of B. and resides in Eden, New York, (there'll be no English taught on the slopes).

Ski School rates will be posted in the Chalet. HoliMont members will get a \$1.00 reduction off lesson rates and books of tickets. Every new member this year will receive one free lesson from the Ski School. Private lessons are by appointment and you may choose your own instructor. You may also organize a fun group of friends who ski about as you do and arrange for a series of group lessons at reduced rates. Why not get off to a good start this year by having a Ski School instructor give you a check out. You'll ski better, faster and your enjoyment of the ideal slopes at HoliMont will be more complete.

The Racing Team: Those who entered our official races at HoliMont last year rated as follows: JUNIORS, Bill Kuhn 1st, Jerry Scharf 2nd, Karen Merk 3rd; SENIORS, Gus Abel 1st, Danny Merk 2nd, Kenny Roy 3rd. All those interested in racing, please sign up with the Ski School Director. You must be a member of USEASA to participate in sanctioned races. I have applications. Let's put the HoliMont Racing Team on the map. There will be several races held in Western N. Y. this year. If you qualify in five races, you can be supported by the Niagara Ski Council. I shall be more than happy to assist parents with their children in racing to get them to the top. I know we can have a very good racing team at HoliMont.

Scotty Lavtar, Ski School Director, Certified USEASA-PSIA

(Ed's Note: Scotty was commended by the Board last year in a resolution, for his work with the youngsters in slalom and down hill, above and beyond the call of duty. While you may not be raising an Olympic contender (we have one in E'ville) having your child participate in the time trials, lends purpose to his learning. We need some volunteers for this junior program. Remember what a thrill it was seeing the kids get their awards. We need some gals with warm hands, feet and hearts on this project and somebody like Ralph Krau to head it up.)

SKI PATROL NEWS

We have four Senior Patrolmen, Ron Hileman, Jack Johnstone, Olga Richards and Chief Gary Richards. We have an indeterminate number of local patrolmen, fellows like Bill Merk, Ray Smith, and, 20 trainees. Jack Johnstone is our Certified Int. Red Cross First Aid Instructor. He has been quietly doing this job for five years. and is presently conducting twice weekly classes at H'Valley and Kissing Bridge, as well as doubling in Brass as an Instructor in the Ski School. The Johnstone Story is an interesting one covering Army Ski Patrol at Berchtesgarden and the Army Biathlon Team, and including romance in the hills of Holimont with Merilee(Carpenter) our first homegrown Holikid and grandmother (Dorie Carpenter). Quite a Man! We need more men like him on the Patrol, especially on weekdays. Any of our Physicians who ski during the week, who can double on the Patrol, Jack and Gary would like to talk with you. We have been asked to caution our members that if there is a skiing accident, PLEASE DO NOT ATTEMPT TO DO ANYTHING WITH THE VICTIM OTHER THAN SHIELD THEM FROM THE WEATHER. Even releasing a binding may have bad consequences unless you know what to do.

HOLI-HIJINKS

Royal Canadian Doug MacKinnon who knows a party when he sees one, and can make one if it is not, announces the Annual New Years Blast and calls for HiJink skits by area groups; the idea being to provide some homegrown entertainment. Anything goes from bustles to bikinis (noodity is banned). If you have a costume wear it. If you can sing, recite, dance, do acrobatics, harmonize, mimic, pantomime, you're on and MacKinnon is your agent. If you did not receive your announcement in time to reply, come anyway, it should be a ball, with a well known local character as Father Time and a suitable member as Baby New Year - Ulla whose predictions rang a bell at the Dec. 10th Ulla-fest, is expected back to repredict for those who did not hear him the first time.....Now then, when Ollie and Marcy Hazard put on a party, the only hazard is you might miss it. They imported a genuine Eytalian Chef in the person of Mike Pitella of "My Place" restaurant on Rt. 219 to prepare the spaghetti and meat balls for Kathi Forsythe to dish up. Holimont Friend Hermie Altenfelder of Dick Fischer's Ski Shop E'ville, brought along a guitar strumming fellow, Arnie Lanza (no relation to Mario) who it turns out is great on Irish and Scottish Ballads but doesn't know "O Sole Mio". Ulla, the God of Skiing (in the person of Dr. Bob Vaughan) who knows his way around snow, got mired in the mud and rain and was rescued and delivered to the Chalet by Officer Charles Trethewy, E'ville Policeman, in the squad car, with lights and siren screaming, yet. They never saw anything like that in Balhalla!

HOLILEAVINGS

Snow conditions? Call in Cleveland 241-4130, Buffalo TT3-0733, Rochester 473-3180, in Hamilton and Toronto listen to the Radio, our contract with Skiing Unlimited covers all media within 100 mile radius of H'Mont. If you don't hear it or see it let us know. The HoliMont Chalet new number 716-699-8989 and there are about 15 H'Monters with phones in E'ville. What a Christmas present we had, began snowing Thursday noon and it has been snowing just about continuously up until we go to press...Al Boylan has had the packer going almost as continuously day and night to keep ahead of it. (He has no time to hunt Shim Shack)...and what a sight to see Dick Travers with a foundation garment holding his ribs in place, and the Tompkins Ski School operating, and the Fuller Kids poleing up the road, and Mike and Ellie Luthringer out in force, And Raisman without a girl, (first time in history) trying to follow Bill Mark, and the Geiers with Tim and Mike, and Kirby's with a Mike, and Germanows, all of them, and Mirehouse Menage...and on and on just like mid-season last year...it was great! The Bob Rapp family missed it...he and Beth McHugh had a joint birthday party in the new Rapp Mansion Friday the 23rd..the card said 77 years total making them each 38½..well Beth is older than that by experience, and Bob younger...anyway he didn't make it skiing...nor did McGarry who says anybody who wants a copy of that beautiful picture of the slopes shown at Cleveland and Buffalo can have one mounted on hard-board for \$ 25.00 a copy...Tommy Gallagher who is getting all the members has donated a fine Canadian and U. S. Flag for our Chalet.. And Ted Buell has relighted his Pointe de Vue beautifully...someone said it looks like the Queen Mary coming out of the hill at night...what a sight with all the chalets lighted for Christmas... That fellow in Korea who subscribes to the E'ville post has sent Brownell a letter asking about membership...Bud Oliver who has an important part in the New Years Party, has produced 75 membership tags; to simplify things they will be with Doris Grenchon at the ticket booth..if you have lost yours Bud will make up another on order, probably for a consideration...Chief Brownell says it was more fun just being an Indian...I hear he is classed as a Viking at Ritters..Chief also says forceful like "Get out a new Roster, will you" So, will all you Indians who have not sent in your family data, please do so..this fellow is heavy when he gets on your back....Is it possible that the HoliKids could take on the job of policing the Chalet...papers, bags, cups, bottles off the tables and into the cans....that lipstick on the new concrete floor was put there by Ginny Twitchell who bent down and kissed it the first time she saw it...somebody said we should have left one square of gravel for old times sake..probably George Davis...who drove to the Ullafest in his mobile apartment..a brand new Dodge house on wheels--air conditioned yet....and as we head into what should be HoliMont's best year, The 'Leaf extends its best wishes to you.

John Mc Hugh