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HOTFLASHES: GALLAGHER BREAKS THE MEMBERSHIP BARRIER...BROWNELL BREAKS THE HOLILEAF PICTORIAL BARRIER...BOARD BREAKS THE TIME BARRIER....HILGER FILLS A HIATUS...ANYBODY FOR SHIM SHACK HUNT HENDERSHOT RUNNING FOR HIS LIFE....JESS BELL'S ENGLISH ACCENT HOLIMONT'S DERBY SHIRE...HOLILEAF PREDICTION CAME TRUE, FINALLY

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

First, the photo is being run over my loud protestations. I've been told, however, that I'm not as well known in Holimont, Inc. as I might be. So, with ego pricked, capitulation seemed to be in order. Promise; it won't happen again. When and if I do become "known", I hope it is for the right things.



"Those that won't be denied, can't be denied", is an old proverb that I just made up. So, "THINK SNOW!" Our slopes will soon be covered with beautiful white stuff and we'll be on our way to a great season. And, that's a promise! Pity the poor, staid, non-skier who has only long weeks and longer week-ends of slush, dark skies and cold, to look forward to, while we have Holimont and the warmth of good fellowship and all that goes with such blessings.

There's more in the air than snow for Holimonters these days. It's an up-

surge in spirit. People are asking how they can help, rather than waiting to be asked. Reports on prospective new members are good from all areas. And this is good. Also, it's an area in which we can all shine! Managing Director Merk reports all work is on schedule and we'll be ready to go with the first snow report.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER continued

It wouldn't be quite honest to try and give the impression we do not have any problems, but, most all of them can be solved by filling our membership roll. We have within our grasp the greatest privately owned ski area in the East. By filling our membership we can throw away any doubts of success a few timid ones might have, and put the whole thing in our back pockets. A full membership guarantees all the progress we've made so far, great skiing for life or until Medicare takes over, whichever comes first, and, eventually lower assessments. Holy Pocketbook!

For the timid ones with doubts: my brave days are over! If I wasn't sold on the success of HoliMont, I wouldn't have my neck sticking out by taking on this basically thankless job - I'd be over at Holiday Valley standing in a tow line, waiting for the season to open. How else are you going to beat the crowds at these commercial ski mills? Get the point?

Don't tell me you joined to ski and not to work, because I did too. It's a privilege to belong to an outfit like HoliMont, but when we don't pull our weight, it becomes all privilege and no responsibility. Not a healthy situation under any condition.

Let's put to work a new motto, for what should be a short pull: "EVERY MEMBER - A NEW MEMBER"

See you on the slopes!! Soon!

BOARD MEETINGS (Report from Pres. Brownell)

A short report on what your Board has been doing since you last heard from it. It has to be short, a long one wouldn't cover it.

In a nut-shell, they have been meeting at least once a month in stuffy motels since last spring. This includes the summer months while the rest of you were sipping gin and tonic at home on your patios. Some of the results you already know. You would think we would run out of problems to solve, but it's amazing how many our membership can think up.

It's quite an experience, for instance, to be collared by a very beautiful girl at the Oktoberfest and then have your expectations dashed when she breaks into a long and serious discussion about smelly plumbing! The equipment, by the way was there last week-end to take care of that one. But none of the books or magazines I have read on skiing say anything about smelly plumbing.

BOARD MEETINGS continued

Our last meeting was November 11. November 11 and 12 would be closer to the truth, for it was a long one and covered a wide range of subjects such as: ticket pricing for the upcoming season, jobs to be completed before snow flies, HoliMont boundaries Job descriptions, policy on interest on HoliNotes, dues credits for \$1,000 and \$1,100 memberships, faster ways of processing new applications, etc., etc., etc. Many of these will be reported on in detail through bulletins to the membership and in the HoliLeaf. The point is, the Board has been working.

Some of us living in the Southern Tier and Rochester didn't make bed until five A. M. Saturday morning! Cold sober, too, in case your evil little minds are running away with you. It has to be that way or we would be looking for new wives.

Individual meeting reports will be given in the Leaf in the future.

HOLI HUTS REPORT

To answer some questions, HoliHuts is a separate corporation within HoliMont. It is comprised of 62 lots for ski cabins on 23 acres of land. Individual lots are owned by members of the Corporation, who must be members of HoliMont. It has its own officers and directors and operates independantly of HoliMont. Its President is Dick Walters of Cleveland, who reports thusly: In case you've lost count, there are now twelve houses on the hill. Hammers have been banging all summer and fall; now each chalet is battened up tight for winter. Architects and designers take note: there's great talent available in this group: individuality, freshness, unique color and design are the highlights. The welcome mats are out to all present and prospective HoliMonters.

There are not many places in this country where you can ski to your front door, or where you can walk out in the morning, put on your skis and make the first run down the mountain to the chair lift. A number of people plan to build next spring--- why not join us, there are a few choice lots left, but not many.

(Editor's Note: So many townspeople and visitors have commented on how charming the lighted cabins look on the hill, suggest a contest for the best lighted cabin this year. We think Art Hilger would have taken honors last year.)

SKI SCHOOL NEWS

The first weekend of snow, the Ski School will have a pre-course clinic for all the instructors and those interested in teaching. Those interested in the pre-course please sign up with me, my address is below. Also Otto Frei will conduct a pre-course and examination for Professional Ski Teachers at Holiday Valley Dec. 11 - 16. You can write Dick Ferrick at the Valley for information.

HoliMont Ski School will have the same instructors as last year and possibly a few new ones. I attended the Niagara Frontier Ski Council (NFSC), in regard the racing team. Anyone interested in racing, must be a member of the United States Eastern Amateur Ski Association (USEASA). The office will supply the necessary forms to be filled out. This is necessary to qualify to compete in any sanctioned race in the Western New York area and out of state too.

The NFSC program and race schedule for 1966 - 67 will be posted on the bulletin board in the HoliMont Chalet.

The Biddy Committee was the most successful group that responded last year for the special group lessons. Big George Golebiewski taught this group. I would welcome any new ideas you may have in regards to these special group lessons.

Now is the time to get yourself in condition by exercising so you can enjoy your skiing safely.

Scotty Lavtar, Director
Poverty Hill Road, Ellicottville, N. Y.

SKI PATROL

Gary Richards our Ski Patrol Chief, reports he has room for a few more patrollers, especially during weekdays. If you know of patrolmen in your area who are not committed, or who have time available, Gary would like to hear from you and them. If you know of any skiers who have had standard and advanced Red Cross First Aid, Gary would like to talk with them. It might be worth pointing out that you can have lifts and slopes and snow, but if you don't have patrolmen, you're out of business. While we have Gary on the fire, did you know that he pulled his Achilles Tendon playing tennis last summer. The repair job included a steel wire up through the heel to the calf and back to the heel with little buttons holding the tension. Gary has been working it back in shape, expects to ski come snow. He even helped fill Hilger's Hiatus and that wasn't easy.

HOLIKIDS

Anxious for Snow? GREAT!! We know all of you avid ski fans are just bursting at the seams for the 66-67 season to begin. The Farmer's Almanac has a good report for us. They're saying 'Snow by Thanksgiving', and that's why we are trying to get the junior activities ready NOW! And these activities will only be successful if enough show interest. Many of our younger skiers showed great potential last year and we're confident that we'll have a tremendous team this year.

Some of the ideas for the oncoming season are a scrambled word game, a spy game, snow sculpture, broom ball, various games pertaining to the different Holidays, such as Valentine's Day, and all sorts of races. The races include relay, obstacle and others. However we are in need of many more new ideas. Please feel free to send us your ideas. Also if you can suggest things for after skiing or games that don't necessarily need to be played on skis we'd appreciate it.

Another idea on the agenda is an activities calendar. We are in hopes of sending these out so you will be informed as to what is happening when. Also a calendar will be placed in the Chalet as soon as enough show interest and we can make one up.

As you probably recall, a questionnaire was placed in the Holi-leaf last Spring. At the end of skiing the response was not too good and we feel that at this time it is most important that these be returned. Members in the various areas have been asked to contact you as a reminder. They are: Nanci Walters, Cleveland; Karen Mirehouse, Hamilton; Sally Germanow, Rochester; Kenny Roy E'ville; Kathi Maloney, Buffalo. If you are not included in these areas you will be receiving a note in the mail.

If you cannot find last year's questionnaire, would you drop us a note and answer the questions at the bottom of this page. This will indicate to us where your interests lie, so we can plan our activities. Each member of your family should send one to Chris Oliver, 10 Parkwood Drive, Snyder, N. Y. 14226.

HoliKid Correspondents

Chris Oliver, Kathi Maloney, Nanci Walters

Please tell us your name, address, age, grade in school, if you are interested in helping run activities, if you are interested in racing, cross country, games, parties on the hill, singing, ice skating, after ski parties, wiener roasts or any others. Tell us your new ideas, what you liked best last year and what we should concentrate on this year. REMEMBER, HOLIKIDS IS YOUR ORGANIZATION----SO LET'S ALL SUPPORT IT-- AND HAVE FUN

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

The vigorous Membership Campaign suggested by Earl Watson's Ways and Means Committee is bringing results. The Open House gave us almost a hundred names to follow; the Buffalo Ski Fair produced about twenty requests (including a mysterious one signed Mabel, and smelling of Chanel 6). We don't have the results of the Cleveland Fair which our Ohio Members so generously sponsored. We have set up a procedure to process these names, a letter from Pres. Brownell and follow up by a committee member. Under the whip of the Pres. and Director Stevens the committee has had 5,000 information folders printed, one of which is with this Leaf. It tries to put the H'Mont Story in a nutshell and should help carry out the Pres.' Motto, "EVERY MEMBER - A NEW MEMBER". If you need more for distribution let us or your area rep know. To increase our exposure we are inviting groups to use H'Mont, and are producing invitations for use with individuals. The instructions on the rules for these two activities will be in detail further on. Dick Grainger is attempting to arrange for a top International Pro to ski HoliMont a weekend in late January as a means of publicizing our area. If they don't know of it, they can't join it.

So how many new members do we have? Well, it looks like six solid ones with many more in the offing. Your Chairman thought he could announce one new member approved, but the Chief said, "NO, FOLLOW THE BY-LAWS!". So I must report to you the properly filed application (the first in our new program), of

C. Wallace Jacques (Wally) 36 Cait Court, Ancaster, Ontario an importer of Food Products, proposed for membership by Tom Gallagher and seconded by Hank Wright of Hamilton, a golfer, sailor and, family man, according to wife Marge, and evidenced by Bob age 10, Doug 8 and Nancy 3. Any member who knows any reason why Wally should not be permitted a marriage to HoliMont, is bound in conscience to make those reasons known to the Membership Committee within ten days, or forever hold his peace. (How's that, Chief?)

Tom Gallagher thus becomes the first member of HoliMont's new Hall of Fame and will be presented with the first icicle of the season. Keep it up Tom, the Canadians represent only about 24% of our membership. (Editor's Note: Wouldn't it be good if the Canadian contingent were to donate a Flag to fly with a U. S. Flag at the entrance to HoliMont?)

Word from Dick Travers, Jim Fuller and Earl Abel indicates three more Canadians are about to apply; Bob McHugh says he has one Damyaukee too. In accordance with our Chief's directive all applications will henceforth be reported to you in the Leaf before acceptance.

NEW NAMES IN THE NEWS

Our Chief announces the following additions to his working team:

Ted Tarbell, Buffalo, as corresponding secretary for the Board.

Ted and wife Taffy are old E'ville Ski Clubbers. When asked about his qualifications, Ted said, "I have an efficient sec'y"

Charlie Groves, Rochester, as Recording Sec'y for the Board.

Charlie is the conscientious fellow who supplied the screen and projector for the annual meeting and was an anchor man for Jack Kirby's Oktoberfest. His first meeting went seven hours, 26 pages of notes and two benzedrine pills.

Jack Derbyshire, Cowlesville, N.Y., as Public Relations Man.

Through Ron Hettich we signed up Jack and wife for the Ski Patrol, and then, since he is a Pro P. R. Man, we just gave him the title and the job. His personal relations must be good too, he has six well-behaved children. His presentation to the Board was a darb, but he pronounces his name: durbeeshear. Cowlesville? That's in the boondocks East Southeast of Buffalo.

RULES FOR THE GAME

The Game? Making HoliMont known to more people and generating some additional revenue.

Individual Invitations, which will be available in quantity, may be given to any interested skier. When signed by a member and with the name and address of the recipient on the back, entitles the holder to ski for \$ 5.00, one dollar off the day rate of \$6.

Complimentary Invitations, for a free trial day of skiing for a really hot prospect will be available from the area rep. Must be signed as above. Members may give personal complimentary invitations by noting on the back that the fee is to be charged to the member's account.

Ski Clubs and Groups, of at least ten, may be invited to schedule a day or weekend. The Manager should be notified of the date.

Members are permitted to give an invitation to each member of the group, which when properly signed gives a dollar credit, plus 10 %, so the club and group rate will be \$ 4.50 each per day.

High School and College groups may make special arrangements with the Manager or Treasurer

There you have it. Let's canvass the Ski Clubs in your area and make arrangements with the Manager. Invitations are being printed and will be available from the Manager, Dir. Stevens or the Membership Committee. Let's put HoliMont on the Map this year with more people. It should be understood that while this effort is to produce revenue, guests should understand that it may be limited or cut out, and they better join up, for that is real purpose of this program.

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