

# Ottawa Ski Club News

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**Why we should ski this year.**—Beset as we are with troubles and worries, real or imaginary, with the end of the world in sight and the constant fear in our mind of "What's going to happen next", it is more than ever necessary that we should spend at least one day a week in the open, on the snow and on skis, to get a sane and cheerful view of things. A day in the "White Silent spaces" will cause us to realize that some things that we look upon as essential are not perhaps so important after all. Compared to the bumps on the trail, the bumps of life are as nothing. Like Antæus of old, who rose stronger from each contact with Mother Earth, we will come back stronger from our outings, full of determination to face whatever odds there are. Let us keep up our ski-ing!

**The main purpose** of the present issue of the Ski News is to remind you of the **General Annual Meeting** which is to be held at the **Chateau Laurier on Wednesday, Dec. 7th**—next Wednesday,—at 8 p.m. and of which you have already been notified by post-card. The main business of the meeting is to elect a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Secretary-Treasurer, two Auditors, a President of the Ladies' Committee and seven Directors. It should have been stated on the card that written nominations for the above offices were in order, but somehow, this was left out. If you desire to nominate any one, for any of the above offices, kindly do so at once, by letter addressed to Herbert Marshall, Secretary-Treasurer, O.S.C., 217 Carling Ave.

The election of officers for the ensuing year is the "raison d'être" of the Meeting, but not the only "raison". Your officers want to discuss the policies of the Club with you; they want to know your opinion, to be guided by it. You should always attend the annual Meeting, were it only to show your appreciation of the work that is being done. A well attended annual meeting is a guarantee of a successful year. It is, at any rate, a great encouragement for the officers to work for the Club.

This year, in addition to the usual run of business, by special arrangement with the National Parks Branch, there will be a presentation of a highly interesting and educational film, never yet shown to the public, and specially prepared for the purpose of teaching the turns, swings, jumps, in which every skier should be proficient.

**Another purpose** is to enlist your active co-operation in a strong, aggressive, never tiring and never ending membership campaign. There is need for recruiting every year, but there is greater need than ever this year. The snowless winter of 1931-32 has dealt very hard with us, and our revenue has dropped to a point when we can barely make ends meet. There is however great comfort in the thought that those who are left, who took the bumps cheerfully and stuck manfully and loyally to their Club, are old, tried members, who can be depended upon to do great things for their organization. Let us get to work with a will, all of us, with the determination of bringing our membership back to what it was before the slump, so that we can work towards the accomplishment of our program which is, as you know, to make our ski-ing rights safe, develop our trails and improve our lodges. Be prepared to come to the Annual Meeting with the **attached application form** filled in by a friend, and do not forget your membership renewal form.

**Cheers, we have a Slalom hill!** A Slalom hill, as every one knows or should know, is a hill long enough and steep enough for the holding of a Slalom race, and a Slalom race is a race in which the competitors, starting from the top of a hill, and going with gathering momentum all the way down, are called upon to turn around a number of obstacles, at full speed, before they reach the bottom. The competitor who gets to the bottom in the shortest time without spilling the beans, that is, without upsetting any of the turning posts, gets the cake. Of British origin, the Slalom race never was very popular with the Scandinavians, who would rather mix the climbing and downhill stuff. This continual going down, down, down, is too hard on the nerves, they say. We have Sigurd Lockeberg's authority for the fact that all the Norwegians who tried the Slalom became wrecks in no time. However the Slalom race, although still a subject of controversy, is now a well established institution.

No Slalom race was ever held by the Ottawa Ski Club because we had no suitable hill. Dome Hill, Bald hill, Great Divide, Traveler's hill, McClosky's hill, are all either too short or of too uneven a grade to allow for a sufficient number of swift turns. So whenever a Championship event was awarded to us by the Canadian Ski Association, the President of the Association would remark in commiserating tones "It is too bad the Ottawa Ski Club has no Slalom hill". And the President of the Montreal Ski Club would be sure to add, in gentle tones of sarcasm "Why don't you chaps move over to God's own country, back of Montreal, where every hill is a Slalom?" Of course some one from Ottawa would retort that we were not the only ones without a Slalom, that no other club had a Slalom hill, save perhaps in the Rockies, but that did not help us any; we, who boasted about being the biggest ski club in the world had no Slalom hill, no slope where a proper display of skill and technique could be made. It was most humiliating; it was galling!

But while every one in the Club was moaning, feeling horribly disgraced and talking about moving the headquarters of the Club a hundred miles or so further north, where maybe a break-neck hill could be found, Old Man Joe said nothing. He was looking around, observing, scrutinizing, thinking as usual. He spent the whole of last winter going over every rising inch of ground around Camp Fortune, looking up and down, measuring degrees and angles, leaving no stone unturned under which a Slalom hill could be found. He was still at it when the creeks in the mountain threw off their covering of ice; he kept at it when the mosquitoes drove every one else out of the bush. At last one morning, when the first yellow leaf announced that the fall had come and that another winter was not far off, Joe hailed in President Mortureux's office and remarked in casual tones "I have a Slalom hill. Call your Executive and get me an appropriation of two hundred dollars. I want to clear it for the Dominion Championships."

"Where is your hill" said the President when he had sufficiently recovered to speak.

"Right at the door of Camp Fortune or within five minutes of it. It is nearly half a mile long, with a thirty degree grade in most parts, and good for sixteen or eighteen turns, at full speed, three or four more than they can make at Shawbridge."

"Joe", said the President, "How can you expect me to believe that there is such a hill right at our doors when we have been looking for one all over the country for the last ten years?"

"That's just it" said Joe "You have not been looking for it in the right place. The hill is there, I am telling you; we can go and look it over if you like."

Two hours later Joe and the President were painfully climbing the slopes of the newly discovered hill. The President had to admit that the hill was there, very much in the rough, it is true, but capable of improvement, and offering possibilities for hair pin turns, long turns, short turns,—all kinds of turns, in any number and at any speed.



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM—OTTAWA SKI CLUB

Please fill in and return with amount of fee to Ottawa Ski Club,  
McGiffins, Sparks St., Ottawa.

Name in Full (print).....

Present Address .....

Last Year's Address .....

Telephone No. ....

Age, if Junior or Intermediate.....

Were You a Member Last Year?.....

Amount of Fees.....

*Certificate of parent or guardian to be attached for junior or  
intermediate members.*

(OVER)

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP—OTTAWA SKI CLUB

(FOR NEW MEMBERS ONLY)

Senior Membership .....	\$5.00	Inter. (14 to 17) .....	\$2.00
Ladies .....	4.00	Married Couple .....	6.00
Junior (under 14) .....	1.00	Non-Resident .....	1.00

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I hereby apply for.....membership in the Ottawa Ski Club  
and I enclose the sum of \$.....to cover Membership Fee for the  
current year.

Address (*For Club Literature*).....

Residence Phone..... Business Phone.....

(*For JUNIOR OR INTERMEDIATE MEMBERS only*)

Date of Birth..... Age..... Years

*I certify that the applicant is of the age stated,*

.....  
Parent or Guardian.

*The amount of the above subscription must in each case accompany the  
application.*

Proposed by .....

Seconded by .....

*Please fill in and return with amount of subscription to  
Miss Mildred Ashfield, Membership Secretary, 150 Third Avenue.*

(OVER)

This renewal form is to be used only by those who were members in good standing in 1932. Members rejoining after a lapse of one or more years should use an "application form for new members." If you are resigning, kindly give your name and address and write the word "resigning" across the face of this card.

This form should be returned to "Secretary, Ottawa Ski Club, McGiffin's, Sparks St., City.

An application for membership must be endorsed by a member in good standing. When this application is accepted, a 1933 badge will be issued to the applicant. This badge should be **sewn**, not pinned, on coat or breeches. Badges are **strictly not transferable**, and **cannot be replaced**. Soiled or torn badges may be exchanged for new ones for the sum of 25c.



There was no money in the treasury but somehow money was got, and Joe cleaned his hill, removed the stumps, the stones, the trees, the shrubs, on a width of fifty feet, raked it and made it as smooth as glass. And so a disgrace that had been hanging over our Club for ten long years is now removed. We have a Slalom hill, as good as any in Canada.

Standing on the look-out, to the right of the President's camp, one can see, a little to the south-east a long ribbon starting from the top of the opposite ridge, passing through John Ryan's property over a distance of over two thousand feet and ending in the valley below. This is the new Slalom hill, the "Big Cut" as Joe calls it. He wants to invite the Prime Minister and the members of his Cabinet to inaugurate it next winter. This will be done, of course.

To John Ryan who graciously allowed us to cut this new trail through his property the Club is everlastingly grateful.

**A ten per cent rebate—To every Senior or Lady member or every new applicant for membership who will pay his or her fees before January 1st 1933, a rebate of fifty (50) cents will be made.** In other words the cost of a membership fee will be \$4.50 for a Senior member and \$3.50 for a Lady member **if paid before Jan. 1st.** It will be \$5.50 for husband and wife. The cost of Junior or Intermediate membership fee remains as it was:—\$1 and \$2 respectively, as that class of members is already carried at a loss.

**What to do with the forms.**—You will find inserted in this issue (1) A Membership Renewal form. (2) An Application for Membership form. The first one is for you. If you can send your fees along with it, very good. If you have not the money ready, send your form in anyway so that we will know that you are going to stay with us. The application form is for that friend of yours. More application forms may be had any time at McGiffin's on Sparks St. (Two doors from Royal Bank.)



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**Charles Ogilvy**  
— Limited —

**Who is paying first?** The Assistant Secretary of the Ottawa Ski Club, will be at her desk, at McGiffin's Store on Sparks St., two doors from the Royal Bank, ready to receive fees, on **Monday, Dec. 5** and every day thereafter, except Sunday, **from 12 noon to 2.30 p.m.** and from **4 to 6 p.m.** On Saturdays, the hours will be from 9.30 a.m. till 1 p.m.

**Just to show them** that we are still alive, if they are not, and that we have not lost hope that they will come back repentant to the fold, this issue of the Ski-News is being sent to some three hundred Senior and Lady members who forgot to pay fees last year. If they are heard from before Dec. 15th, they will also receive a copy of the Canadian Ski Annual.

**The Dominion Championships.**—Just a line to remind you that the Dominion Championships have been awarded to our Club and will be held by us on the **third week-end of February.** And there will be a Slalom race this year as well as an ordinary race and a jumping competition.

**There is snow in the bush.**—There is, or at least there was, last week-end, fifteen measured inches of snow in the bush, a bit hard and crusty on top, but not at all bad. Two inches of loose snow over the top of this should give ice conditions.

**At Toronto** last week, some three inches of snow fell on the "Summit" the ski-ing grounds of the Toronto Ski Club, and at once six hundred members of the Club came out, over half of whom, we are told, paid their ten dollars fee **on the spot.** This item is just being published for general information.

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## SKIERS—ATTENTION!

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To introduce our Ski Department we are offering, at our Xmas Sale, high grade skis and supplies of the latest designs and best makes at prices hitherto unheard of. Remember this is not a sale of inferior goods, but is genuine in every respect. We invite comparison.

**Hickory Dome-Top Skis, all sizes, \$9.50**

**Ladies' Ski Suits, Short Coat, Balloon Slacks, \$5.95 up**

**Ski Boots, Highest Grade, Leather Lined, \$7.50**

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Joe Millar  
Manager

**The Sport Shop**

223 Bank  
Street