

Ottawa Ski Club News

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An unusually early winter! So says this young and green generation who has been brought up on depression, ten per cent cuts and short rations, but we, old timers, who have lived in years of plenty and have seen the lodges of the Club, back in the twenties, jacked up six times in succession during a season to keep them above the snow line, call it just a normal winter. The thing that is not normal is that you have not been out yet. What is the matter with you? The doors of your jail are open and you hesitate! A whole world is yours, to wander in, and you hang back! Do not however, rush in head first, at least not until the snow is well packed. In other words, check. . .

And for this untrammelled freedom, for the rights to pass through fields and woods, for the well kept trails without which it would be well nigh impossible to travel through the bush, do not forget that you owe thanks—and fees—to the Ottawa Ski Club and please do not keep us long waiting for your fees. The **Ottawa Ski Club Office at McGiffin's 102 Sparks St.**, is now open and ready to receive your fees for 1934. Seniors and Lady members paying their fees before January 1st will again benefit by a 10 per cent reduction (Seniors \$4.50, Ladies \$3.50.)

The Annual Meeting—Once more, we commend to your attention the Annual General Meeting (Wednesday Dec. 6th, 8.15 p.m., Convention Hall, Chateau Laurier), where you may, by your presence, show your appreciation of the work done by your Executive and help in planning this year's programme by your suggestions. **Let no one be missing.** Again, this year, two Educational Ski films of a high order will be shown by our friend J. C. Campbell of the Interior Dept. and also a skating film, the latter just to show that we are not afraid of competition from any other form of winter sports. Prizes won at the competitions held in 1932 and 1933 will be distributed at the meeting.

And we also commend to your earnest attention the letter from the President of the O.S.C. Forestry Preservation Society published on page 2 of this issue.

The Society, as you will see, is actuated by a noble motive, that of saving the few trees that are left around Camp Fortune so that this generation and the following may not have to emigrate to other and better managed countries to see what trees, big or small, look like. The object of the scheme is to place funds at the disposal of the Ottawa Ski Club, so that the Club may pay off the heavy debt which it has already incurred in the purchase of land, and buy more land and right of ways if necessary. A bazaar will be held in the middle of February, to which you will be admitted on presentation of a membership ticket in the Society, and with this ticket you may win a brand new Ford V-8 and a number of other prizes. Two books of five tickets each are enclosed herewith. Join the O.S.C. Forest Preservation Society, by buying a membership ticket—get your friends to join!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Editor,
The Ottawa Ski News,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sir,

Certain members of the Ottawa Ski Club have obtained the sanction of the Directors of the Club to the formation of the Ottawa Ski Club Forest Preservation Society. We take this opportunity of setting out for the information of the readers of the Ski News and the general public, the idea behind the formation of the Society.

The wonderful hiking and skiing territory, of which Camp Fortune is the hub, is always in danger of being ruined by wood-cutters and of being made inaccessible by the construction of fences and the erection of "No Trespassing" signs by the owners of surrounding properties. We do not object to wood-cutting in general. The only commercial value the land in the vicinity of Camp Fortune has to the owner is the value of the firewood which can be taken therefrom. We do object to the complete clearing of whose sections where no attempt is made to save the saplings and undersized growth so that the soil and moisture may be preserved and the forest growth eventually re-established.

To the nature lover, nothing is more depressing than the sight of acres of stumps and bare rocks, denuded of all tree growth.

The Ottawa Ski Club has made splendid efforts from time to time to preserve the forest areas on the ridge lying to the northwest of Old Chelsea, by the purchase and protection of land but this has proved a serious drain on the resources of the Club. With the reduced membership of the last two years further purchases of this kind will be difficult or impossible without some extra assistance.

We have therefore organized the Forest Protective Society as a special effort toward raising funds for the purchase of additional land in the vicinity of the Club's present holdings.

In many instances the trails favored by hikers and skiers pass through private lands. The Club cannot guarantee that all those who follow its trails, many of whom are non-members, will always avoid damaging private property. The Ski Club has always done everything in its power to educate the public in this connection but it cannot control all those who visit the hills in the vicinity of its lodges. Private owners may quite properly prohibit trespassing and by so doing, render inaccessible that delightful territory around Camp Fortune. We believe that the purchase of a few areas of land at certain strategic points will insure uninterrupted access to this marvellous playground.

The Officers of the Ottawa Ski Club Forest Preservation Society, are, the President, A. George McHugh, the Secretary, J. C. Leslie, and the Treasurer, Herbert Marshall. The whole purpose of the Society is to give assistance to the Ottawa Ski Club toward the preservation of the woods and forests in the vicinity of the City of Ottawa. There are three classes of membership, as follows:—

Honorary Members, who will pay a membership fee of \$5.00 or suscribe a larger amount.

Ordinary Members, who will pay an annual fee of \$1.00.

Associate Members, who will pay an annual fee of 25 cents.

In order to arouse interest in the Society it has been decided to number each membership ticket for a distribution of prizes. At a bazaar to be held about the middle of February duplicate numbers corresponding to the numbers of the membership tickets will be drawn for. The capital prize will be a Ford V-8 Coach and the other prizes will include ski equipment, sporting goods, etc.

The membership tickets are being put up in books of five and will be sold at 25 cents each or one book for \$1.00. The distribution of tickets is in the hands of Mr. Bert. Liberty who may be communicated with at the Canadian National Freight office next the Union Station Branch of the Bank of Toronto. Two life memberships in the Ottawa Ski Club will be awarded, one to the distributor who places the largest number of books for sale and the other to the individual who actually sells the greatest number of tickets. Further details of this competition will be explained later.

We bespeak the support of all members of the Ottawa Ski Club and the general public for this cause. In the autumn, thousands of Ottawa people spend many pleasant hours hiking over our trails and enjoying the beauties of the surrounding forests and hills. This pleasure is largely available because so much of the land has been purchased and protected by the Ottawa Ski Club.

It is quite obvious to those who range the hills around our lodges that once the forest cover has been destroyed the rains and melting snows quickly wash away what little soil is present, leaving the bare rock exposed, and turning the forest into a desert.

The expropriation by the Federal Government of the entire ridge lying north-west of Old Chelsea as far as the Masham Road embracing many hills, valleys and lakes of great beauty, has frequently been suggested as a National Park for the use of all citizens for all time.

Foresters and geologists tell us that these Gattineau Hills are part of the great Laurentian Plateau, an enormous area which comprises hundreds of millions of acres of similar territory in northeastern Canada. It is land which is largely unfit for continuous successful agriculture but is still capable of supporting tree growth. What better place than this could be selected as a site for a Federal Forest Reserve, a bird, game and fish sanctuary, typical of such an enormous part of the area of Canada and situated at the very door of the National Capital?

When such a park shall have been established, the members of the newly formed Ottawa Ski Club Forest Preservation Society will no doubt feel a deep sense of satisfaction in the fact that they have, in a measure, contributed to the preservation in its natural state of such an unique national monument.

Yours very truly,

A. GEORGE McHUGH,

President, O.S.C.F.P. Society.

Ottawa, Nov. 2, 1933.

The President,

The Ottawa Ski Club,
Ottawa.

Dear Sir,

Until a few years ago, skiing on the hills at the Central Experimental Farm, was permitted, but the sport became so popular and a certain element of the skiers so disregarded the signs re protection of shrubs, trees, fences, etc., that the damage to these was very great and the only alternative was to close the Farm to skiers, which was done with regret.

The Experimental Farms staff would like to again extend this privilege to skiers and, anticipating that the Ski Clubs and the Press will do everything in their power to assist in impressing on the skiers the absolute necessity for protecting property, and the skiers themselves will not only avoid damaging shrubs, trees and fences, but also help to protect them by speaking to the thoughtless and careless beginners, the restrictions on skiing at the Farm are hereby lifted, for this year at least, dependent on this co-operation. Naturally, the Experimental Farm—an Agricultural Research Institution—is not a public playground, but it has good skiing facilities and it is not desired to deprive the people of Ottawa of this pleasure as long as they are prepared to protect the property of the Government.

Yours very truly,

E. S. ARCHIBALD,

Director.

Have a care for the greens.—Captain Wattsford, the owner of the Kingsmere Golf Links, who generously allows the Ottawa Ski Club rights of passage over his property, requests the skiers to keep off the greens, which are marked by flags, as the packing of the snow destroys the grass. Of course, you will heed this request and give the greens a wide berth.

And have a care for the shrubs—A letter from Dr. E. S. Archibald of the Experimental Farm, announcing the reopening of the Experimental farm hills to skiers will be found in this issue. No better news has been received for many a moon. As training grounds, these hills are practically indispensable in the making of long distance skiers. It is much to be hoped that no one will be thoughtless enough or selfish enough to tramp over the shrubs of the Arboretum. Anyone doing that should be deprived of the rights of skiing for the rest of his life.

Ways of Approach to Camp Fortune—There are many ways of reaching Camp Fortune but (1) the easiest and most interesting perhaps is by way of the Penguin Trail, through Lemay's field (first house on right side of road about one mile from Old Chelsea). Mr. Lemay, at our suggestion, has widened the Penguin which, with its many bends and ditches, was pretty much of a death trap last year, and made it a very comfortable avenue. He has also turned a good part of his field into a **parking station for cars**, where your car may stand the whole day for a nominal charge, and from where it can be taken out without any fear of sliding into the ditch or stalling in the deep snow as happened so many times last year to those who tried to turn around on the road. (2) Skiers leaving the bus at Old Chelsea may pick up the end of the Canyon Trail on the Meach Lake Road, about a quarter mile from the bus stop. (3) People in a very great hurry to get to Camp Fortune may drive as far as Dunlop's on the Meach Lake Road about two miles up from Old Chelsea and go up by the Dunlop road (to the left) or the Lake road (to the right, turning left when Lake Fortune is reached). (4) People for whom time is no object and who are after fresh snow and easy slides will find a very good little trail, through the fields, north of the Meach Lake Road, as far as Dunlop's. (This trail is not marked yet, but it will soon be).

New things—Director Geo. Brittain, who spent a good deal of his spare time around Camp Fortune this fall, announces that the navigable surface of the Slalom hill has been increased from a meager 30 to over 100 feet, over its entire length of 1200 feet, by the further cutting of shrubs and trees on both sides. The face of the hill has also been smoothed over, as much, at any rate, as the small appropriation of \$75 for this work would allow; the Casse-cou hill, formerly Sudden Death, back of the President's Camp (a magnificent hill for good skiers) has been cleaned and reopened after a lapse of years; the Penguin Trail, near the Kingsmere Road, has been cleaned and widened, as also the slopes from the Top of the world.—Traveller's hill, the Great Divide, the Dippers have been cleaned of their shrubs and cleaning work is fast proceeding on the other trails. The thanks of the Club are extended to the following who have given freely of their time for this work: Ken Tupper, J. Lucas, Bob McGiffin, Paul Blais, John Garland, Dick Lewis Jr., Bruce MacCallum, Capt. T. J. Morin, C. E. Mortureux, Major Coleman, Malcolm Grant, Bruce Lyon, A. Ross, Howard Coleman. A great deal yet remains to be done. The snow came a bit earlier than was expected.

Director Sigurd Lockberg has been at work since Sept. 1st and is still working on a new jumping hill, alongside the Slalom, which, he claims, will be among the best in Eastern Canada, when he is through with it. Jumps of over 100 feet will be possible this year, and perhaps 250 feet when the hill is completed. Roger Vincent and Jack Landry, two ex-champions, have helped in the making.

For those who were members in 1933.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM—OTTAWA SKI CLUB

*Please fill in and return with amount of fee to Ottawa Ski Club
McGiffins, 102 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.....

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intermediate members.*

For new members only.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP—OTTAWA SKI CLUB

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

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This renewal form is to be used only by those who were members in good standing in 1933. 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, 102 Sparks St., City.

An application for membership must be endorsed by a member in good standing. When this application is accepted, a 1934 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.

The speed of jumpers was measured last winter on the Skui Hill in Norway. It was found that the jumpers' speed at the take-off was about 50 miles an hour (82 kilometres). In the air the speed increased slightly to 85 kilometres an hour, and the greatest speed was obtained at the foot of the outrun, where it was 90 miles an hour (145 kilometres). One curious fact was observed: Two jumpers who had the same speed at the take-off would have the same speed in the air, whether they made a long or a short jump.

These figures are of the greatest interest. First it will be noticed that the speed on the out-run is greater than the 83 m.p.h. attained in the Flying Kilo at St. Moritz. It is surprising to find that speed in the air is greater than at the take-off; presumably the 85 kilometres per hour in the air includes all the time from take-off to landing and we should have thought that the momentary "hang", at the point where horizontal speed dies away and before gravity has increased the vertical speed, would increase the total time from platform to landing, so as to make the speed less than at the end of the in-run.

The speed figures were taken by Mr. Reidar Obel, of the Norwegian Forestry Commission. The angle of the alighting-ground is 45 deg. at the steepest part, and the height from the start of the in-run to the flat of the out-run is 103 metres. On this hill a jump of 70 metres involves a vertical drop of 43 metres and a jump of 74 metres has a drop of 50 metres, a little more than the 150 ft. building line in Sydney. (**From the Australian and New Zealand Ski Year Book.**)

Three important events were held at Camp Fortune after the last issue of the Ottawa Ski Club News last year, and should be recorded here: (1) **On March 12th**, a Slalom race for novices. Winners:—Senior class: D. Barber, W. Lewis, W. Bambrick, C. McCordick, J. Wilson, S. Ryan; Junior Class: B. Heggveit, P. O'Connor, G. Silver. Prizes donated by C. E. Mortureux, H. Marshall, J. Leslie, W. W. Cuzner, S. Lockeberg, A. J. Brown. **On March 19th**, a **Down Hill race**, over the Côte du Nord and the Long Ravine. Winners, **Class A**: Bud Clark 4 min. 15 sec.; J. Currie 4 min. 40 sec.; H. Heggveit 4 min. 44½ sec.; J. Oliver 4 min. 45 sec.—**Class B**: E. Ryan 4 min. 32 sec.; B. MacCallum 4 min. 44 sec.; R. Lewis 4 min. 48 sec.; George Brittain 4 min. 49 sec. Prizes donated by H. Lockeberg, W. Cuzner, Ted Devlin, Dadson & Merrill. **On March 26th**, a **Down Hill race for girls** (Côte du Nord), 1st Sophie Amyot; 2nd Hyacinth Lambert; 3rd, M. Wetzel; 4th, Kay O'Callaghan. Prizes donated by C. E. Mortureux, Muriel Whalley and Mrs. F. W. Berry.—In the Third Class Proficiency tests, held on March 19th, Billy Burke and Bruce MacCallum passed the 7 tests satisfactorily.

Their Excellencies the Governor-General and Lady Bessborough paid a visit to Camp Fortune on Sept. 15th of this year and were received at the President's Camp. Their Excellencies expressed a desire to come back during the winter when the ski trails are at their best.

CAMP FORTUNE LODGE refreshment booth will be operated again this winter under the same management. Improvements are being made in order that the utmost in quality and service may be given. Skiers are assured the best food at city prices.—J. Henderson, C. Bebee.

THE DOME HILL LODGE, Ironsides, under the management of Wm. Freeman, is now ready to cater to the needs of skiers. You will find the lodge open and refreshments available at any time.



Our friend Ed McVeigh, for six years an alderman, and two years a Director of the Ottawa Ski Club, is running in the municipal field as Controller this year, and our best wishes go with him. The Board of Control needs such men as he:—level headed, progressive and clear thinker. In other words a good skier, that's "Mac".

This little magazine is published solely in the interests of ski-ing in general and of the Ottawa Ski Club in particular. Contributions in the shape of articles, stories, etc., will be gladly received by the Editor. One line notices about articles, lost or found, ski-ing equipment for sale or exchange will be published free of charge for our members. Address all communications to "THE EDITOR, OTTAWA SKI CLUB NEWS, 37 MARLBOROUGH AVE., OTTAWA."

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