

Ottawa Ski Club News

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The crust, that legacy of the wicked year 1933, which made skiing so hazardous during the first ten days of the new year and refused to melt during one of the longest January thaws that has been experienced, is now safely hidden under six inches of snow, where it makes a splendid foundation. Marvelous skiing was enjoyed over the week-end and many more week-ends of marvelous skiing are in sight. The winter spent its wrath in December; the January thaw is over; the crust is out of sight and touch, the snow keeps piling up, and all is well!

Doings of the Trail Committee—George Brittain is going up early this week to tame down the bumps which are assuming dangerous proportions on the Highland Fling, and also to curb them on George's before they get much higher. George believes in "catching them young."—Many men will be required to cross-check the Slalom hill in preparation for the race on Sunday morning. Let every one who can come along. There are a thousand feet of hill to cross-check by 100 feet wide.

Watch your step and your badge, this Saturday, because a checker will be in attendance at Camp Fortune Lodge and look over your credentials. Be sure that you have the 1934 badge or the money to purchase one at the lodge.

The bus service—On Sunday, January 13th, the management of the Gatineau Bus Company evidently thought that all of the skiers who had gone up to the hills in the morning would ski all the way home by way of Wrightville, as no return buses were available until 6 p.m., and over one hundred people kept tramping up and down the highways and byways of Old Chelsea until late in the evening. Secretary Marshall heard all about it that same night and the next day, and took good care that the Company should hear about it too. The Company promised that an adequate number of buses would be on hand at Old Chelsea at 4 p.m. every Sunday in the future, to leave as soon as they are filled, last bus leaving at 6 p.m.—On **WEDNESDAY** of every week, **AT 9.30 A.M.**, a bus will run up to Old Chelsea for the convenience of the members of the Ottawa Ski Club. Please see that it is well patronized—mostly by people wearing the 1934 badge.

A trip to the Seigniori Club—An invitation to spend the week-end of January 27th-28th at the Seigniori Club (formerly Lucerne-in-Quebec) for the low rate of \$5 a day (2 in a room), meals included is extended to all members of the Ottawa Ski Club. All those who desire to join this excursion are requested to notify Miss Mary Davis, 41 MacLaren Street.

With a Canadian Inter-Collegiate Skiing competition, an Inter-City Jumping Competition, an Inter-City race and a Slalom race, the week-end of January 27th-28th will be a busy one at the Seigniori Club (Lucerne). The Ottawa Ski Club will be represented by 8 men,—four jumpers and four runners.

CONDUCT OF DOWNHILL SKI RACES

*From a talk by Prof. Chas. A. Proctor at a meeting of the
Appalachian Mountains Club.*

Winter sports are the hardest sporting event to run well. Of all winter sports the hardest to conduct are downhill ski races. Jumping is not difficult because racers start and finish at the same point, so that the only important thing is to have a watch which runs at a reasonably steady rate. The best information on slalom racing, is in Arnold Lunn's various articles in Year Books of the Ski Club of Great Britain and in its Officials' Handbook. Slalom races are successful only when set by persons who have made a study of slalom setting. The slalom must be fitted both to the hill, and to the class of runners who are to compete. Few slalom races in this country have been run efficiently. The reason is want of capable flagkeepers. If a racer knocks a flag down with the rear of his ski, no penalty is incurred providing both feet go through between the flags. But if he knocks down a flag with the front of a ski, so that one foot goes between the flags the runner must be called back to go through. The cloud of snow which rises as competitor skids confuses the flagkeeper. You cannot pick up casual people to watch flags. When we run slalom races in Hanover, we train boys as flagkeepers for two or three days, by having the trainer run the flags, making mistakes, and if the boys do not call out when they should, the trainer tells them where they were wrong. In timing a slalom, if your terrain permits starting by a gun fired at a point from which timers at the finish can see the flash, the best way is to time with two or three stop watches, as in ordinary track races. After each man comes down, timers should compare watches and decide the time. If two agree, that would be the figure. In case of doubt, take the slower time. You can't just pick up anyone out on the course to use a stop watch and expect accurate results. Three or four experienced timers will not vary a great deal, but a casual group will get differences of two or three fifths of a second. When organizing a race, therefore, get experienced timers to handle stop watches.

The cheap stop watch you can buy for four dollars may do under ordinary conditions, but out-of-doors in the cold it will jump or lag 2-5 of a second at the start, and if used any length of time, becomes erratic. I would rather use ordinary watches than such stop watches and if I could get the start from sound, would guarantee better results. No stop watch below forty dollars is any good for ski racing, and some more expensive ones are none too dependable, since most stop watches are not compensated for temperature. Even if running all right beforehand out on the ski hill they are no longer true. In timing interval races it is essential to have a stop watch that has a split second hand so that you can stop half of it, read it, and then release it to catch up with the continuing main second hand. Because it is easy to make a mistake of a small number of seconds is another reason why you should have always two and if possible three stop watches. For longer intervals of time never depend on stop watch, but rather on a regular watch. I once said no watch that cost less than \$100 was good enough to time a ski race. That may be slightly exaggerated, but a watch that goes to the top of a mountain must be compensated for temperature. You need, therefore, a good watch of the ordinary type for starting at the top of the mountain and another such watch as master watch below. You should also have three timers with good stop watches below, and for each timer, his own recorder. For starting and as master watches below, the British rules specify doctor watches with a long second hand, which makes a complete circuit of the dial. In running the National Downhill Championship race on Moosilauke last year, the ordinary watch at the top was a high-grade watch. At the finish Mr. Murch, chief timer, used his own ordinary watch, as master watch. These two watches were running well together. In addition, the timers had three stop watches, two of which ran together surprisingly well. The stop watch was compared with Murch's watch just before the starter ascended, but during the four hours, between then and his return, the watch at the top lost nearly a minute. The best you can do under such circumstances is to assume that the watches changed uniformly during the period, and compute corrections accordingly. In that race there was a time correction of 19.2 seconds for the first man, and 30.1 seconds for the last man,—and the race was won by a fifth of a second! Of course, no one knows which man won that race. Because of the necessity of compensation for error between starter's watch and the master watch at the finish, and compensation again for error between the stop watches and the master watch, you can not give out times for downhill races immediately at their close. You have to go inside and work out these compensations. When running downhill races, local in nature, it is customary to allow spectators to go up the course. This interferes more or less with the men running down, and should never be permitted in an important race.—*The Ski Bulletin, Boston, Mass.*

Nothing, we are told, in the entire valley of the Gataineau, approaches the chicken dinners served by Mrs. MacLean (Old Welch house, top of the Bald Hill, one mile from Old Chelsea on the Kingsmere Road).

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Results of competitions—Results of the preliminary race held over the three mile Wrightville-Dome Hill Trail on Saturday, January 13th:—**Seniors**—1. J. Veit, 28.46; 2. W. Clark, 29.08; 3. J. Taylor, 31.03; 4. F. Laflamme, 31.08. **Juniors**—1. P. Lochnan, 32.21; 2. J. Edwards, 33.30; 3. C. Bond, 36.01; 4. P. O'Connor, 36.35.

Results of the Downhill Race held at Camp Fortune on Sunday, January 14th, over the Côte du Nord and Long Ravine (approximate length of course $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles). Number of contestants: 38, including 31 men and 7 ladies. 1. W. Clark; 2. J. Currie; 3. J. Taylor; 4. J. Oliver; 5. J. Veit; 6. D. Cruikshank; 7. F. Laflamme; 8. B. Burke; 9. P. Lochnan; 10. B. Heggveit; 11. H. Bagguley; 12. P. O'Connor; 13. K. West; 14. W. Bambrick; 15. H. Douglas; 16. H. Heggveit; 17. Cec. Clark; 18. G. Brittain; 19. B. McCallum; 20. J. Garland; 21. Ernie Ryan; 22. W. Lewis; 23. Ed. Ryan; 24. G. McDonald; 25. D. Barber; 26. R. McGiffin; 27. J. Dymont; 28. D. McGee; 29. C. Bond; 30. A. Keyes; 31. Coleman. *Ladies*—1. Ruth O'Halloran; 2. Peggy Silver; 3. D. Charbonneau; 4. M. Gauthier; 5. A. Harvey; 6. B. Tarte; 7. F. Runge. Officials: Louis Grimes, H. Douglas, K. Tupper, J. Snowdon, L. White.—The course was prepared by George Brittain with the assistance of K. Tupper, J. Lucas, G. McGregor and C. E. Mortureux.

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Coming events—On Saturday of this week, starting from Hull Electric terminus, Wrightville, at 3 p.m. **Relay Race** by teams of four men each. Captains will be picked for the teams, and they will draw lots for right of selecting each of their men.—On Saturday, at Rockliffe, 3 p.m. **Preliminary Jumping Competition**.—On Sunday, January 21st, at Camp Fortune, **Slalom Race**, at 2.30 p.m. Competitors are requested to register with Louis Grimes, on arriving at the main lodge at Camp Fortune. No one will be allowed on the Slalom hill before the competition on Sunday.

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The following is the list of prizes offered to the members of the O.S.C. Forest Preservation Society:

1. A V 8 Ford Coach, Model 1934.

Pair of Ski Boots (John Palmer Co., Ltd., Fredericton, N.B.); Auto First Aid Kit (Johnson & Johnson Ltd., Montreal, P.Q.); Swimming Bag (A Friend); Pair of Skis (Byshe & Company, Ottawa); Pair of Skis (Hans Lockeberg (Skis), Ottawa); Pair of Skis (Northern Ski Company, Sudbury, Ont.); Pair of Skis (Canada Ski Company, Annapolis Royal, N.S.); Pair of Skis (Peterborough Canoe Co., Peterborough, Ont.); Pair of Skis (S. R. Lockeberg (Skis), Ottawa); Ski Breeches (Murphy-Gamble Ltd., Ottawa); Pipe (Wm. Goldstein & Co., Ottawa); Golf Club (Plaunt Hardware, Ottawa); Electric Lamp (Stanley Lewis, Ottawa); Tea Set (The Fair, Ottawa); Kitchen Cutlery Set; Waterless Cooker; Pyrex Dish; Fruit Juice Extractor. Also, two life memberships to the two persons selling the largest number of tickets. A valuable prize for the person who sells the car winning ticket.

Three Long Ski Flights—Although the Western America Winter Sports Association has recognized the flight of 281 feet made by Alf Engen, youthful Salt Lake City professional, on Ecker Hill, in Utah, last year as the world's ski jumping record, it is interesting to note that this mark was surpassed twice during 1933 by foreign skiers. Sigmund Ruud of Norway, brother of Birger, who captured the last Olympic championship at Lake Placid, soared through the air 86 meters, or about 284 feet, at a competition at Villars, Switzerland, on February 21. This mark, which probably is the best to date in an actual tournament, was beaten by a Swiss skier, Rucher. He leaped 87 meters, equivalent to 287 feet, on March 22 during an exhibition, also at Villars, which is located in the Alps, just above the valley of the Rhone.

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The following "poem" was received by the Editor some long time ago, when the club was struggling towards a goal of 3,000 members. We are still struggling, and these words have lost nothing of their timeliness.

(With apologies to Lord Macaulay and his "Lays of Ancient Rome.")

Ho! Good friends of our Ski Club, with loyal hearts and true;
(Please pay this year's subscription! We need it!! And it's due!!!)
Then make a circle round me, and mark my words with glee,
For I have some advice to give, so kindly pardon me.

When Kipling wrote his famous poem, "Our Lady of the Snows,"
He made an awful "bloomer," that got us on our toes,
But had he lived in Ottawa, he surely would have found
That winter-time is Fairy-time, when snow is on the ground.

They boast of Switzy's ski runs, St. Moritz, and the rest,
But we who know, can truly show, Our Gatineau's the best!
Camp Fortune's trails, through hills and dales, all packed in snowy white,
What better scenery could be found, in all the world so bright?

You may have trod old India's streets, or Egypt's burning sand,
And feasted eyes on moon-lit skies, o'er many a coral strand.
But when it comes to sheer delight, we'll let the whole world know,
There never was a day so bright as found 'mid Canuck snow.

The Gatineau Hills are at our door, the winter zest is here;
Then get your skis and fittings out, and give a hearty cheer.
For never was there Club so blessed with Lodges, turns, and jumps,
Then urge your friends to join our club, and never mind the bumps.

We have hard-working giants in "Mort," Marshall, and "Old Bill,"
All heroes of Olympus—thank heaven they're with us still!
And scores of other helpers, what more could heart desire?

IT'S UP TO YOU! TO SEE US THROUGH!! 3,000. MAYBE HIGHER!!!

—Anne On Emous.

Members desiring to qualify in the Official Ski Tests designed by the Canadian Amateur Ski Association, are requested to register as soon as possible with Louis Grimes (Q. 1443), stating whether they wish to try the first, second or third class tests, and a week-end will be arranged some time later in the season when it is hoped that Mr. Smith Johannsen, of Montreal, one of the most expert skiers in the land, will be here personally to conduct the tests. A list of the tests may be procured from the Chairman of the Technical Board (Sigurd Lockeberg, S. 3160), or from Louis Grimes. Skiers qualifying are entitled to wear a special proficiency badge.

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Please note the following changes—The **Club Championship** race will be held on February 4th, instead of January 28th, as previously announced.—The Southam Inter-Collegiate Race will be held at Camp Fortune on Saturday, February 3rd.

Ski Exchange—Lost at Pink Lake, open top ski cap with No. 2 Intermediate badge 1934 attached. Please notify Fred Dickson, 285 Metcalfe, Apt. 4.—Pair of skis, dropped from bus at Old Chelsea on Sunday, will be found at Bilodeau's (Ottawa Ski Club Inn), Old Chelsea.

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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