

# OTTAWA SKI CLUB NEWS

**News at a glance**—At **Camp Fortune**, on Sunday, Feb. 7th, City Championship Race at 11.30 a.m.—Downhill Race over Côte du Nord same day at 2 p.m.—At **Seigniory Club**, Sunday, Feb. 7th, Ladies' Inter-City Race (Montreal, Toronto and Ottawa).—At the **Chateau Laurier**, Feb. 19th and 20th, Ski picture, a two hour trip on ski through Europe and America; Adults 35c, Students 25c. Best ski film of the year.

First night hike of the season, from Wrightville, Thursday, Feb. 11th, in charge of Ted Burpee, guide.

Long distance hikes soon to start in charge of Geo. Brittain.

To know about snow conditions, tune in CKCO at 11 p.m., Friday and Saturday.

**For further details read this circular.**

**How are you, anyway?** Have you managed to survive the long fall? It is a long step from one "Track" to another, and in the meantime we thought we would just call to say: "How do you do?" and remind you that the winter is here at last and likely to stay here for another three months, there is plenty snow on the hills and it is never cold in the bush—three things we all know of course, but of which we need to be reminded at times, as too much staying at home makes one pessimistic, grouchy and "cold minded". **And what are you grumbling about, anyhow?** The late winter? Why, this is a godsend. Late visitors generally linger a bit and this one is going to. A winter that starts late in January and tarries until May 1st is very much better than one that starts in November and suddenly breaks down on March 1st. You will get plenty skiing in the best months of the year—the months of sunshine, of long days and moderately cold weather.

**By the way, aren't you a bit late yourself?** And without any good reason because we always deliver the goods, and have always done so during the twenty-seven odd years that this club has been in existence. Oh, we know that you will pay your fees, but the long delay makes it very awkward for us. How do you expect us to renew our snow contracts, pay the taxes on our land, the insurance on our lodges, the maintenance of our trails, the printing of our circulars, out of an empty treasury? Come! loosen up; you have got the goods now, haven't you? Flock at once over to McGiffin's on Sparks St., and pay your fees or pay them at Camp Fortune this Sunday.

**These Trails Trespassers**—Says Geo. Brittain, the energetic Chairman of the Trails Committee, "Are you going to take any steps this year to collect fees from the people who use our trails the year round without offering to contribute anything towards their maintenance—those precious people, too proud or too soft to do a day's work cutting shrubs, and too stingy to pay fees. Standing at the top of the Canyon last Sunday, I counted 75 of them, all of whom had come in their own motor car. It is galling to think that we are working for such a worthless bunch. Why can't they pay fees, the same as I do, and as the members of my Committee do".

The point is well taken. Of course, most of those good people believe—or make themselves believe—they are not sponging on our Club because they do not stop at any lodge. They should realize, however, that hundreds of acres of land around our lodges have been purchased by us and have still to be paid for; that the greater part of our trails run through this land; that the maintenance of these trails, in preparation for the winter and during the winter costs a lot of money. In fact, this year, outside of donations, money had to be borrowed from the bank for this work and has not been repaid yet.

People wishing to use our trails over the week-end may procure a \$1.00 Guest card from McGiffin's, 102 Sparks St., which will entitle them to take in trails and lodges. This amount will be deducted from their membership fee if they join the Club within the next ten days. Better pay the whole membership fee when you are at it. Our grounds will be patrolled next week-end and people

found without a "Guest card" will be requested to leave the premises.—Is not this fair?

**The Races—Entries**—Entries for all this year's events at Camp Fortune will be received at the corner table of the West Wing. This table will be reserved on Sundays for the Racing Committee and entries not received there by closing time will have to run as post entries.

**Numbers**—A new set of numbers has been made this year and considerable time and money has been spent in making these. Anyone failing to return their number after the competition to either the person in charge of the race or the caretaker at Camp Fortune will be assessed 25c.

**Events**—Sunday, February 7—City Championship Cross Country Race at Camp Fortune for Juniors and Seniors. Juniors are those 18 or under on January 1, 1937. Winner will be required to furnish proof of age. The Junior race will be approximately four miles and the Senior ten miles. Entries close at 11.30 and the race starts at 12.00 sharp. Anyone residing in the city or district is eligible. Entry fee, 10c for Juniors and 25c for Seniors.

A downhill race for men only will be held on the Côte du Nord at 2.00 p.m. Entries for this event will close at 1.00 p.m. The entry fee will be 10c and only those having 1937 badges will be allowed to participate. In order to ensure having the Côte du Nord in first class shape we would request that the members kindly refrain from using this hill on Sunday before or during the race. Any competitor sliding down the Côte du Nord on Sunday prior to the race will be disqualified from this competition.

**Pink Lake and Dome Hill**—There was no caretaker at the Pink Lake Lodge last week-end, and no checker at Camp Fortune for which omissions we desire to apologize. There will be one this week-end and being of an inquisitive turn of mind, he will want to see the year on your badge.—Don't forget that Dome Hill is only 15 minutes by car from the city and is a splendid hill for practising turns. The lodge is heated.

**That ski picture**—At great expense, from Germany, Toronto and New York, our Vice-President Herbert Marshall, has gathered the best educative ski-films in existence: "Skiing over the Bavarian Alps, German Ski Schools, The Schneider Ski School, Downhill races on Tuckerman's ravine, Mount Washington, etc., etc. Solid 2½ hours programme. There will be two shows, both with the same programme, on Friday, Feb. 19th, and Saturday, Feb. 20th, 8.15 p.m., Convocation Hall, Chateau Laurier. Three hundred student's tickets at 25c will be available for High Schools. All others 35c. Get your tickets **now** at McGiffin's, Sparks St., or at the canteen at Camp Fortune.

**Who said there was no snow?** Do you know that Vice-President Marshall and Herbert Douglas have been on the trail every week-end ever since Dec. 1st and actually enjoyed it? Do you know that a man from Toronto who was here two weeks ago claimed that the whole population of Queen City would be out if they had only half as much snow as we had? You are spoiled, all of you, that's just what's the matter with you.

**Inter-City Ladies' Meet**, Seignior Club, Sunday, Feb. 7th. Members of the Club will be welcome at guest rates (\$5.50 a day, American plan). Regular train fare \$2.10. A substantial reduction will be granted if a number are going. Call up John Taylor, Q. 1893 if going.

**A clean conscience makes for steadiness.**—It may be difficult to explain why it is so, but it is a fact. People wearing a 1937 badge very seldom fall, and if they do, never get hurt. Try it. A bad conscience makes poor skiers of us all.

**The Trail of the Rising Sun** starts at Dunlop's house, through the pines. There is a little knoll at the start, 20 feet high. This is the only bump you will have on the whole way up to Camp Fortune.

**Snow conditions.**—Authentic and reliable news about snow conditions in the Gatineau and Laurentians is broadcast on CKCO every Friday and Saturday at 11 p.m. by Frank Shaughnessy. Don't fail to tune in and listen.

**Night hikes and long distance hikes.**—Watch your newspaper for announcement.