

## OTTAWA SKI CLUB BULLETIN

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As the skiing months approach it is good to be able to report that since last season much has been done to provide our members with improved facilities. Early this year it was decided to concentrate on the new Skyline Area, the Lockeberg jump and some widening of the Alexander and MacDonald hills. Throughout the non-skiing months the noise of the compressor, blasting and bulldozing have disturbed the usual silence of the woods. Hundreds of tons of rocks have been violently wrested from their centuries old resting places and spread far and wide over the slopes. The result is most impressive. The Skyline runs have been tailored to an amazing extent and the Percy Sparks is almost unrecognizable. It is three times its width of last year. The Club has spent \$22 thousand on these various improvements and an additional \$8 thousand has been spent on the Jump. Does anyone still wonder what we do with the money we have to collect in fees?

Accompanying this hill development was the erection of a splendid chair lift by Clifford Ski Tows at a cost of \$85,000. There was a grand official opening last month. The lift is intended for use in non-skiing months as well as in the winter season. Already it has transported hundreds of people very smoothly to the top of the Skyline, many of them never having got to the top of the hills before except by motor car. The view from the Skyline crest is superb in any season but most colorful in the autumn. The existence of this chair lift is a great asset to the Gatineau Park. It will assuredly make the new skiing area very popular this winter. Much credit is due to John Clifford for his enterprise in providing it.

The Lockeberg jump now has steel and cement supports and is nearing the ideal towards which Sigurd Lockeberg, the dean of our jumping fraternity, has had in mind for a long time. Franz Baier deserves our thanks for designing and planning the improvements.

Members will be glad to learn that the parking lots at Camp Fortune and the new Skyline area have been extended. They will be particularly glad to know that parking from Monday to Friday inclusive will be free: that is there will be no charge for parking except for Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.

Because of our mounting costs for maintenance and operation the Executive decided, reluctantly, that the membership fees would have to be increased. The enclosed card shows the new rates. They are still relatively low for all the facilities provided. **DO NOT FORGET THAT YOU WILL RECEIVE A DISCOUNT FOR PROMPT PAYMENT.** (See the enclosed card.)

A new solution has been reached for the "loose badge" problem. Your badge must either be sewn onto a garment or plasticised (another addition to our vocabulary) with your

either be sewn onto a garment or plasticised (another addition to our vocabulary) with your photo, at the Camp Fortune Ski Shop. It will cost you fifty cents. A twenty five cent photo will be required which can be obtained at the Woolworth stores "Automatic Photo Machine."

These requirements are necessary to ensure that Club facilities are reserved for the exclusive use of paid-up members. The Club is a non-commercial, non-profit organization. Members' fees are used to meet operating costs and to provide, maintain and improve the Club Facilities. These facilities (hills, lodges, jumps, trails, lighting, etc.,) are now valued at approximately \$400,000.

The National Capital Commission has in preparation a new trail map covering the whole of the skiing area which, it is expected, will be available in December and will cost ten cents. This will be most useful for the growing numbers of trail skiers.

Speaking of trails brings to mind the fact that Ferdy Chapman, our energetic director of trails, and his group, have been working all fall at trail clearing. When the season opens all trails, twenty-five miles of them, will be in fine condition.

Some parents, who wish to ski on trails with their children have expressed interest in easy trails and how they can be located. The Citizens' Committee for Children is actively interested in developing trail skiing. This organization has many facets to its work in behalf of children one of which is the providing of healthy recreation and the fostering of physical fitness. The Ottawa Ski Club proposes to assist in this worthy endeavour. It is working on the problem of identifying and publicizing really easy trails for children and novices. The Committee has in train the preparation of a folder describing the kind of equipment needed for cross-country skiing. This will be available soon at Camp Fortune and at the various sporting goods shops in Ottawa, and at McGiffins on Sparks Street.

John Clifford has advised us that those who purchase tow passes before December 15 will receive a 5% discount. Prices of these passes for the season are as follows:-

The All Tows Pass	\$50.00
For Junior members	\$25.00
The Rope Tow Pass	\$25.00
For junior members	\$12.50

All subject to 5% discount if purchased before December 15th.

Tow passes will be plasticised free of charge at Camp Fortune. You must supply the small 25 cent photo. The possession of a plasticised pass will eliminate the necessity of standing in line to obtain a day ticket.

The Ottawa Ski Club booth at the Winter Fair was one of the most attractive. Thanks are due to Mrs. Phyllis Klotz and Mrs. Dave Wright for decorating it so nicely, to the firms which supplied the costumes for the fashion display and the young ladies who made such lovely models, to John Clifford for the display of ski equipment and for donating the prize for the raffle, to the National Capital Commission for the loan of the para-viewer and to Ferdy Chapman and others for the exhibition of snap-shots. In all it was a good effort.

It is planned to issue the Bulletin at regular intervals throughout the winter. Items of interest, comments and suggestions will be welcome. Address, Herbert Marshall, Box 506, R.R. #1, Rothwell Heights, Ottawa, Ontario.

SKI EXCHANGE -- TRADING POST. The annual opportunity to purchase surplus used equipment will take place in the Cassel Lodge, Camp Fortune, the week ends of November 26th and December 3rd. A 10% deduction from receipts will be made instead of the 20% last year.

PERY MEDAL FOR ANNE HEGGTVEIT: Our Anne is to be presented with the Pery Medal, the highest award of the Ski Club of Great Britain. Sir Arnold Lunn will present it at the National Museum on Saturday, November 26th. He will also give an illustrated talk based on his personal travel experiences and reminiscences. This will be an interesting event. Time 8:15. All will be welcome.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE OTTAWA SKI CLUB - This is the annual business meeting of the Club at which directors' reports and the financial statement are presented for discussion and the Executive for the coming year elected.

This is your opportunity to hear the directors and officers tell how they have discharged their responsibilities, to make your comments and suggestions and to ask questions.

The Place:	The National Museum.
The Date:	Tuesday, December 6th.
The Time:	8:00 P.M.

Square Dances at Camp Fortune, organized by Jessie Fear, will start in January, 1961.