

**PHYSICAL PLANNING
FOR LODGES AND HILLS**

Planning is progressing at an accelerated pace these days with the object of preparing an overall development outline covering the next 5 to 10 years and of producing more detailed plans for the work to be undertaken this summer. The steps taken to date have been aimed at acquiring information necessary to fully develop the area to fulfill its function. This, in our view, is to provide the basic ski facilities necessary to conduct all phases of skiing from the active recreational and family skier through to the alpine and nordic competitor. In order to accomplish this we must have the whole-hearted support of a very large membership. This year our membership is over 11,000 and it is anticipated that this figure will increase to approximately 15,000 over the period of the plan.

The planning committee has received the views of many members and is considering them for implementation. Detailed briefs have been received from Mr. J. C. Clifford, Mr. Joyal and Mr. Marshall on the complete subject or on special items. The views of the membership as determined from answers to the questionnaire contained in the last bulletin gave considerable guidance in the planning. Approximately 900 members (seniors, intermediates and families) answered and the highlights of the survey are as follows:—

(a) The bulk of our members are "average" skiers who are primarily interested in downhill skiing with about a third having a similar interest in trail skiing as well.

(b) Most members frequently use more than one lodge and prefer to see additional lodge accommodation provided by improving and enlarging existing lodges. "Co-operative lodges" are considered desirable by about half the members who answered this particular question.

(c) About one third of our members take their food and drink with them. Another third takes their own food and buy beverages while the remaining third pur-

chase their whole requirements. There seems to be very little demand for full course meals.

(d) The majority of our members are satisfied with present parking arrangements and most park at Alexander's.

(e) Most feel that further hill development (with first priority being given to the intermediate variety followed by novice hill development) is desirable.

(f) Few members are in favour of developing the area for summer use and of those who are, most would only use the facilities on an occasional basis.

(g) Members generally agreed that donations from business concerns should be accepted, provided adequate control is exercised.

It is essential that detailed maps with 5 foot contours of the area be obtained. There are maps available of part of the area however these do not cover some portions of vital importance. Fortunately, air photography covering the Camp Fortune area had been done for the NCC last year and it was possible to use these photos to prepare a map of the area at a reasonable cost. This map is being prepared and will shortly be in the hands of the planning committee.

The planning committee agreed in principle that a new lodge is necessary in the vicinity of the old Camp Fortune lodge and that a major lodge expansion is also required in the central area as defined by Alexander's Pee Wee and Pinault hills. Architects services of Mr. James Strutt and Messrs. Ashworth, Robbie, Vaughan and Williams have been retained to produce initial sketches, to estimate costs and to determine the location of the most practical building sites considering water, sewage and other requirements.

Plans will be described in greater detail in the next Bulletin so that members will have time to study them before coming to a general meeting to be called in the spring for the purpose of discussing the work for the coming summer and the long range development outline.

MEMBERSHIP BADGES

The Club exists for its members — NOT for free-loaders. Clearing hills, building lodges and administering the Club costs money. Practically the whole cost comes out of your membership fees. We expect that the great majority of our members wish their directors to ensure that only those who have paid their way use the club facilities.

Your directors have therefore taken steps to ensure that the regulations concerning loose badges be enforced. All members must either sew their badges to their clothing or have their badges plasticized with their photos. A loose badge does not entitle a member to enter a lodge or use a tow. The following instructions have been issued to the Camp Fortune staff:

Loose Badges:—When there is clear evidence of abuse of either a cloth or plasticized badge it will be confiscated. The badge will only be returned to the owner on proof of identity and payment of a day membership fee of \$2.00 at the Ottawa office of the Club.

In the event of a second offence the badge will be confiscated permanently and the member suspended from the Club.

Badges Sewn to Clothing:—In the event of abuse of a badge sewn to clothing, jackets etc., the facts will be sent to the Club Secretary. The owner of the badge will be notified by mail of the infraction.

For a second offence of this nature the membership badge will be confiscated and the member suspended from the Club.

THE TRADING POST (1923)

The following item is to be found in OSC Bulletin No. 1, dated December 23, 1923:

"Skis for sale, 6 feet ash, good condition. 'Phone R5737. Miss Charlotte Whitton".

If only Miss Whitton hadn't given up skiing she might never have gone curling with George Hees!

AIR SERVICE TO CAMP FORTUNE

Elsewhere in the Bulletin you will see an advertisement by Hull Air. These flights to Camp Fortune have been approved by both the Department of Transport and the NCC.

THEFTS

Recently there have been several thefts of skis at Camp Fortune. So that everything possible may be done to track down the thieves and recover the skis, any member whose skis disappear should at once report his loss to the Club Manager's office (next to the ski shop).

A few weekends ago one of our members had an expensive pair of skis stolen — skis which had cost him many hours of spare time work last summer. Thanks to his daylong search the skis were found in the possession of another member late in the afternoon.

The member whose skis were stolen has decided not to press charges against the thief. However, the members in general have the right to expect that the Directors insist upon honesty and fair-dealing as basic requirements of membership. The member who stole the skis has, therefore, been expelled from the Club.

THINK OF OTHERS . . . IT'S NICER

Alexander Lodge is often overcrowded. We intend to do a lot about this before next season. In the meantime, we would like some of our younger members, especially, to be more considerate of others. And to obey the cafeteria staff and the commissionaires when they ask that clothing be hung on hooks and not left piled on tables.

SNOWMAKING

In the last issue of the Bulletin we thanked John Clifford for his snowmaking efforts. This moved a *Citizen* editorial writer to compose a little piece which referred to our thank-you in these terms: "Apart from being in rather poor taste, the boast isn't as much of an advantage as it may at first appear."

We've learned to live with angry sports writers but we didn't expect *The Citizen's* editors getting after us also. In the first place, we can't quite understand why it should be considered to be in bad taste for a Club to thank its chief concessionaire from time to time for services rendered.

In the second place, we think *The Citizen* is all wet in its editorial assertion that "trouble develops later on for the average skier because the sub-zero temperatures inevitably turn the man-made covering into ice".

Sure, the machine-made snow comes in very small flakes which pack hard under pressure and cold weather. But what's the alternative? Rocks, that's what. Right now, Slalom is in excellent shape but how about Sparks' Trail during most of the season? Would *The Citizen* editorial writer like to spend a winter of little snow (and no snowmaking) skiing through gravel patches on Slalom?

Unless a majority of the members should object, your directors will continue to encourage John Clifford in his snowmaking — and to thank him.

AU CAMP FORTUNE

Dernièrement des délégués de la Société Saint Jean-Baptiste et de l'Association de la Jeunesse Franco-Ontarienne ont rencontré des directeurs du club pour nous demander de reconnaître davantage le fait français au Camp Fortune.

Admettons tout de suite que notre club de ski n'est pas vraiment bilingue, et cela depuis ses débuts à Rockcliffe en 1910 quand une dizaine de sauteurs anglophones de la région l'ont fondé. Après la guerre de '14 le club a acheté plusieurs centaines d'acres de terrain au Camp Fortune entre Kingsmere et Old Chelsea dans une région du Québec colonisée en premier lieu — après les Indiens — par des anglophones, comme en fait foi le nom des lieux environnants: Chelsea, Wakefield, Ironside, Aylmer, Kirk's Ferry, et Gracefield, Wrightville et Hull même si ces trois derniers endroits sont maintenant presque entièrement francophones.

Voilà pourquoi le club n'est pas bilingue aujourd'hui:—la grande majorité de ses membres ne l'ont jamais été.

Plusieurs parmi nous serions heureux de voir le fait français beaucoup mieux reconnu au club de ski. Mais cela dépend des membres, et non pas du bureau de direction.

Evidemment, nous pouvons faire un peu au bureau de direction, ainsi la devise du club que portent nos membres est maintenant bilingue, et cela à cause de l'heureuse initiative de Marcel Joyal, notre trésorier de l'an dernier. Aussi nous avons discuté du bilinguisme avec notre gérant, Peter O'Connor, et avec John Clifford qui détient la concession des monte-pentes. Tous les deux nous ont assuré qu'ils verront à remplacer les enseignes unilingues

par des enseignes bilingues au fur et à mesure que leur remplacement s'impose.

Il y a certainement possibilité que notre club fasse du progrès dans le chemin du bilinguisme si nos membres le désirent. Il s'agit évidemment que nos membres d'expression française aident davantage dans la direction du club; qu'ils servent en plus grand nombre sur nos comités. Franchement, à part des sauteurs, on n'entend pas trop parler de nos membres d'expression française ces jours-ci.

Nous ne pouvons pas changer les noms des pistes et des côtes déjà nommées depuis des dizaines d'années, même si la carte de ce coin du Québec a l'air un peu trop anglais. Mais le club peut bien donner une part beaucoup plus grande au français dorénavant SI nos membres d'expression française sont présents à tous les échelons du club à l'avenir.

LADIES COMMITTEE REPORT

Now that the actual skiing season is drawing to a close I would like to hear from the distaff members of the Club. Did you enjoy the ladies' program this year? What comments and suggestions do you have for improvements and do you have new ideas for next year? This is your Club so let us know what you want. Write: Janeth McKinley, Kingsmere, Que.

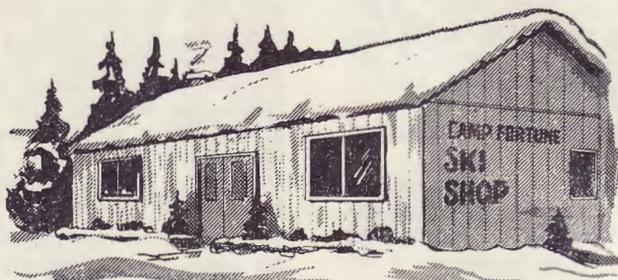
CAMP FORTUNE SKI SCHOOL ANNUAL SPRING DANCE

The Ski School will hold its Annual Spring Dance on Friday, March 29 at 8:30 p.m. at the Assembly Hall, Lansdowne Park. Dancing will be to Wilf Steabner and his Orchestra and a Buffet Supper will be served. Tickets are \$5.00 per couple and are available from Jan McKinley, Peter Sneyd, the Camp Fortune Ski Shop and the Camp Fortune office, 53 Queen Street. All skiers are welcome.

THE CUSPIDOR

All ready for the big race? Unless the weather forces a change, The Cuspidor will be run on Sunday afternoon, March 31st. So, get your costumes ready and practise skiing over barrels.

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A POWDERED SNOW WINTER

by Ferdie Chapman

At the time of writing we have had eleven weeks of powdered snow on the trails; to a trail skier it has been heaven. The conditions have enabled the Riders to keep the pole tracks at the same level as the ski track. Friday night for the past five weeks has found the Riders hard at work on the Burma Road packing, cross-checking and setting the pole tracks. The night view from the Ramparts is almost as spectacular as in daylight, with the hills at Fortune illuminated for night skiing and the twinkling lights of Wakefield, Hull, Ottawa and surrounding suburbs glowing in the distance.

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Theresa and Beverley Kidzium, aged 12 and 10, were the first club members to apply for their merit badges for touring on the trails; they received "C" Class badges for 15 miles. Harmon Cahill had the honour of being the first applicant for the "A" class badge for 100 miles and at writing this he had travelled an additional 76 miles. John Hanson, aged 9, was the first applicant for a "B" class badge for touring 25 miles.

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People seen at Western: Club President Harry Rosewarne, who arrived on his metal Vecters, waxed with klister and green Swix. Eric Roy, club member for 43 years who gets out to Western at least once a week. Wilmer McNaughton, member for 42 years, appears regularly. The skiing Aller family are back on schedule with trips to Western. Moe Aller already has his 100 mile badge this winter. On Feb. 23rd, Stan Goodman snowshoed out to Western with D. E. Foohey. Since Mr. Foohey is blind this is quite an accomplishment to be able to travel over Western Trail and return by the Ridge Road, a trip of 8 miles from the parking lot. As Mr. Foohey said, there were a lot of ups and downs.

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Waxing

To the trail skier waxing is the most important item next to having the proper

trail equipment. Some skiers go into ski shops and buy the first wax that is set in front of them by the clerk; in most cases the skier is looking for a trail wax and ends up with downhill ski wax.

For the average skier I would recommend trail wax produced by Swix. This wax comes in four colours: Green, Blue, Purple and Red in *circular metal tubes*. Each colour is for a different temperature range and instructions are on the tubes. The beauty of this type of wax is that one can overwax on the trail and smooth out the wax with a waxing cork.

For those who wish to be specialists there are other brands double the price, but for those who cannot afford to purchase this type of wax there is on the market a general purpose wax put out by Canadian Tire at 24 cents a tube. The only problem with this wax is that the ski must be at room temperature to get proper results, so it means you have to wax at home and hope for the best.

Now is the time to get into the ski shop and buy your klister before it is all gone. Klister is a wax used for spring skiing, mostly in sugar snow. There is also on the market a blue klister used when conditions are icy. Klister can be used to hold trail waxes on skis with plastic or metal bottoms, a very thin layer should be used for this purpose.

One can go on at great length about waxing, but the prime requisite before waxing is to have a proper base or base wax to hold the wax. A common base for trail skiers is a pine tar base, which is painted on or burned into the plain wood base of the ski. Pine tar can be purchased in drug stores or hardware shops. The Norwegian pine is generally sold out at most ski shops early in the season, but the Canadian tar serves the purpose equally well.

Skiers with plastic bases find the wax will not stay on unless klister is used as a base wax first before applying the ski wax of the day. These plastic bases can be sanded off. In case of metal skis there is nothing much one can do but use the klister as a base wax if the skier wishes to go any distance on the trails without fatigue.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee has been meeting regularly to examine ways and means of raising necessary capital to underwrite the substantial expansion plans of the Ottawa Ski Club to develop the Camp Fortune area.

A variety of different methods have been examined, and a tentative plan drawn up covering expected operating costs and capital outlays, and projected sources of funds to 1970.

The new methods proposed will now be examined in more detail and coordinated with the Planning Committee findings to provide a coherent overall proposal for consideration by the membership.

The financial report, when completed, will be presented first to the membership before any other distribution or release of information is made.

TEMPORARY CAMP FORTUNE LODGE

The temporary lodge at Camp Fortune has been in full operation now for the past five week-ends. Director Bill Irving and

building contractor Mr. Coady moved extremely quickly to erect the building inside of two weeks. Shelter, heat and tables were available on the second week-end after the fire and full facilities including cafeteria and cooking accommodations were available on the third week-end.

Many members have commented favourably on the bright, airy atmosphere of the temporary lodge and in some respects its more functional lay-out than the old lodge. It is a rectangular building 30 feet by 100 feet which will seat approximately 250 persons. There are cooking utensils and three cook stoves available for cook-it-yourself skiers. For those who haven't the time or inclination to cook, there is an efficient cafeteria dispensing drinks, hamburgs and hot dogs, etc.

Table tops are made of 4 by 8 plywood panels which can be used for building materials in the permanent building to be erected this summer. In fact this same principle has been followed throughout the construction so that most of the materials used in the temporary building can be used later with a minimum of waste. The total cost of the building including equipment is approximately \$7500.00 of which nearly \$4000.00 worth of material and equipment is recoverable.

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The form is part of a survey to get information that will help to reduce accidents.

ANNUAL EQUIPMENT SURVEY

AGE	M. F.	PREVIOUS INJURIES	SKIS—AGE	COST—POLES
Ht.	Wt.	0 Sprained ankle	0 New	0 5 - 10
OCCUPATION		1 Broken leg	1 One season	1 10 - 15
		2 Twisted knee	2 Two seasons	2 15 - 20
		0 Student	3 Three seasons	COST—BOOTS
1 Housewife	0 ASSISTED BY ANY	4 Longer	0 20 - 30	1 30 - 40
2 Office worker	PATROL BEFORE?	BINDINGS	2 40 - 50	3 50 - 60
3 Manual worker	SKIS—MATERIAL	0 Cable	4 60 - 70+	COST—SKIS
CONDITION— PHYSICAL		0 Laminated wood	1 Lanyards	0 20 - 40
		1 Metal & plastic	2 Toe release	1 40 - 60
		SKIS—LENGTH	3 Heel release	2 60 - 80
0 Above average	0 Long	4 Both release	3 80 - 100	4 100 - 120
1 Average	1 Average	CAPACITY— RELEASE	5 120 - 160+	COST—BINDINGS
2 Below average	2 Short	0 Too often	0 5 - 10	1 10 - 15
SKIING ABILITY		SKIS—RUNNING SURFACE	1 Effective	2 15 - 20
		0 Plastic	2 Poor	3 20 - 25
		1 Base-wax	MAKE	4 25 - 30
2 Good	0 EXERCISE	0 High support	BOOTS	0 5 - 10
3 Racer	PROGRAM ?	1 Low support	0 High support	1 10 - 15
0 EXERCISE	PROGRAM ?	0 BOOT PRESS ?	1 Low support	2 15 - 20
0 GLASSES WORN ?	0 GLASSES WORN ?		2 Poor	3 20 - 25
			3 Heel release	4 25 - 30
			4 Both release	

