

# OTTAWA SKI CLUB



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## “WELCOME TO THE CLUB”



## NEWSLETTER 1972



### THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Life has been anything but dull for your Board of Directors since we concluded the sale agreement with John Clifford to take over the two companies. John Clifford Ski Tows Limited and Camp Fortune Ski Services Limited. December 28, 1971 was the day it all happened. Since that time, we have been doing our very best to improve the quality of the ski services at Camp Fortune concurrent with digesting the many problems of managing the area.

Let me tell you about a few of the more significant steps your Board has taken in the last month. We have hired David Midgely to manage the Camp Fortune area. He is well known to many members of the Club and brings to his new post broad experience in the management of ski facilities. We have ordered two new vehicles to improve our ability to groom the hills and assist us in our snow-making operation. A thorough review has been made of our up-hill facilities and as things stand now, it appears as though we will retire the Poma Lifts on Skyline and Pineault hills and the J-Bar on Alexander this spring and replace them with new and more powerful up-hill conveyances this summer.

An analysis of the traffic on our Cross Country trail system and lodges is underway so that we may be in a position for meaningful improvements in this area of our Club's operation. Finally, we are in the process of translating our long range development program into a very specific set of priorities and operational projects that can be undertaken in the months ahead.

We have experienced some problems in operating Camp Fortune this past month. If you have been inconvenienced, please accept our apologies and assurance that we are doing everything possible to add to your skiing pleasure at the Ottawa Ski Club.

V.B. Allen  
President

### MESSAGE DU PRESIDENT

Depuis le 28 décembre, 1971, date d'acquisition par l'Ottawa Ski Club des entreprises de John Clifford: soit John Clifford Ski Tows Limited et Camp Fortune Ski Services Limited, votre conseil d'administration a fait tout son possible dans le but d'améliorer les services administratifs ainsi que la qualité des services offerts à Camp Fortune. J'aimerais vous faire connaître quelques unes des importantes décisions prises par votre conseil d'administration durant le mois de janvier. Nous avons embauché David Midgely à titre de gérant pour nos opérations à Camp Fortune. David est bien connu des membres et son expérience dans ce domaine sera au atout pour le club. Nous avons commandé deux nouveaux véhicules qui serviront à l'entretien des pentes de ski. Une étude détaillée de tous les monte-pentes à été faite. Les Poma lifts sur le Skyline et la côte Pineault, ainsi que le J-Bar sur la côte Alexander seront remplacés durant l'été par de nouveaux monte-pentes. Nous sommes à faire une étude de la circulation sur notre système de pistes de courses de fond ainsi que sur l'utilisation des pavillons dans le but d'établir quelles seront les améliorations qui pourront être effectuées dans ce domaine.

Enfin nous sommes à établir l'ordre des priorités que nous aurons à suivre afin de pouvoir tracer notre programme pour les mois à venir.

Soyez assuré que vos administrateurs prennent tous les moyens nécessaires afin de rendre vos séjours à Camp Fortune des plus agréables.

V.B. Allen  
Président



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## **THE SKI SHOP**

The Camp Fortune Ski Shop has always been a handy place for most of us to buy our various ski equipment requirements. Whether it is a simple matter of repairing a binding or buying a brand new pair of skis, the Ski Shop has always provided top service and quality merchandise at competitive prices.

As you are probably aware, the Ski Shop was part of the assets that the Ottawa Ski Club purchased from John Clifford Ski Tows Limited in December of 1971. Therefore, as a member of the Club, your support of the Ski Shop means support of the Club.

So, next time at Fortune come on in and browse around and discover the wide variety of merchandise available, and the friendly and well-informed sales staff that is there to assist you.

There could not be a better time than right now, with a Big Sale on all top-quality merchandise.

So, support the Shop – support the Club!

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### **CAMP FORTUNE SKI SCHOOL – by John Hanna, Ski School Director**

#### *Adult Ski Weeks:*

- Daily morning or afternoon lessons, Monday to Friday inclusive.
- Starting the week of Feb. 21 to the week of March 27. (sufficient enrollment permitting)
- Video “Ski & See” included.
- Lessons and all day lift package available.

#### *Holiday Ski Camp:*

- for Juniors & Teens.
- 5 morning or afternoon classes.
- during Ontario scholastic break – March 20 to 24.
- lessons with all day lifts and/or transportation packages available on request.

#### *Graduated Length Method (G.L.M.):*

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#### *Plan ‘A’*

- for levels 4 & 5 (stem christie type skidded turns) or level 6 (beginning of parallel)
- four 2 hour lessons on Saturday and Sunday of the same weekend.

#### *Plan ‘C’*

- for level 1 (beginners)
- Six 2 hour lessons, all day Sunday plus the following Saturday and Sunday.

#### **MOLSTAR**

Join the fun and rate your skiing ability against par. Win a Molstar Medal . . . . Everyone welcome.

- Dates: Saturday February 19  
Wednesday evening March 1  
Friday March 3  
Friday March 24 (Holiday Ski Camp)
- Registration at the Ski School Chalet.

#### **REGISTRATION AND COMPLETE INFORMATION . . . .**

- contact the Ski School Office at 827-1060
- open 7 days a week 9:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

### **TRAIL LODGES – by Dick Cowan**

There has been a tremendous increase in the numbers of skiers using the trail lodges. We know that they are overcrowded at times. We hope that you will bear with us for the remainder of this skiing season until such time as additional lodges can be constructed. In the meantime, if our trail skiing members should encourage their skiing friends to become members, they too would be contributing to the upkeep of the trails and lodges that they are presently enjoying.

All trail skiers are asked to share their table in the lodges and are again reminded to help keep the trail lodges tidy by cleaning their table tops when they are finished eating, washing their utensils after use, and placing their garbage in the containers provided for that purpose, or packing it home with them.



## PARKING

While the Fortune Valley parking area has become totally overcrowded on week-ends, there always appears to be ample free space on the lot near the Meach T Bar. Through co-operation of the N.C.C. we are now providing additional space for trail skiers part way up the Dunlop Road.

## NOTICE

We ask you to please follow the directions given by parking lot attendants. They are trying to ensure the best utilization of valuable space.

## WARNING

We remind Members to remove valuables from their cars in any of the parking lots. We are again experiencing thefts of money and other valuables from **Locked** cars.

## NOTICE

The Ottawa Ski Club administration offices are now located in what used to be the St. Johns Ambulance Building. This office will handle:

1. Lost and found
  2. General inquiries and information
  3. Complaints
  4. Suggestions
  5. Emergency P.A. Announcements
- Please report missing persons to this Office as well.  
Telephone 827-1717 or in the area dial Local 33.

## NOTICE

Walking on ski trails creates a hazard for skiers as holes are formed and are impossible to remove. As there has been an increase in the number of accidents on the trail system it would be appreciated if this practice did not continue.

## NATIONAL SKI MUSEUM – by Mary Brough

In early January it was necessary that the National Ski Museum vacate the premises of 238 Sparks Street. However the Committee are pleased to announce the new location of the Museum at 457A Sussex Drive – above the Wells Gallery. Although temporarily closed to the public, Museum business and for some weeks, that of the Canadian Ski Marathon, will continue at the new address. Inquiries may be directed to 233-5832 or 728-0281, or to the Chairman, Mr. R. Grinnell, at 996-3420.

The re-opening of the Museum will be announced at a later date. At present, displays, including exhibits from the Museum, can be seen in the N.C.C. Office at the corner of Rideau and Sussex Drive and also in the Bank of Montreal Head Office on Wellington Street.



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## THE GREAT GLUHWEIN PARTY

Come and join in on the fun – *Gluhwein and Nibbles* – Saturday, February 19, at 4.30 p.m. – *Lockeberg Lodge*. All proceeds for local competitive programs. For information, call Louise Watson – 731-9108.

## PLANT COMMITTEE REPORT – by Barry Moffatt

The reorganization of the Area Management has been outlined in the President's Message to Members.

As Chairman of the Plant Committee, I am pleased to report that the Club has purchased two additional pieces of Snow Grooming equipment and two new Snow Grooming vehicles to further the program of providing the best possible Ski conditions in the entire area.

Plans are going ahead to develop the new maintenance garage and office facilities for this summer and plans are being finalized for the replacement of up to three lifts for next season. We ask Members to bear with some of the older lifts and the realization that better times are coming.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

The Ottawa Ski Club is pleased to announce that David Midgley has joined the staff. For the past two and a half years, David has been General Manager of North American Engineering, which is primarily a snow making installation company. Previous to this, he was General Manager of the Devil's Glen Ski Area, near Collingwood, Ontario. He was also General Manager of the John Clifford Ski Tow Company for 6 years. David and his family will be very welcome back in the area.

## LADIES COMMITTEE PROGRAMS – by Adele Korte

*Baby Sitting:* with the exception of Wednesdays, there is room for more children on a casual basis. For more information, please call M. Downes, – 684-5668.

*Touring Trips:* every Thursday, 10:00 a.m. Fortune Lodge. Please call Claire Ryan – 827-2242.

*Bus Trips:* The bus trip to Mont Gabriel was a great success. February 24th, Thursday – Mont Tremblant – mixed. March 21, Tuesday – A Family Bus Trip – notices to be put in all lodges as to time of departure and place. Call D. Abraham – 725-2235.

*Slalom Group:* Wednesday, February 9, 16 and March 1. This group will be under the guidance of Mike DesBrisay. Call A. Korte – 729-6331.

*Ladies Race and Luncheon:* Friday, March 3. Tickets available from all members of Ladies' Committee. Luncheon Information: G. Mitchell – 692-4478. Race Information: G. Shaver – 733-7765.

Notices will be posted.

## JUMPING – by Fred Morris

The Trans-Am Series Jumping Meet will be held March 11–12 on the 60 metre Lockeberg Jump Hill. Top jumpers from the United States and Canada's National Team members will be competing for top honours. All Club members are welcome to come and watch this highly spectacular event.

The C.B.C. Television colour unit will be televising both days' events. Pierre Normandin, Executive Producer, along with Hub Beaudry and Cec Browne will insure excellent coverage, for the viewing public, both locally and nationally.

Jumping Classes for all categories will continue until Saturday, February 13th.

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