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CALLING ALL WINTER SPORTS LOVERS

THE OBSIDIAN CLUB WHY? HOW? AND WHEN?

By Ray Sims

Forty-two were at the second meeting, which showed the interest taken, and a Board of Directors, consisting of nine, were elected. Dean Bovard was elected President, and monthly meetings of the Board were ordered.

The organization formed was called The Eugene Outdoor Club, and as winter was upon us already, "that outdoor" sport of SKIING was undertaken. The first event was a three-day New Year's party at McKenzie Hotel, McKenzie Bridge. Skiing "without" harness or poles was the only kind known, and a grand and successful outing was put on under the direction of Ed Turnbull.

Trips were taken every two weeks throughout the rest of the year until the first week in August, when the first Summer Camp was held at a beautiful spot on the Sky Line Trail, five miles south of Frog Camp. The camp being named Obsidian Camp, from the jet black Obsidian on the ground.

Most of the eighteen members of the first camp, had climbed the Husband and Middle Sister and seven had climbed the North, but it was on the trip to the South Sister that idea of changing the name of the club came to Henry Korn, as the party of six stumbled over so much more jet black Obsidian than where the camp was located.

The name Obsidian seemed an ideal change from Outdoor Club to the other members of camp, so it was to be presented to the club at the first Annual meeting.

But this "first" camp in the Three Sister region had done "something" to Lane County.



ALL ABOARD FOR THE NEW YEAR'S PARTY

Make a date with the Obsidians for their Annual New Year's Party at the Belknap Hotel, Friday, December 31. The program starts at 8:00 P. M. with dancing in the main hall of the Belknap Hotel. At ten P. M., Master of Ceremonies, Roland Burghardt, takes over by leading off with the Obsidian National Anthem to be followed by as many songs as the assemblage can stand. When vocal cords have collapsed into a state of hoarseness, Obsidian Princesses will present their dramatic abilities in the form of a skit, the nature of which has not been divulged.

Next, the annual Liar's Contest, with a five minute limit on all participants (this is protection for spectators). The Fibber's Event will be climaxed by a cataclysmic, colossal, super-extra dance special by one of the most popular Chiefs. After this episode, the crowd will again take over the art of truckin', Big Applein', and Schottishin' — at twelve the Little Fellow will be welcomed in with a blowin' of horns, bustin' of balloons, and tossing of confettii. From then on the crowd is on their own.

Reservations for rooms or cabins must be made direct with Mr. Frank Bigelow at Belknap Springs and payment for same should be made to him. Register at Hendershott's not later than December 27th. Specify whether or not you wish to stay over Sunday. Also purchase your meal tickets at Hendershott's. Prices follow: Hotel accommodations: rooms (2 in each room) \$2.00; Cabins (4 to 6 in each) 50c per person.

Entertainment and midnight

PURPOSE

Club Purpose: to explore, enjoy and render accessible the mountain regions of Oregon; to publish authentic information concerning them; to make excursions into the trailed and untrailed portions of the Pacific Coast to bring the people of the cities into the open and to the free enjoyment of natural wonders of the state; to enlist the support and co-operation of the people and the government in preserving the forests, wild life and natural features of the mountains, the State and National parks; to educate the people in the matters of geology, plant life and kindred subjects and in the matters of conservation and forest fire prevention; to co-operate in the enforcement of all State and National fish, game, and forest laws.



SUN VALLEY??

Sunday, December 5, was just another dark and very foggy day for most Eugeneans, but for those of the Obsidians who went up on top, it was one of warmth and brilliant sunshine.

After spending the night at the Obsidian cabin, twelve started up the trail for Sunshine Shelter early Sunday morning. Lunch was eaten at Scott camp, followed by skiing-plenty! and sunbathing, stretched full length, as

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while cares will drop off like aut-
umn leaves.



As we go to press, the Princes-
ses are having a big Christmas
brawl at Princess Goldenrod's.
(Operative No. 67548 identifies
this character as Helen Wiser).
This will likely be the biggest
affair ever staged by the gals, as
they lately took in a good class of
initiates, consisting of Princesses
Spotted Fawn, Blue Bird, Wam-
pum, and Sahali. (Reva Moore,
Eileen Baker, Carmel Newland,
and Blanch Osborn to you and
you and you).



Again members are urged to
wear their Obsidian Emblems on
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should be kept clean, neat, and
firmly sewed.

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ronize them and show them that
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in the Obsidian.



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space and 20 chiefs couldn't find
it!!!!

The Obsidian Club

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And with the bally-hoo of Bill
Tugman editor of the Guard, a
crowd of "Eighty-three" were led
into Oregon's largest Collier
glacier, on Sunday, August 26,
1928. The "crowd" hanging onto
a three hundred foot rope hiked
up the middle of the glacier and
returned by way of what is now
Scott Camp, completely circling
Little Brother. Although it was
"pretty dark" when the last per-
son reached the cars at Frog
Camp that night, a lot of "city
folks" had seen the mountains.

An inner organization of the
Club had been created by the fer-
tile brain of Henry Korn, called
the Chiefs and Princesses. It was
made up of members who had
climbed to the top of each of the
Three Sisters. So, on the Collier
Glacier trip, a public initiation
of the first four Chiefs in a
"wied" ceremony at the foot of
Collier, was held. Henry Korn, J.
Ed Turnbull, Ray Sims and B.
Dot Dotson, were the order of
rank in the Chiefs the first year.

At the first Annual meeting
held October 2, 1928, in McMor-
ran's Auditorium, the name Eu-
gene Outdoor Club was dropped
and Obsidians, it was to be.

Then of course, a cabin was
needed. So, with Marion F. Mc-
Clain, chairman of the Local
Walks committee, made a report,
that the old Lewis cabins could
be rented from the Forest Ser-
vice. Much work was needed on
the cabins, but by winter, they
were made livable.

End of First Chapter**New Year's Party**

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lunch New Year's Eve, 50c; New
Year's Day: Breakfast 50c, Din-
ner \$1.25, Supper 50c; Sunday
Breakfast 50c, Sunday Dinner
50c. Transportation will be ar-
ranged for those desiring it.

The Ski Program for New
Year's Day will be under the sup-
ervision of committees from both
the Ski Laufers and Obsidians,
and will include down-hill and
slalom races for both men and
women. Full details of this pro-
gram will be published next week.

RESULTS OF WORK TRIPS

We have all stopped wondering
why work parties are so much
fun, and have discovered and
learned the ultimate reason for
the way in which members of the
Club and others have whole-heart-
edly helped in clearing and mark-
ing the trails, building shelters,
remodeling the cabins, etc. It is
now possible, and will continue
to be possible throughout the
winter, to drive to Frog Camp to
ski.

A Laufer may now skim down
the trail leading out from the
base of the Sisters, and if you
could close your eyes, (who
could), you might think you were
on the Alpine Trail at Mt. Hood.

According to several members
of the Club the past three or four
week-ends have been really quite
enjoyable at the cabins. Sleeping
quarters were completely remod-
eled with 25 beds installed.
Lights were changed and win-
dows and roof on both cabin and
sleeping quarters were repaired.
The kitchen is again in shape to
pass inspection.



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TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OBSIDIAN CLUB

The Obsidian Club, founded October 5th, 1927—An Outdoor organization, resulting from the participation, by a group of local people, in the ten day search for two boys, lost in a storm while climbing the Middle Sister.

Conceived in a spirit of Service, since the date of original founding, the Club has enjoyed a fine record of achievement. Mainly interested in the group enjoyment of the wholesome and healthy benefits derived from year around participation in outdoor activities.

The Club has provided a valuable means for many people to better balance their daily routine existence, to slow down the whirlwind pace demanded by modern day competition; by the enjoyment of stimulating, physical exercise, and the very essential mental relaxation, produced by the cleansing effects of contact with Nature.

Human beings are well equipped at the start with arms, legs, feet, vigorous bodies, for a purpose—to be actively used. Modern day existence is getting further away from the natural usages of this equipment. One should not lost sight of the fact that the workable parts must be kept well-oiled, to be able to function in an efficient manner.

Foreign countries, notably Germany and Scandinavian Governments, recognize the importance of this health producing outdoor program. They encourage, subsidize, advertise, do everything to make possible the mass participation of their people, in vigorous outdoor activities. Sound bodies produce sound minds; and a healthy, progressive, contented people.

The Obsidian Club is not an exclusive group, they are not a group of highly trained experts; but they feel that their record and justification as an Outdoor organization, is a meritorious one, if they can be of assistance in helping to make this great Outdoor program of more universal appeal.

Nature yields her greatest re-

ward to him who seeks her thrills and loves her best.—*Mazama Lodge.*



HAROLD'S HOOEY

Now I sez to my friend t'other day: them California nudists have nothin' on them thar Obsidians. You-in's who all skied at White Branch last Sunday will know what I mean.

You've heard of Violet Ray, Electric Ray and Sun Ray, but I see of late, one of our Princesses has another Ray on her line of thought.

I find our friend Tony was slightly embarrassed last Sunday on arrival at SunShine shelter to find he had left the hip pocket of his ski breeches at Camp Scott.

I heerd as how a member of our feminine skiers got a bran' new ski outfit, all complete, then got to thinkin' as how maybe it wouldn't snow, so she went to church next mornin' and prayed hard for some snow.

Imagine! An Obsidian in church on Sunday morning!

No that wasn't the Aurora-Borialis, it was just the sun shining on that pretty head of Harold's girl friend.

One of the major feats accomplished this past week-end was that of our Ace's. He stood practically on the top of Belknap Crater and spotted his pack sack bulking like Santa's pack (thanks to the little shrimp) and straight way did he make for it, landing with a ski on each side of it—a perfect 3 point landing.



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NEW MEMBERS

The Obsidians are glad to welcome three new members: Ruth Carlson, Dr. Norton's nurse at the Eugene Hospital; Keith Miller, bookkeeper at the First National Bank; and Dr. Charles Donahue, already known to most Obsidians as the president of the Ski Laufers and the father of Jimmy and Tommy.



Bruce Wells, who skied on the Pass with Obsidians last winter is now with the Pontiac Company in Portland. He reports that skiing conditions on Mount Hood are fine, although the snow is icy.



Hey, if you want something new for your ski lunch, ask Tony for some of his Grandmother's recipes.



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BELKNAP CRATER

About thirty skiers enjoyed a beautiful trip into Big Belknap Crater on Sunday, December 12. The trip took about an hour from the highway over lava, lightly powdered with snow. The Sand hills had several inches of snow, but there was plenty at the Crater—about two feet.

To those who had never seen the Crater in all its winter dress, it was a glorious sight. The sun came out intermittently, making the day complete.

Several fellows built a jump and had a lot of fun picking themselves up. Others tried out every kind of turn in the "Scandahoovian" language. The steep slopes afforded space enough for every type of skiing. A member of the Bend Skyliners thrilled the party with a perfect exhibition of ski technique.



Wallace "Killer" Clark, young outdoor enthusiast, put many experienced skiers to shame with his excellent form on Belknap Crater. It makes us all wish we had started skiing when we were a little younger. This is the "Killer's" first season, aside of learning a few fundamentals last year.

SNOW TRAIN SPECIALS

Skiers will be glad to learn that the residents of Cascade Summit and the Forest Service have brushed out a good ski slide near the Depot. The next trains will probably stop at the Summit and skiers will not have to walk down the tracks for a space has been cleared to accommodate the crowds.



Sun Valley??

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one would on the beach in summer. In spite of the sunshine, hard crusty snow made skiing difficult throughout the day.

Those in the party were: Tony Vogel, leader; Ruth Carlson, Harriet Plotts, John Tiffany, Tom Wiper, Wallace (Killer) Clark, Bill and Minnie McCracken, Bryan Ryan, Eileen Baker, Ray Sims and Doris Osborn. When this group returned to Frog camp, they met more of the Obsidians, who had stopped at White Branch Crossing to ski.

Six made the scouting trip to Belknap Crater, including Paul Lafferty, Beth Gullion, Ralph Lafferty, Red Scroggins, and Dorr Hamlin. Very good skiing was reported.

Carl Young spent all of several Sundays working at the cabins and members are all very grateful.



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