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## IT'S HERE AGAIN! 1939 NEW YEAR'S PARTY

### 1939 WINTER OUTING

Now is the time to plan for that glorious week of Skiing—and dear Obsidians and Friends by that, we mean the 1939 Winter Outing at Mazama Lodge starting February 5th. Everyone attending last year's perfect outing will tell you that a better time could not be found, and skiing?—well—it's tops.

A regular program for the day of skiing and for the evening around the big fireplace has been worked out by the outing committee.

The ski bowl will be the main attraction if comments of last year's group is any indication—but don't forget the Alpine trail and that wonderful ski ground above the Timberline Hotel—and too, that Timberline Hotel itself.

The cost of the outing is even lower than last year's low rates, \$12.00 for members or \$13.00 for non-members, for the entire week. Your transportation may be arranged by yourself. Tony Vogel will be the instructor and Tony is right on Brad Adams heels. Have you seen Tony ski this year? And he can teach too.

An advantage of having the outing early in February, will give those taking advantage of it, all the better skiing the rest of the winter. The instruction at

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### NEW-YEAR'S PARTY RATES

The schedule of rates for the Two-Day New Year's Party has been given to the local walks committee as follows:

Rates are per person.

#### Hotel Rooms

\$2.50 for the 2 nights

#### Meals

\$3.50 for the 2 days

Anyone coming only for New Year's Dinner, \$1.25 Other meals at the rate of 50c except Monday dinner which will be 75c.

Cabin Rates are: 75c and \$1.00 per night. No bedding is furnished and sleeping bags are necessary.

Why not make a ticket to the Party a gift for your friend?

### Obsidian Contest Pictures

The winning pictures of the 1938 Obsidian Contest are on display at the Eugene Register-Guard window. This contest is open each year to all members and it is hoped that more will enter pictures at the annual meeting again next year.

Olga Mortenson won the grand prize with her picture of a girl skier in the archway of the huge archway of the huge door at Mt. Hood's Timberline Hotel. Other contest winners are: Louis Waldorf, Mertie Hamlin, Ray Sims, Nellie Moore and Ruth Hopson.

### Greenery Trip

The always welcome chance to get mistletoe, Oregon grape and other Christmas greens will be offered Sunday, December 18th.

Helen Kilpatrick announces the trip will be at 11:30 A. M. and in the vicinity of Eugene.

Belknap Springs Hotel will supply the setting for the Obsidian New Year's festivities, Saturday, December 31 and January 1. United efforts of Social, Local Walks, and Ski Committees are now making preparations for a gala party.

A program of entertainment will start at 9 P. M. in the Hotel lobby. Short skits and stunts will be presented by Chiefs and Princesses, and the Annual Liars Contest will be a feature of the evening with Roland Burghardt defending his Horsefeather trophy against this year's aspirants.

Master of Ceremonies, Tom Kaarhus, will lead all funsters in song, as well as swinging those tricky Norwegian steps. Excellent music for shag and waltz will be supplied until 12, when a blaring of horns and a tangle of confetti and balloons will herald in another New Year.

Midnight lunch will climax festivities. We'll see you there!

### A Happy New Year

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**Are Summer Camps Doomed?**

*By Louis Waldorf*

The records of other mountaineering clubs as well as our own show a marked decline in Summer outing registrations. The number attending Summer camp last year was very small—necessitating a reduction in the schedule to break even on the expense. The Mazamas have become quite concerned over this same situation. In 1939 they are trying out the idea of two separate one-week outings.

But is this the solution, and the cost the principal reason for reduced registration? We think not.

The cost of an outing must always be kept as low as possible for what is offered and we can not always take trips to distant points. However, we believe that the number who will attend any outing is in direct proportion to the attraction of the region or the interest which is created in it by the Outing Committee. A study of our outing records will bear this out.

There are a number of Mazamas who have been members for years that attend almost every outing. To them their two weeks in the mountains is as much a regular part of their lives as anything they do. A number of Obsidians feel the same way. Some of us are so tied down in the Summer that we can not get away

every year but would do so if it were possible.

But the younger members seem to take a little different attitude toward the mountains and outings. They are inclined to rush in, climb a mountain or two and hurry out. They have not learned the real enjoyment which comes from a Summer camp—that of a complete change from their every day life of work, study, hurry and conflict. A real Summer outing replaces these with fun, exercise, rest, disregard for time, wholesome companionship—real RE-creation.

We believe that THIS is why our outings to the more remote places—where members cannot continually come and go—have been the most enjoyable—they have brought out this real outing spirit.

So we believe that this idea must be sold to all our members—especially the younger ones. Let us decide on a good outing location and then talk it up and put this idea across; and we will have a successful one every year.

**Attend Mazama Meeting**

Elizabeth Gullion and Louis Waldorf attended the Annual Mazama Dinner and Dance held at the Neighbors of Woodcraft building in Portland. Most of the member clubs of the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs were represented, there being about 275 people at the party.

The party was under the capable management of Beatrice DeLacey McNiel. Frank Branch Riley was "roastmaster", with President Baxter of Willamette University giving the address of the evening.

Before the dining room was left in favor of the dance floor, individual candles were lighted and the group sang "Auld Lang Syne."

Dancing was in order from ten till one o'clock. The music and the floor were both very fine.

It was lots of fun to meet our Mazama "Cousins" in their formal evening clothes.

**SKI PATROL**

Organization of the Willamette Ski Patrol, a part of the Northwest ski patrol, affiliated with a National Group, is well under way, with headquarters to be at Pole Bridge Cabin.

Paul Lafferty, former Obsidian President, is division Chief at Eugene, with Guy Wright patrol chief of the Ski Laufers and Tony Vogel patrol chief of the Obsidians.

The members of the patrol, numbering about 40, were drawn from the Obsidians and Ski Laufers.

Ten men of the patrol will be on duty each weekend to render assistance in case of accidents, and are distinguished by means of an orange and black armband.

Each member has been trained in the First Aid class of the American Red Cross, whose organization has given the patrol a First Aid kit.

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## JUNIOR OBSIDIANS

Did ja see the swell line we got in the WESTERN SKIER about the new Junior Obsidians? It's the official paper of the Pacific Northwest Ski Assn., with which we are affiliated.



I see where a young Junior member just about took the other girls over the fence, in the Women's Slalom race on Dec. 4th. And her first day out too.



Well—there sure air a lot of those young uns goin up to Mazama Lodge over the Xmas Holidays. At least eight have already said they were goin.



A hint to the Juniors when they want a ski tourney, they had better offer to do a little help, like packing the course, and helping to publicize the event and MAINLY to sign up at Hendershott's the day BEFORE the meet.



Why don't the Juniors show a little spirit and come to these dances the Obsidians are putting on . . . to help raise a little money to finance these tourneys.



Or better yet what say all you Juniors WE put on a party or dance etc., to raise money to sponsor a Junior Ski team and to help fix up the Lodge.



Oh yes, Juniors, the Obsidians do have a Lodge . . . above Lost Creek Ranch. Why not take an Obsidian with us and go up for a week-end? It's a swell place and you can have glorious times there. We can help in the upkeep too.

A JUNIOR MEMBER.  
W. "K" C.

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## OBSIDIAN BOARD MEET

The monthly Board meeting was held December 12th, at Eileen Baker's home. The local walks committee also attended to make plans for the annual New Year's Party.

Six Senior and twelve Junior membership applications were received and approved.

Tony Vogel reported that Dr. Kremer, who is now in Europe wished to have his membership "Given leave of absence", until his return.

A letter of resignation from Harriett Plotts, our Secretary, was accepted by the Board. A new Secretary will be appointed by the Board to take over her duties.

A letter from the Oregon Roadside Council was read by the Secretary. They have undertaken a statewide program of education in an effort to bring to every person and community an increasing realization of the value of Oregon's natural beauty and the importance of preserving it. The Board suggested that the Secretary write to the Council and let them know that we are interested and the membership will be informed of the movement.

The meeting was adjourned and refreshments were served by Eileen.

## CHIEFS INITIATION

The Honorable tribe of Chiefs, of the Obsidians Inc., met at the summer home of Chief Paint Brush, on the McKenzie, Saturday night, November 12th, and welcomed two more "braves". (One of them said he had to be brave on such a night.)

Rain came down in torrents, so the night was ideal, though it did dampen the spirits of two.

Vint Gillespie was dubbed Chief Windless and Dr. Henry Norton, Chief Lone Wolf. Others at the conclave were: Brokentop, Packhorse, Paintbrush, Wet Wash, Big Wind, Huckleberry, Little Brother, KIYi, Hen Scratch and Smoketurner.

## Greetings—New Members

The Obsidians extend a warm welcome to their new members. The following members were admitted to membership at the recent Board meetings:

Obsidians: Adeline Adams, Norman Lee, Don Umphrey, Ralph Lafferty, Jean Cochran, Norman Holt.

Junior Obsidians: Jean McMorran, Ruby Jackson, Phoebe Smith, Bob Brandt, Bob Keeney, John Merrill, Gerald R. Johnson, Al Hoffman, Wallace Clark, Richard Hewitt, Elizabeth Edmunds, Marg DeCou.

## CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

About thirty Obsidians gave Carl Young a surprise party at his home at Walterville, Thursday, December 8th, being his 78th birthday. It was also a house warming as Carl has recently completed a new house of his own.

The Club was shocked Saturday morning to hear of his serious illness. It is hoped he will have a speedy recovery.

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## A Letter From Carmel

A very interesting and encouraging letter was received by the local walks committee from Miss Carmel Newland, Secretary of the new UMPQUA SKI CLUB, of Roseburg.

She says Mr. E. A. Britton and Mr. Ernest Unrath (Obsidians) were among the first to see the possibilities of a ski area in their own back yard. Red Butte is the name, about thirty-five miles up Little River, from Roseburg.

She does not have to say they are enthusiastic, with 109 paid up members to start, and the town going "ski crazy".

Miss Newland writes to ask for regulations on such an area, but beside that, Obsidians, let's go down and have a day of skiing with our own Obsidian members Miss Newland, Mr. Britton and Mr. Unrath.

## AFTER SKIING

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## JUNIOR SKI MEET

The first open Junior Ski meet was sponsored by the Obsidian Club at the Sand Hills, atop the McKenzie Pass, Sunday, Dec. 4. Plenty of snow was found but not until Bill McCracken had "broken trail" with his big car clear from the Pole Bridge Cabin. The Pass had been falsely reported closed and in spite of the adverse publicity a grand turnout of more than a hundred skiers were on hand to help in turning the cars around in the center of the lava beds with a foot of slush snow on the highway.

All then set out for the Sand Hills where a stiff wind and a few swirling clouds greeted the skiers.

At one o'clock the juniors were lined up by Tony Vogel, Tom Wiper, Bryan Ryan and Ray Sims and the slalom and down hill races were run.

Ralph Lafferty won first in the slalom in 30 seconds, Ed O'Reilly second in 31 seconds and Wallace Clark and Bud Hurlbert third in 35 seconds.

The junior down hill race was won by Joe Jackson in 9 seconds, Wallace Clark was second in 10 seconds and five tied for third in 11 seconds, Ralph Lafferty, Bud Hulbert, Jimmy Donahue, Coulter Mitchell and Ed O'Reilly.

The girls slalom race was run over the same course and was won by Ruth Carlson in 64 seconds, three were tied for second, Blanche Osborn, Eileen Baker and Harriett Plotts with 65 seconds and Elizabeth Edmunds third in 72 seconds.

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these outings has been a great benefit to all skiers.

Registration at Hendershott's will soon begin and Harold or Tony will be able to inform those about the Outing. Register early.

## FIRST-AID CLASSES

The First Aid classes sponsored by the Ski Patrol, are being well attended. These classes are being held at the City Hall each Wednesday evening at 7:30, and are open to any member of the Obsidians or Ski Lauferers.

Mr. John B. Patterson, of the Bell Telephone Co., is instructing the classes and is well known for his splendid work. Mr. Patterson has worked for many years here with the Red Cross First Aid courses and is making these classes especially interesting.

## OBSIDIAN

Burghardt: "We were slowly starving to death, but we cut up our boots and made soup of them."

Dotson: "Sh-h-h! Not so loud." "The restaurant owner might hear you. He is always looking for new things."

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