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THE OBSIDIAN CLUB WHY? HOW? AND WHEN?

By Ray Sims

Beginning the second year of the Club, members saw many new parts of the country and the Obsidian Cabins were worked upon many weekends by the members.

The first two weeks in August, 1939, was the date of the second annual Summer Camp. Honoring our first President, Camp Board was established on Hinton Creek, on the West side, near the base of the South Sister.

Again the outing was under the direction of Ed Turnbull and proved to be an annual outing, as forty-two were in camp for the full period.

Dean David Faville of the University of Oregon composed the Obsidian song while in this two weeks camp and Honey Lake came into prominence.

The mystery of the two lost boys was cleared up at the end of two years, when on Labor Day 1929, their bodies were found in the mountain pass between the Middle and South Sisters, by a packhorse party led by Harry Hayes. The find, clearly proved that they had frozen to death.

As the club grew to over the hundred mark, many new mountains were climbed and the third Summer Camp was held in the Mt. Jefferson region.

The campsite was on Marion Lake and Mt. Jefferson was first scouted and then climbed by most of the thirty-four campers. Mt. Jefferson, two hundred feet taller than the Three Sisters Mountains, is not climbed nearly as much, owing to the long pack in to the base.

In 1931, Green Lakes was the popular campsite for the two

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COMING EVENTS

Sunday, March 27

The last ski trip (on the schedule) and the snow looks right for WHITEBRANCH, although the trip does say Lucky Boy. Ray and Harold say, UP THE McKENZIE this week.

Sunday, April 3

BUNCHGRASS RIDGE — A new country to most of us. Leaders, Doris Osborn and Ray Sims.

Sunday, April 10

SILVER CREEK FALLS — A real pretty spring trip. Leaders, Dorr Hamlin and Vera Heidenreich.

Sunday, April 17

UMPQUA RIVER — Leader, Tony Vogel and Ruth Carlson.

Sunday, April 24

GATE CREEK — Leaders, Paul Wiser and Myrtie Hamlin.

WANTED!

Not old rags, bottles, or shoes

But

Some smashing ideas for some honest-to-goodness hikes that the club will brag about to their grandchildren when they get too old for LOCAL WALKS.

Some snappy ideas that will make these Ski-Laufers and all others stack their skis in the corner.

Sing out about that favorite spot, that shady lane, the highest peak, that place which invites you back when the days drag and your thoughts drift away.

So rally 'round, all you gals and guys, jot down your ideas and give them to HAROLD TROTTER or any member of the local walks committee.

Barvarian Skiers Program

One of the Worlds outstanding Collegiate Ski teams presented a very interesting program the evening of March 22, at Villard Hall. The Barvarian Skiers, on tour of the United States, have engaged in ski competition with all of the outstanding American and Canadian schools in the East, and won all of the competition, with exception of Dartmouth.

One of their members, Ulli Beuter, won the down-hill race at Sun Valley, bettering the time of Richard Durrance, who also competed in that event. During their brief stay at Mt. Hood they opened the eyes of all ski enthusiasts to the amazing ease and effortless control of their technique.

Their program was opened by the singing of several Barvarian ski songs, music was provided by one of their own members, who was an accomplished accordion player. A unique feature of the program was the presentation of a native Barvarian dance, in costume, Schulplattling. Highlight of the dance is the rhythmic slapping of the thighs, hands, knees and heels, and the stamping of the heavy boots, in perfect time to the music.

Franz Machler, the teams ace slalom runner, and Sigfried List, presented an excellent yodelling duet.

The Ski pictures showing various phases of the 1936 Olympic games, and skiing at Garmisch Parten Kierchen, were very good, and the pictures showing ski tours with Hannes Schneider, were even better. The program was concluded by the informal questionnaire conducted by Fritz Diemer, at which time, members of the audience asked many questions pertinent to skiing, receiving very courteous response.

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EDITORIAL

The Winter Outing is here to stay, conclusive evidence was at this year's outing at the Mazama Lodge the week of February 13th to 20th. Just picture what these forty-five people enjoyed up there where the snow conditions were ideal. (At least during that week)

First, Mazama Lodge, big enough to accommodate twice our number, all the conveniences of home (except the showerbath) a fireplace all could sit around, ski waxing room, real spring mattress bunks, a small kitchen for small partys and a real kitchen where Genevieve said she would just as soon be snowed-in all winter.

An instructor, in Brad Adams, we had a "teacher" that taught everyone the finer points in finer skiing.

Then the places to ski, first the ski classes near the lodge, then the steep slopes of the Ski Bowl, Mazama hill, and last but not least the Alpine Trail. Those four and a half "downhill" miles, sometimes were called Suicide trail.

Then the new Timberline Hotel, one could spend a day just wandering through this great mountain hotel. And the skiing above timberline is just a little better, owing to better snow conditions in the higher altitudes.

And the thought every morning about six-thirty as the bugle blew, with four-foot long icicles hanging from the eaves and the temperature down to 19 above, that you were on your "vacation" and you could get right up, eat breakfast and get out to that job of SKIING.

THE NEW SKI AREA

By A. J. Vogel

The conclusions reached by members of the survey party which was conducted from March 6th to 16th by the United States Forest Service was that the territory around Three Finger Jack was the location they were looking for. The survey party was composed of Forest service officials, rangers, newspapermen and representatives of Eugene, Albany and Salem winter sports clubs. The group from Eugene were: W. N. Parke, Willamette national forest recreational director; Wallace Rowland and Guy Wright, representing the Ski Lauferers; Tony Vogel and Ed Thurston, representing the Obsidians; and Ned Simpson of the Register-Guard staff.

Although our club has always been in favor of the Three Sisters Country, and we know this area surpasses anything that may be developed anywhere in the Cascades, we will have to admit that under the present set up it will be most advisable for us to support and approve this Three Finger Jack area. It will be in the neighborhood of ninety miles from Eugene going by way of Marcola, Mable and Crawfordsville, then up the south Santiam highway which will be kept open along with the north Santiam.

The Forest Service plans to develop this area by easy stages. The first and most important will be the building of four and one-half miles of road from the highway to the base of Jack. In time other developments will follow, such as shelters and a resort, and

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a natural down hill trail from the mountain to Lost Lake. A few members of the party went over this trail during the survey and report a very thrilling ride. It is steep and free of timber with the exception of the last quarter of a mile near the shores of the lake which will have to be cleared out.

This area will be about equal distance from Albany and Eugene, a little farther from Corvallis and about ninety miles from Salem. In view of the fact that these cities are combining to promote this area and that they should have, and deserve a place to ski, it seems advisable for the Obsidians and all the service clubs of Eugene to help these cities in their efforts. Later, and not too far in the distance we can hope for and will have a development near Eugene.

Beth: "I 'eat' six eggs for breakfast, this morning."

Elsie: "You mean 'ate'."

Beth: "Well, maybe it was eight."

The Indian Chief's definition of Skiing:

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SECOND WINTER CAMP

Spring vacation found more ski-enthusiasts clamouring for another extended visit to Mt. Hood, so a second "Winter-camp" was sponsored by the Obsidians under the leadership of Bailey Castelloe. A party of nine selected Mazama Lodge for their headquarters from March 16 to 20, thus giving several who missed the fun last month, a chance to enjoy the "perfect" vacation winter camp offers. These included Dr. Miriam Hayes, Ruth Hopson, Jean Taylor, Bailey Castelloe, Eileen Baker, and Russell Price. Already at the lodge, but not in the scheduled party were: Tom Wiper, Norman Holt, and Clayton Pierce, students from Oregon. Joining the party late Friday were: Edith Clement, Adeline Adams and Miriam Yoder.

Winds, snow and blizzard confined the group to Mazama Lodge during much of the time which would have otherwise been devoted to skiing. During these stormy intervals, the Schottish supplied lively entertainment. Jack Nelson, famed Schottisher of Mazama was restrained from frolicking with us by a fractured leg. Jack deserves our thanks and appreciation for all the favors he did, especially under the handicap of a broken leg, to make our stay at Mazama a happy one.

Instructions on controlled skiing technique were given by Bradley "Dear Teacher" Adams. We all felt that we were ready for our diploma in skiing until we watched the Bavarians in action Sunday.

Regardless of the stormy weather conditions, trips were made to Timberline, down the Alpine trail, to Multigor-Hill, and the Ski Bowl.

The Obsidian Club

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week outing, and it has proved to be the largest attended camp yet. Fifty-seven enjoyed the "open" country on the "other" side of the mountains and the fishing in those three beautiful Green Lakes. Ed Johnson was head of the camp.

On July 4th, 1931, Mt. Hood was officially climbed by the club members, 31 making the climb. Mt. Washington and Three Fingers Jack were also added to the accomplishments of members in this year.

The early teachings of Dean John F. Bovard have been a vital factor in the success of the Obsidian Club, and can be summed up in just two words, "common sense", while in these everchanging mountains.

And in this respect there has always been a competent leader as head of the organization. John Bovard was president the first two years, followed by Henry Korn, J. Ed Turnbull, Percy W. Brown, V. Edwin Johnson, Clifford Stalsberg, J. Dorr Hamlin, M. B. Castelloe, Robert Lemon and Paul Lafferty, for one year each.

The first summer camp was held at Obsidian Camp, where the name of the Club was coined, then the names of each president followed, Camp Bovard on the west side of the South Sister in '29, Camp Korn at Marion Lake in '30, Camp Turnbull at Green lakes in '31, Camp Brown at Mt. Rainier in '32, Camp Johnson at previously named Camp Scott in '33, Camp Stalsberg at Crescent Lake in '34, Camp Hamlin in Jefferson Park in '35, Camp Castelloe in the Wallowa mountains in '36 and Camp Lemon at Green Lakes in '37. Where do we go this year Paul?

A gradual build up from forty-two charter members to the present membership of about one hundred forty has always been the aim of the club, as the purpose of the club is to bring the people of the cities into the open and see the wonders of the State, and many more than the membership have taken advantage of the trips sponsored by the Club.

Besides numerous partys each year, the Club also held a "winter" outing, at first a double holiday either on Lincoln's or Washington's birthday, but the past two years a whole week in the mountains, indulging in snow sports. In March 1937 the site was at the Champion Mine building in the Bohemia mountains, where thirty attended, and everyone thought a more perfect vacation couldn't be found, but it only took another year to realize that a better one could.

This year's outing was held at the Mazama Lodge at the foot of Mt. Hood, and all of the forty-five who attended the full week, said it was an ideal "winter vacation". It was put on in conjunction with the Ski Laufers Inc. and as this paper goes to press another "winter outing" is being held at Mt. Hood by some twenty Obsidian members.

The End.

Princesses' Benefit Card Party

The Princess' held their benefit card party at the Cafe Del Rey, March 8. About fifty members and friends spent the evening in playing Bridge, Five Hundred and Pinochle.

Prizes were awarded during the evening to the winners holding highest scores. Also, an auto robe was raffled off by Roland Burghardt which went to Jack Stalsberg, who held the lucky number.

The committee, Eileen Baker, chairman, Blanche Osborn, Reva Moore, and Marge Ferguson reported the party to be a huge success.



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NEWS NOTES

Bryan Ryan who recently had the misfortune to break his leg while coming down Dead Horse Hill is getting along as well as may be expected for a skier. He told the nurse he must get well because he had a date in May . . . (Cupid or his Skis? . . . We wonder).

Tony left last week to assist Brad Adams, Ski instructor at Mt. Hood. He is staying with Brad in his cabin across from Red Devil Inn at Gov't. Camp. Tony says he would enjoy seeing some familiar faces any time.

Ye Editor might get it in the neck when the paper comes from the press . . . but here goes. It seems Bill McCracken was scheduled to make a business trip to Frisco the week of the second Winter Outing. Well, it so happened he developed a cold . . . the kind that calls for higher altitude (Mt. Hood to you). His doctor got word of the proposed trip to the higher altitude— Well, you know the rest. We are sorry Bill, understand it was quite a tough operation.

One member of the staff, Eileen Baker, just in the middle of "things", went to the hospital, for the removal of her tonsils, Ruth says she is getting along fine.

Thanks, too, for the THREE, Ruth Carlson, Bill Parrish and Ray Sims, for the help on this issue.

Notice to Members

Any member having a change of address, please notify Harriet Plotts, Tel. 1748 or 1381-J.

You may still get your Obsidian emblems from Thelma Watson, Washburne's, for 35c.

1938 WINTER OUTING

By Louis Waldorf

The Winter Outing, with headquarters at the Mazama Lodge near Mt. Hood February 13 to 20 was a liberal education as well as one of the most enjoyable ever held.

The classes in the art of skillfully manipulating the "slippery skis" were only a part of this education. The outing gave members of the Obsidians and Ski Luffers an opportunity to see an ideal ski area in open country, such as we hope to have near Eugene, and how this can be developed to give skiers the greatest enjoyment from it. It also gave the members a chance to inspect carefully the mountain home or lodge of a sister club, to live in it for a week; and to come home with some pretty definite ideas of what we might be able to build for ourselves.

Approximately fifty members went on the outing, the majority for the full time, though some had to come home on Wednesday and others went up at that time. The Northwest Ski meet on Multnomah Hill was enjoyed by most of the party on Sunday. Snow and low hanging clouds made visibility at a distance poor on Sunday and Monday; but did not prevent skiing about the lodge and taking ski lessons. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday were the kind of days a skier lives for; The sun shone bright, on dry snow and the air was crisp. Mt. Hood stood out in all her glory, Mt. Jefferson and many other peaks were clearly visible.

Practically everyone drove to timberline at least once over the beautiful winding road flanked by high snow banks, inspected the huge Timberline Lodge; and rode the Alpine ski trail back to the Mazama lodge. Few made it without spills, especially over the "washboards"; and most of us

lost count on spills; but it was a wonderful ride!

Beginners and old timers alike got a lot out of the ski instruction of Brad Adams. We even enjoyed being "bawled out". The ski bowl on Tom, Dick & Harry, with its steep slopes was most intriguing, especially when the "up-ski" was running.

Evenings were filled with entertainment and dancing—especially the Swedish dances. Brad Adams said, "I really don't see where they get so much energy! They take ski class in the morning, ski the rest of the day, and dance all night!"

The large, cheery fireplace, the conveniences of the fine lodge, and Mrs. Lake-Cornutt's fine meals all contributed greatly to the enjoyment.

All in all, it was probably one of the most successful outings the club ever held. Everyone seemed to have a good time. The committee are to be congratulated and thanked. We are sure that even more will want to go next year.

Bavarian Skiers Program

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They spoke highly of American progress in skiing, and stated that in a few years, the United States skiers would be hard to beat, as they have plenty of nerve and courage, which are choice requisites.

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