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## Obsidians Sponsor Ski Meet Hoodoo Ski Bowl—March 16

Leading event of the season for the Santiam area skiers will be the All Oregon Class "B" Men's and Women's Downhill and Slalom Championships, to be run at Hoodoo Ski Bowl, Santiam Pass, March 16, 1947. Sterling Behnke is general chairman of this Obsidian sponsored meet, the first of its kind to be held in the state. This is an invitational meet and should draw racers from every ski locality in the state. A beautiful array of eighteen cups of graduated sizes have already been procured and suitably inscribed for this meet. It is hoped that some of these trophies will stay at home in permanent possession of some of our local expert performers. Hjalmar Hvam, nationally famous veteran skier of Portland, Oregon has announced his willingness to set the courses for both the downhill and the slalom races. As this is a P. N. S. A. sanctioned meet, several officials of the Pacific Northwest Ski Association will be on hand to help officiate and lend the benefit of their experience in running off sectional and Northwest meets, to the smooth functioning of this Club sponsored affair. To help pay for expenses of this meet, a small fee will be solicited by designated members of the Club, from all non-competing skiers and spectators trekking into the Bowl on the day of the races. As an added attraction and so that many of the more fortunate spectators may go home as happy as event winners, valuable ski merchandise donated by local merchants, will be distributed to lucky ticket holders in the Bowl, during intermissions in the races. Soooooo—the more tickets you have the greater will be your chance to ski out from the Bowl in the latest of fashion, courtesy of .....!

This is a no-host meet, but contestants will receive special rates for lodging and meals at Santiam Lodge through the courtesy of Arthur Boes-

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## Pack Rats Are Active

The Pack Rats are continuing to organize ski trips for Eugene high school students with the use of school district busses. Recent trips have included a Saturday-Sunday trip to Santiam on January 11 and 12, and a Saturday trip to the Willamette on January 18. Senior Obsidians accompanying the group to Santiam were Gene McMurphey, Jim Harrang and Bob Lyon. McMurphey provided instruction for junior Obsidians and other interested students. Willis Caldwell of the Willamette Ski Patrol and a Mazama went with the gang to the Willamette. Trips were also made to the Willamette on February 1 (returning in ample time to enable the skiers to see the John Jay movie) and to Santiam on February 8 and 9.

## Summer Outing?

Plans are definitely getting under way for Summer Camp. We now have a Chairman functioning and will soon have a complete committee (we hope). The time is August 3rd to 17th but we would not like to commit ourselves definitely on the place as yet. There are two or three possible locations but until more complete information has been secured we would like to hold the place open. If we can reach a decision before the next bulletin is due out we will send out a separate Prospectus.

The John Jay movie, "Skis in the Sky" was attended by 439 Obsidians and friends. This was an exceptionally good turn-out for a Saturday night affair. The picture is rated as one of the best of its kind in the nation, and all who saw it were very generous in their praise of the program.

## Club Dues Are Past Due

Some pay their dues when due, others don't, do you? If not, please send yours in.

## Ski Schools In Session

Ski instructors certified by the Pacific Northwest Ski Association are now operating ski schools at Santiam and Willamette areas under Forest Service permits. Both Gene McMurphey of the Santiam School and Elizabeth Gullion of the Upper Willamette school have received temporary sanction from P. N. S. A. president, George Henderson. This certification was granted to enable these instructors to start their respective schools immediately. Both ski teachers plan to take the certification tests as soon as they are announced by P.N.S.A. ski instruction certification chairman, Ken Syver-son. These two instructors have both had previous experience—Mr. McMurphey instructed in mountain troops and Miss Gullion taught in Hannes Schneider's internationally known ski school.

## Ski Style Show Success

The Obsidian ski style show staged at the McDonald Theater February 20 was presented to a large and appreciative audience. George Korn was general chairman of the event, and should receive the congratulations and thanks of all club members for his enthusiasm and hard work on this and other programs, such as the John Jay and Hans Thorner movies. The program was highly entertaining, with the latest in ski fashions modelled by Junior Obsidian girls and some of the fairest members of the University of Oregon Ski Club. Trophies were presented to the winners of the Jr. Obsidian races held at Hoodoo Bowl February 16. The feature picture was "Sun Valley Serenade", with plenty of good skiing; and to bring the audience back from the spell of the music, styles and pictures, a second feature, "The Bowery" was also run following the first picture. The club is really going all out to bring novel and worthwhile entertainment to the community.

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**Obsidians To The Rescue**

Horses love Mistletoe—so say the Obsidians who went Mistletoeing in the Coburg Hills, December 8, shepherded by Frank Sipe. At least it was a fight to keep them from gobbling up all that lay on the ground—while the majority of the party had gone strolling up the hill, coming upon a sheep, wooly coat ensnared in the grip of a thorny wild rosebush, reconciled to death, until rescued by the Obsidians.

After the trip, potluck was enjoyed at the home of Paul and Helen Weiser. The group had a good time singing and talking the rest of the evening.



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**P. N. S. A. Grows**

That the Pacific Northwest clubs of the Western Federation of Outdoor Clubs are taking their skiing more seriously is indicated by their increased activity within the P. N. S. A. After all, one does not go very far in the mountains during the winter without skis. The Mountaineers and the Obsidians, long members of the Pacific Northwestern Ski Association, are carrying on expanded ski programs. The most recent augmentation to the ranks of organized skiing by a Federation club is the admission of the Mazamas to full membership in the P. N. S. A. Word from Seattle indicates that the Washington Alpine Club, once a member, is contemplating reinstatement.

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Ski Illustrated

Ski Informant.

Word was just received from Bob Mason, advertising manager of Western Skiing, offering a club a yearly subscription rate of \$2 when twelve or more subscribe. Western Skiing is published monthly throughout the year. Mr. Mason, who with his wife visited Santiam in January, showed an all-color movie of skiing at Sun Valley. He is arranging for more films which will be available to clubs in the future. The film library is to include instructional pictures as well as breath taking thrillers, according to Mr. Mason. Back copies of Western Skiing are available for circulating among club members who wish to acquaint themselves with this new and fast growing ski publication. If you are interested in subscribing at the club rate contact Bob Lyon, 2090 Kincaid St., telephone 1869-W.

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## New Members Sought

No doubt all you Obsidians realize that activities such as the ski tournament, shows, etc., as well as the usual scheduled trips, do represent a considerable amount of time and hard work by club committees and club members as a whole, and if we go on doing these things and taking on additional activities, always just around the corner, it is going to be a real load. The solution is additional membership. If you are deriving benefit and enjoyment from year-around club activities in part or entirety, let your best friend in on a good thing too—sign him or her up pronto, and increase the club's capability to go on to bigger and better things.

## Join the N. S. P. S.

The National Ski Patrol drive which is being organized in this area by the Willamette Ski Patrol under the chairmanship of George Souza will get off to a start early in February. This campaign to raise funds to take care of the increasing demands for ski patrol work will center at the Santiam and Willamette ski areas, but will also be carried on by the ski patrols and cooperating clubs in the communities. Associate membership buttons will go to those who contribute one dollar and supporting membership pins to those who make a donation of five dollars. Keep in mind that this is the best insurance you can buy for your protection while skiing. No ski outfit is complete without a NSPS button.

## Obsidian Hoodoo Ski Bowl

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chen, lodge operator. Contestants should address their requests for reservations to Arthur Boeschen, Santiam Lodge, Sisters, Oregon. Entry blanks will soon be available and will be mailed to Oregon PNSA clubs. Extra forms may be had by addressing your request to Paul Lafferty, 325 River Road, Eugene, Oregon. Awards will be made at a get-together in the lodge following the meet.

## Perry Thompson

P. A. Thompson, who was for a number of years supervisor of the Willamette National Forest and a member of the Obsidians, is now Regional Forester for California. Recently he had been chief fire control officer for the National forests, with headquarters in Washington, D. C.

Louis Waldorf called on Perry in San Francisco when he and Roxie visited their son Warren in Oakland in January.

California, and the outing clubs of that part of the Federation are fortunate in Perry's appointment. He is a real conservationist, a staunch supporter of Primitive Areas and a friend of skiing for the "poor man."

The Obsidian club subscription list to Skier's Informant, official publication of the Pacific Northwestern Ski Association, which was begun at the annual meeting has now reached a total of 60 subscribers. The Subscription rate for members of PNSA clubs is 50c per season, \$1 for non-members.

## New Year's Party

Forty-five Obsidians and friends welcomed the New Year at McCredie Springs resort. On the last day of the year, the trip was made to McCredie in the evening. Some of the party slept in the cabins, the rest occupied the rooms in the hotel. The Entertainment committee had charge of the program, which opened with group singing led by Bob Wilson, followed by games. That one game in which the men vied with the women in putting on and taking off dresses, the women making use of a man's coat and hat, made for much merriment. And there was dancing, with schottisches, fox trots, etc., while those who had perhaps a wooden leg or something played cards. When the hands of the clock reached that awaited time, midnight, the racket of the horns and other noisemakers rent the air, and Auld Lang Syne was the song we sang, and then lined up for the smorgasbord midnight lunch. The program was wound up with the good old liar's contest, traditional with the Obsidians—and won by Dr. Gullion.

After breakfast next morning, or rather, that morning, most of the party went to Willamette Summit ski area to try out the slats, and work up an appetite for the turkey dinner to come. Skiing sure was good that day, and so was the dinner. Honors are due to Gladys Patterson and her entertainment committee Bob Lemon, Thelma Watson, Bailey Castelloe, Dorothy Halle and Ray Cavagnaro for a very high class New Year's party.

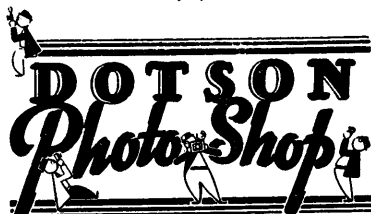
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### C. C. R. C. Notes

The Central Cascade Recreational Council is now up to full strength with all last years clubs back and new clubs knocking at the door. The nine old clubs which are all in good standing are: Chemeketans, East Linn, Helonskis, Obsidians, Santiam, Skyliners, Suskis, Takenahs, and University of Oregon. The Pack Rats of Eugene High School were admitted at the January meeting—the first high school to be accepted for membership. Clubs which have expressed an interest in joining are the reorganized Bohemia Ski Club of Cottage Grove and the newly organized Junction City club.

During the skiing season the council holds its regular meetings on the third Saturday evening of each month at Santiam Lodge. All council meetings this season have been attended by the Obsidian representative, Gene McMurphey, and the council chairman, Bob Lyon. Other Obsidians in attendance at recent meetings have been Harold Trotter and Duane Brown.

By the last meeting most clubs of the council had gone on record as favoring the construction of a lift to the top of Hoodoo Butte. The question of the improvement of skiing facilities was thoroughly discussed at the January meeting. The balance of opinion was in favor of encouraging the Forest Service to go ahead in granting a permit for a lift to the top of the butte so long as rope tows remained in operation on good terrain and at a rate not to

exceed that of comparable tow service at other areas in the Northwest Roy Elliott announced that official channels had been cleared for going ahead with the installation of the lift and other improvements. Applications for permits will be received up to April 1.

Letters have recently been received from three Obsidians now serving in Japan—Bob Moffitt, Hank Wittwer and John Quiner. All three of these fellows are skiers and are anxious to hear about the big and little events going on this winter. Let's make mail call a big event for these boys. Their addresses are

Cpl. Robert A. Moffitt,  
Hq. and Base Serv. Sqdn. 21st ASG  
APO 929, c/o Postmaster  
San Francisco, Calif.

Pvt. H. J. Wittwer,  
Co. E., 21st Inf. Regt.,  
APO 24, c/o Postmaster  
San Francisco, Calif.

Pvt. John H. Quiner,  
731 Engineer Depot Co.  
APO 503, c/o Postmaster,  
San Francisco, Calif.

Lloyd Gust is also in Japan. His address is

RA 19276844, Casual Co. 64  
Line No. 98, APO 28178  
c/o Postmaster,  
San Francisco, Calif.

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Edgar John DeCou, S 1/c (ETM)  
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San Francisco, California  
Vernon Roberts, S 1/c—USN  
Barracks 13 NAPTC  
Corpus Christi, Texas

Service members whose addresses

we do not have are  
Bud Beard  
Gene Dickerson  
Floyd Greene  
Norman Richards

Good news to lovers of the McKenzie—Harold Trotter and June Porterfield have purchased the Obsidian Ski Tow, and plan to put it in operation every Saturday and Sunday at ski areas on the McKenzie. Good luck to them, and three cheers!

### High School Has Ski Library

A small beginning of a skiing and mountaineering library is being set up in room 113 of Eugene High School for the use of all interested students as well as for junior Obsidians and Pack Rats. So far this library nook has recent issues of Oregon Outdoors, Ski Illustrated, Skier's Informant, and Ski News. Included among the books are: Manual of Ski Mountaineering, National Ski Patrol System Manual, American Red Cross First Aid Textbook, Ski Safety, and Boy Scout Merit Badge pamphlets on Skiing and on Hiking. Accompanying this small collection is a bulletin board for clippings, pictures, sign-up lists for trips, and other information pertaining to out-of-door activities. Suggestions, loans, and donations for enlarging this library corner will be appreciated. Contact Ward Haynes, 474 W. 12th Ave. or Eugene High School.

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## Chase and Edblom Top Junior Ski Meet

Bruce Chase and DoAnn Edblom skied away with top honors at Santiam Ski Area Sunday, February 16 by taking first places in the Junior Obsidian Giant Slalom. Twenty-three boys and six girls were entered. Conditions were right to give the Juniors a good test of their ability and many had difficulty in negotiating the course.

Highlite of the event was the performance of a late entry, eight year old Kathy Thurston. Displaying excellent control she easily captured third place in the girls' event. Donna Lee Andrews was second.

Chase, skiing like a veteran, finished six seconds ahead of his nearest competitor, Bill McCracken, who squeaked into second place with a terrific schuss that ended in an eggbeater at the finish. Don Temple, young ace of the Willamette placed third.

Jim Donahue, Phil Edblom, and Chelton Leonard of the University Ski Club acted as forerunners for the boys' race while Gloria Johnson and Deanie Skillern did the honors for the girls.

The Obsidian Ski committee arranged for the meet with Harold Trotter as chief course setter and Ace Moore chief timer. Trophies for the first three place winners both boys and girls were presented at the Obsidian Ski Show — McDonald Theater February 20.

## Junior Ski Meet

John Skillern was general chairman of this meet, held at Hoodoo Ski Bowl, Santiam Pass, 16th of February. Harold Trotter set the course for a Giant Slalom race, same course run for both Obsidian Junior Boys and Girls. The purpose of this meet and future Junior meets is to stimulate competitive skiing in the club. It is the Junior group, both boys and girls that will provide the future Obsidian racers that might well represent the club in national and even inter-national winter sports competition.

Any Obsidians, Junior or Senior, who wish to have the center circle and arrows cut out and sewed on their emblem, may send the emblem to the Obsidian Princess Club to be finished.

## Obsidian Ski Trip Schedule

Feb. 23—Obstacle Race, for Obsidians, all classes, all ages—Whitebranch Ski Area, McKenzie Pass. Leader, Harold Trotter.

March 2—Abernathy Trail, Willamette Pass Area. Leader, George Korn.

March 9—Hoodoo Butte, Santiam Pass Area. Leader, Duane Brown.

March 16—All Oregon Class "B" Men's and Women's Downhill and Slalom Championships—at Hoodoo Ski Bowl, Santiam Pass.

March 23—Obsidian Ski Qualifications (County Fair) Willamette Pass Ski Area. Leader, Ski Committee.

March 30—Scott Lake — Deer Butte, McKenzie Pass Area. Leader, Bailey Castelloe.

April 13—Three Fingered Jack, Santiam Pass Area. Leader, Bryan Ryan.

April 20—Bohemia Ski Trip—Joint Trip with Bohemia Ski Club. Leader, George Korn.

April 27—Sunshine Shelter—Collier Glacier, McKenzie Pass Area. Leader, Dr. Norman Lee.

May 4—Ski Ascent of Diamond Peak, Willamette Pass Area. Leader, Sterling Behnke.

See the bulletin board at Hendershott's for additional detail on these trips, each week.

## Let's Dance!

On Thursday evening, February 27, we are invited to Pete Skovbo's at Junction City, for dancing. Sign up for this at Hendershott's. Transportation will be arranged.

The entertainment committee is now offering the weekly dances, which were so popular in past years. Time, Thursday evening, about eight. Place, to be announced later. Music will be mostly from records, but the committee hopes to secure an accordionist occasionally.

Do you have any clear snaps of skiing groups and activities? Both the Forest Service and Skier's Informant would like to have some for their publications. Let Bob Lyon know and he will see what he can do about getting them published.

## New Members

New members accepted since Annual Meeting are:

### Junior:

Maynard Meadows  
Lucile Gilson  
Jean Gilson  
Phil Porter  
Elizabeth Ann Miller  
Patricia McGinty  
Jackie Johnson  
John Kerns  
Bill Shumway  
Gilbert Bissell  
William Bruce Chase  
John Nasholm  
Keith Stenshoel  
Harry E. Jones  
Joe Gardner  
Tom Williams

### Senior (Associate)

Marshall A. Sherwin  
N. F. Oluf Nielsen  
Beverly Jean Marines  
Sam Theodor Ellis

### Senior (Active)

Virginia Tompkins  
Phyllis Hixon

## Princessings!

The Obsidian Princess Club wishes to thank all contributors to the rummage sale. It was considered a financial success.

The annual Christmas party was held at Minnie McCracken's. Santa Claus was present with a gift for everyone. The January meeting was held at the home of Mary Gillespie. Myrtie Hamlin's birthday was celebrated. At this meeting it was decided to hold another rummage sale before Easter, sometime in March, if a place can be found. Anyone having rummage may call Mary Castelloe at 5587-W, Nellie Moore at 3210-M, or Doris Sims at 4330-M and they will see that it is collected.

The Obsidian Club is greatly indebted to George Korn for his excellent efforts in the staging of the John Jay and Hans Thorner ski movies, and the Big Obsidian Ski Show at the McDonald. He has gone all out to make these events successful in his direction of publicity and programming. Thank you, George.