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1947 OBSIDIAN SUMMER OUTING

Little Switzerland of America To Be Site of Obsidian Camp -- August 3 to 17, 1947

Prospectus

The nineteenth annual summer camp will be held on the shores of John Henry Lake in the Wallawas from August 3rd to 17th, 1947. The Wallowa mountain country is noted for its scenic beauty and because of the many lakes, mountains and rocky terrain, it is often referred to as "The Little Switzerland of America. Begin now to make your plans to be with us this summer. Put your John Henry on the sign-up sheet in Henderson's for John Henry Lake.

Location

From Eugene we travel over the McKenzie Pass to Redmond. Go north on Highway 97 to Biggs on the Columbia Highway. Then follow Highway 30 (the Columbia Highway) east to Pendleton and La Grande. From there northeast on Highway 82 through Elgin, Minam, Wallowa to Lostine. Leave the main highway at this point and turn south, follow the Forest Service road up the Lostine River Canyon to Roy Schaeffers Lap-over Pack Camp. From Eugene to La Grande 402 miles, La Grande to Lostine 56 miles, to Schaeffers Camp 16 miles. A total mileage of 474 miles.

We start hiking from the 15 mile-post on the road, up the Bowman Creek Trail 6 miles to John Henry Lake. There is a climb of 2600 ft. to the saddle between Brownny and Wilson Basins then drop 800 ft. to the lake.

John Henry Lake, which covers an area of about 10 acres and is at an elevation of 7000 ft., is located off the main Bowman Trail. Peaks in this region are not particularly difficult to ascend but are reached only after covering some fairly rugged terrain. Generally they rise only a few hundred feet above the rough, steep ridges at their bases. A trip to any one of them is well worth while and the scenery is outstanding. A few peaks are Flagstaff Point 8400

ft., Lookout Mt. 8800 ft., Sturgil Peak 9300 ft., Mazel Mt. 8200 ft., Minam Peak 8000 ft. Because of the rugged country surrounding them, the peaks offer better climbs than their elevations may suggest.

There are numerous lakes accessible from camp. All are stocked and afford excellent fishing at times. They are erratic in that one may fish for hours without a strike and then suddenly the fish begin to bite and the limit may be taken in a short time. Wood, Hobo, Bear, Chimney, Laverty, Steamboat, Long, Maxwell and Green Lakes may all be fished from camp. The North Minam Meadow affords excellent fishing at all times and can also be reached from camp.

This is new territory for our photographers so be sure and bring your camera with lots of film. Let's get some good shots for the picture contest.

Cost of Outing

The cost of the two weeks outing for members is \$40.00, non-members \$45.00. One week for member \$22.50; non-members \$25.00.

This includes packing from the road to John Henry Lake and all meals in Camp. Transportation will be by privately owned cars and arranged for by the Committee. Each camper is responsible for his own transportation and other costs to and from the Wallawas. It is suggested that the drivers be paid \$5.00 each way or \$10.00 for the round trip.

Saddle horses will be available for those who desire them at \$4.00 a day.

Registration for same will close July 20th.

Equipment

The Club furnishes some tents but it is suggested that members who have tents bring them and include them in their dunnage. Bring a sleeping bag. Nights are cold, so bring an extra blanket. Air mat-

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Ski Meet Success!

Oregon's first Class "B" Men's and Women's Downhill and Slalom championships, March 16 at Hoodoo Bowl, Santiam Pass, is now past history, but all of the club members that were not present for the tournament will be pleased to know that the meet was a success in every respect and surely identifies the Obsidians as actively interested in the winter sports program, as well as the spring, summer and fall phases of outdoor activities. Sterling Behnke, as general chairman of the meet, did an excellent job of prior planning and one the spot execution that required a mighty good organizer. Doris Sims and Sterling Patterson did a fine job in selling the tickets. They and their committee, forsook almost all opportunity to witness the meet, spending nearly the entire day on the trail selling tickets, and they deserve cheers!

George Korn well deserves the sobriquet of "Little Beaver", with his super-abundance of tireless energy. He arranged for the P.A. system, which did much to put the tournament on a "big time" basis. Hjalmar Hvam spent the whole week end at Hoodoo Bowl, setting both the downhill and slalom, and assisting with running of the events. The courses he set really tested the skill of the racers. Hal Laman of the Portland Oregon Journal was on hand to cover the meet for his paper, and also did a fine job of timing and computing results. The Willamette National Forest Service cooperated fully. Their radio made timing and control of the downhill a pleasure. Ed Thurston and Art Boeschen assisted the committee in every possible way, and the club owes them a vote of appreciation.

Oh yes, the skiers! They came from all over the state: Blue Mountain Club of Baker, Klamath Falls contingent, both U. of O. and O.S.C. varsity skiers, large list of entries from Cascade Ski Club, Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club, and all clubs of the Cascade Council. The Obsidians were represented by Bryan Ryan, veteran Obsidian racer and lately of the U.S. Mountain Troops—he was our club's only entry. An-

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"The Obsidian"

Member of Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs

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Mitropoulos Is Climber

Ye editor, invited to the press conference for Dimitri Mitropoulos, conductor of the Minneapolis Symphony orchestra, which played in Eugene April 9, learned that the maestro is an enthusiastic mountain climber, going in for the really rugged scaling, requiring pitons, rappelling, etc. Mitropoulos tells of having practiced rappelling for two weeks before an excursion into the Grand Tetons. He was much interested in our favorite mountains, the Three Sisters—first question upon alighting from the train was "Where are the Three Sisters?"



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Earliest Climb of Jack

On that other sunny skiing Sunday in February, two former Junior Obsidians donned ski boots, Bramanis and crampons to test the mountaineering merits of the two footgears. So to Three Fingered Jack they skied, cached their skies at the notch of the south ridge and found it easy crampon going along the knife edge aretes; the traverse was dry but poor footing was offered with crampons, necessitating considerable belaying. Base of chimney was reached with little difficulty, but even with the chimney clear of ice, climbing was impossible with either crampons, bramanis, or ski boots, so Bill Unsoeld shed his shoes and sox and negotiated the vertical ascent **barefoot**. Friend Gudman Kaarhus sent up his shoes on the rope and they reached the summit with sufficient time left for a hasty descent, for the earliest climb of Jack on or off the record. Bill and Gudman, who climbed last summer in the Tetons with Norman Bright of McKinley and Arctic fame, maintain the trip was purely for research and sagely concluded that gravel sticks between your toes when climbing without shoes!

The publications committee will appreciate anyone's turning in items for the bulletin, at any time, especially personals about members or trip incidents. Leave the dope at Wilson Music House, 39 E. 10th. Keep 'em brief, but let's have them.

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tresses add much to comfort, but are not absolutely necessary.

The following are indispensable

1. A good bed.
2. Heavy hiking shoes, not necessarily high, but preferably hobbed.
3. Heavy wool socks.
4. Colored glasses.
5. Suitable hiking clothes.
6. Small first aid kit.
7. Sunburn prevention.
8. Small knapsack or pack.
9. Drinking cup or canteen.
10. Flashlight.
11. Swim suit.

Reduce personal belongings to a minimum. The club will furnish dishes, cooking utensils, a cook to prepare meals, first aid equipment, lanterns in camp, and such climbing equipment as ropes and ice axes.

Baggage

Baggage must be securely tied in rolls or in dunnage bags. It must

be labeled and tied well for the pack trip into camp. Allowed weights are as follows:

	with tents	without tents
2 weekers	40 lbs.	35 lbs.
1 weekers	30 lbs.	25 lbs.
Excess weights will be charged for at 10c a pound.		

Tents and dunnage bags must be left at Bailey Castelloes (1390 Oak Street) by July 26th. Keep your sleeping bags with you but have them at Schaeffers Pack Camp before noon August 4th.

Rules and Regulations

Persons attending this outing are expected to comply with a few simple rules which have been found necessary for the safety and harmony of such an expedition. As is customary in all Obsidian camps, no firearms or dogs are allowed.

Registration

Any person, whether a member of the club or not, is cordially invited to attend the outing. The summer camp provides an opportunity for the camper to enjoy the out-of doors, fish, hike and, above all, to enjoy the fellowship of others who like the out of doors.

Registration will be made at Hendershotts and will close by July 26th. A \$10.00 deposit is requested on signing and the balance before leaving for camp. All money may be paid at Hendershotts or to any member of the Outing Committee.

If registering for only one week, be sure and indicate whether you will attend the first or second week of the outing.

Outing Committee

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C.A.P. Makes Contact With Obsidians on Jack Butte

An Obsidian ski trip was made in to Jack Butte from Santiam Lodge April 13 under clear sky. By previous arrangement with the Civil Air Patrol, airplane contact was made with the Obsidian party. Signals were exchanged messages and supplies were dropped. This was a practice mission simulating the type of contact which would be maintained between air and ground rescue groups in an actual airplane crash situation. Future training exercises of this type are being planned in which radio communication will be used and more advanced supply technique will be used. Piloting the Taylorcraft airplane was E. L. Harris, C.A.P. wing commander; co-pilot, navigator and observer was Bob Pfeiffer. Obsidians on the ski trip were Duane Brown, leader, Ray Sims, Doris Sims, Ernie Keasling, Arlene Brant, Adeline Adams, Gilbert Bissell, Max Cox, Bill Gill, and Bob Lyon.

Board Meeting April 14

The Obsidian Board met at the Community Center, with 7 members present. After reading the minutes of the previous meeting, correspondence was read:

Letter from Chemeketans inviting Obsidians to their picture party April 24 in Salem, which will be posted on the bulletin board and reported in local paper. Letter from Howard Clifford, PNSA Olympic Fund Committee Chairman, concerning the fund and our part in contributing to it. It was decided that a collec-

tion would be taken up at a club picture night in the near future. Also the secretary was instructed to order 20 buttons to be put into the hands of the Ski Committee to sell in cooperation with the Entertainment Committee.

Letter from Wade Cornwell, President Cascade Ski Club, asking the Obsidians to suggest the name of a Junior member most deserving of the Berger Underdahl Trophy, given for all round merit in the field of Junior competitive skiing. Bob Lyon recommended the name of Ward Haynes, which met with the board's approval.

Letter from Art Boeschen which complimented the club on the success of their ski tournament.

The Local Walks committee reported on the March 9 Hoodoo Butte Ski Trip, two participating, and the March 30 McKenzie Ski Trip, six participating.

The Ski Committee announced that the Junior members had formed a team to enter the Dartmouth Trophy race April 20.

The board decided to provide classifications cards at a cost of 25c each for those Obsidian skiers who wished to enter competition, and to pay the entry fees for those entering

PNSA sanctioned ski meets, providing they enter as Obsidians.

Three Senior Associate members were accepted: Chloeann Owens, Rt. 2, Box 405, Springfield; Donald G. Brown, 1414 Kincaid St., Eugene; and Marva E. Hutchison, 1239 Washington St., Eugene.

Junior Obsidians Predominate In Hoodoo Meet

Junior Obsidians carried away honors in the controlled downhill races at Hoodoo Ski Bowl on March 23rd. First in the girl's event was Kathy Thurston, only Obsidian girl entry. In the boys race six Obsidians were entered and all of them placed. They were: Gilbert Bissell, second; Craig Thurston, third; Jack Napper, fifth; John Kerns, seventh; Joe Gardner, eighth; and Phil Porter, ninth. Prizes were awarded to all place winners.

The meet was organized by the Takenas of Albany for members of the clubs of the Central Cascade Recreational Council who had not reached their seventeenth birthday by January 1st of this year. Stan Malo was race chairman. Obsidians Duane Brown and Bob Lyon helped with the officiating.

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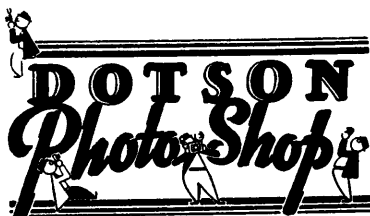
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We are getting some cameras and have most sizes of film.



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C. C. R. C. Notes

At the annual meeting of the Central Cascade Recreational Council at Santiam Lodge, April 12, officers for the coming season were selected. Those named were Harry Miller (East Linn Club) chairman; Dan Hiller (Helonskis) vice-chairman; Marianne Gerke (Suski) secretary-treasurer; Bob Lyon, member of executive committee. Obsidian representatives to the council for the coming year are Sterling Behnke, and John Skillern, alternate. Pictures of the Obsidian's All-Oregon, Class B Championship meet on March 16 were shown by Dan Hiller. At a special meeting of the council called at the request of the Forest Service, the council approved the selection of Ed Thurston as permittee to install a lift to the top of Hoodoo Butte.

The Princesses met at the home of Reva Moore on March 17. Reports were given on the Rummage sale and on Summer Camp. After a delicious St. Patrick's Day dessert, Helen Smith and Ann Brenner invited the group to the Smith home for the next meeting.

Paul and Helen Weiser report a very delightful month's vacation spent mostly in the high mountains and deserts of the Southwest. The contrast between the National Forests of Arizona and Oregon was very striking. The former consisted of small trees, mostly Juniper, widely spaced, with very little vegetation between. The oddest was to see the "Entering National Forest" sign on a desert road with nothing in sight but the giant Sahuara cactus and various smaller cacti. Above 7000 ft. elevation there was large pine timber. Other highlights of the trip were Death Valley, the Colorado River at Grand Canyon, a night spent at Phantom Ranch and the climb back to the rim. In descending the 4600 ft. to the river, the trail passes thru four different geologic ages and as many life zones. Vegetation at the bottom was that of Mexican deserts while the rim was in a heavy pine forest.

Adventures in good eating seemed to occupy the Princesses attention at their April 21 meeting at the home of Helen Smith. The chocolate-peppermint chiffon pie served by Helen and Ann inspired a session of recipe copying. Ethel Glaze invited the Princesses for the next meeting.

New emblems will be ready for distribution in a week or two. Members who wish to buy additional ones, or who have never received theirs, please contact Mary Castelle, 5587-W. Emblems will be sent to the new members who do not have them.

The Gene McMurphy's and the Harold Trotters are both celebrating the recent arrival of baby girls. The Obsidians are looking forward to having them as Princesses in 1965!

Ski Meet Success!

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other plug for the juniors. Juniors of today will be the strength of our club tomorrow.

The large list of entries and the drawing for prizes for purchasers of tickets filled the entire day, so that it was not until 6:00 p.m. that competitors assembled in the Santiam Lodge for presentation of cups by Obsidian president Bob Lyons. The competitors voiced their approval of the meet by roaring out three big "Ski Heil's" for the Obsidians.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Hall announce the engagement of their daughter, Jane, to Luhr Jensen, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Luhr Jensen of Hood River. The couple will be married June 1, in Eugene, but will make their home at Hood River.

New members not previously mentioned:

Juniors—

Kathy Thurston
Bill Gill
Melville Olson
Don Dennis
Bette Craig
Donna Andrews
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