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Cross Country Meet Mar. 4

Plans are well underway for the first cross-country race for these parts in many a day. Sparking the revival of this old time Obsidian activity is George Korn who is general chairman for the meet. PNSA sanction has been secured for this sequel to the downhill and slalom affair for March 14 at the Willamette Area. Borg Nasholm has been studying the terrain and promises to set real nifty courses for both Junior and Class C racers. The courses will be so arranged that spectators will be able to view the race at several points in addition to the start and the finish.

That cross-country racing strikes a strong appeal to many skiing enthusiasts, who are not so powerfully intrugued by downhill and slalom events, is proved by the many inquiries concerning the race. This is another step toward the development of the Obsidians into a four-way competitors club. Maybe next year we will have jumping.

Summer Outing

Husband Lake, in the Three Sisters area, the site of our 1942 Summer Camp, has been selected for our outing this year. Ask anyone who was there what a fine place it is to spend two weeks.

We originally announced the dates as August 1st to 15th, but due to the fact that Sunday and the 1st are a poor combination for some of our folks, we decided to change the dates to August 8th to 22nd.

A complete Prospectus will be published in the next Obsidian, but keep these dates in mind and plan now to be with us this summer.

—Outing Committee

Winter Outing

Obsidians and their friends will gather at Mazama Lodge on Mt. Hood for the annual Winter Outing, from Wednesday, March 24th to Wednesday, March 31st. Accomodations are dormitory style—bring your own sleeping bag.

The outing will cost \$22.00 a week or \$3.50 a day for members and \$25.00 a week or \$4.00 a day for non-members. This fee covers lodging



Obsidians on a previous Winter Outing to Mazama Lodge—1938

and meals but not transportation, which will be about \$4.00.

There will be skiing and more skiing. Cross-country trips will be planned every other day. Ski instruction will be given for a few hours each morning and PNSA proficiency tests will be given. The evenings will be given over to dancing and resting.

Here's looking forward to an enjoyable outing; and may we see you there.

Register at Hendershott's before March 17.

—Outing Committee

Plan Your Vacation Now

This is for the benefit of our own members who have never attended an Obsidian Summer Camp and also members of other clubs organized for the enjoyment and preservation of Nature.

These are strictly non-profit outings, the estimated cost to cover only actual expense—with a lot of work thrown in by the committee without compensation. A pack train carries in camp equipment, food and personal dunnage. An expert cook and helper prepare all meals. A few simple camp chores are all that are asked of participants.

Members of other Federation mountaineering clubs and other such groups in other parts of the country

when recommended by their clubs, Wilderness Society members, etc., are welcome. It may be necessary to limit the size of the party, so contact the committee early if you would like to attend. Vacation dates should be arranged as early as possible.

For the past several years, our camps have been in Wilderness Areas—Thee Sisters, Mt. Jefferson, and The Wallowas. The Three Sisters Wilderness Area, in the Willamette National Forest contains 247,037 acres.

For those of us who are fortunate enough to live where the Cascade Range is our front yard and who know intimately the mountains from Olympus and Rainier to Shasta, this spot at Husband Lake and Linnton Meadows is the favorite of them all.

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Mazama Lodge

We will be guests for a week at the mountain home of the Mazama club.

Many improvements have been added since our last outing there—new oil furnace, propane gas ranges, hot water, etc.

As members of the Federation we are using the lodge on the same basis as their own members, which means also that we will be expected to do the small necessary chores—there will be "volunteers" for dishwashing, etc.

Evenings around the big rock fireplace—studded with stones contributed by all the mountaineering clubs of the Northwest—will add much to the pleasure of the outing.

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bag at two a.m. to sit around the campfire and watch the shower of Perseids ("shooting stars") or rising early and, equipped with crampons and ice axe, to ascend one of those peaks of perpetual ice and snow, combine an experience never to be forgotten. We invite you to enjoy it with us.

Camera Meetings

Two meetings have been held by our members interested in photography. Both of these were devoted to color photographs. At the January meeting, Dr. Wm. Neal showed some excellent slides of Death Valley and made some useful suggestions. On Feb. 19, several members showed small groups of slides and different problems were discussed. Chas. Childs of the Coburn Film Shop gave a talk on the use of artificial lights and answered numerous questions.

On Thursday, March 18, we will meet at the Y. W. hut on the campus for an evening on black and white photography. Dot Dotson will lead a discussion on cameras and negatives. Bring any of your pictures to show and some negatives for constructive criticism; and spend an enjoyable, instructive evening.

Valentine Box Social

A Valentine Box Social was held at the Obsidian Cabin February 14th and 15th. Dancing and cards were enjoyed by 18 members and their friends. The highlight of the evening was the drawing of the auto robe by the Princesses. Vera Heidenreich held the lucky number.

The next day some of the group went on up to White Branch to ski. The rest of the group stayed at the cabin all day.

Princess Doings

The January meeting was held at the home of Mary Gillespie, with fourteen members present.

Ways and means of raising money were discussed. Minnie McCracken and Florence Sims were appointed to look into getting a blanket for a raffle. It was also decided to have a rummage sale and Doris Sims was appointed chairman.

The February meeting was held at the home of Mary Castelloe with Nellie Moore assisting. Twenty members attended.

Florence Sims reported that a blanket was purchased and tickets sold for a raffle. The drawing was held at the Obsidian Valentine Party and Vera Heidenreich was the winner. The Princesses netted \$36.55 from this project.

Chairman Doris Sims reported a Rummage Sale to be held April 17th at the Masonic Temple. All Obsidians are asked to contribute Rummage and any one having some just call 4330-M.

The Princesses are going to revise the Obsidian song books with the approval of the Board. The committee will meet Thursday the 26th at Doris Sims. Anyone having anything to contribute to this project will be welcomed at the meeting.

Ice Skating Party

An ice skating party was held at the Eugene Ice Arena on January 23rd. Blair T. Alderman showed some Ski Movies to a crowd of approximately 60 during the first part of the evening. The latter part was spent in skating with stunts during each intermission. Refreshments were served by the Entertainment Committee.

Climbing Committee Ski School Mar. 4.



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Local Walks and Ski Schedule

Mar. 7—Seavey's Butte. Paul Weiser and Verne Granger, Leaders.
Bogus Basin — National Junior Championship. John Skillern and Bruce Chase, Leaders.

Mar. 14—Willamette Area — Cross country races sponsored by the Obsidians.

Mar. 14—Mt. Hood—Class B, PNSA Men's Championship, Downhill and slalom.

Mar. 21—Spencer Butte. Lloyd Helickson, Leader.

Mar. 24 to 31—Tentative date for winter outing.

The Local Walks committee are working on a Spring and Summer schedule, which will be out soon.

85 Attend First Obsidian Mountaineering School

Eighty-five people turned out for the first Obsidian Mountaineering School meeting on January 29, 1948 which was held in the YMCA on the University campus. Obsidian members were in the majority, but many prospective Obsidians also attended.

Climbing Committee Chairman Willis Caldwell laid the ground work for the meeting which Paul R. Lafferty M. C'd. He introduced President E. A. Britton who gave a recommendation of the objectives of the Climbing Committee and an interesting account of several of his personal experiences.

James Harrang then gave an account of a New Year's climb of the North Sister attempted by a party which included Bill Unsoeld, Bob Moffitt, Warren Webster, Bill Byrd, Louie Vogler, Hank Toby, Carol Warren, Art Johnson, and Jim Harrang. Adverse weather prevented the party from climbing above Renfrew Lake.

The meeting was then turned over to John Skillern who introduced the subject of knot tying. A practice session ensued and everyone learned

a standardized method of tying four knots. These included the butterfly, the bowline, the bowline on coil, and the simple square knot with half-hitches for tying two ropes together.

After the practice session with the ropes, Willis Caldwell presented a series of kodochrome slides showing the major peaks from Shasta in California to Shuksan in Washington. The climbing shots served as inspirations to us all.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 4, the first Thursday in that month. The agenda will include a review of the knots previously learned, Snow and ice technique, and rope technique, probably belaying and rapeling. Climbing films will be shown.

The third meeting, to be held late in March or early in April, will cover the subject of Overnight Bivouacing and review the previous material. Plans will be announced at that time of Field trips to Coburg and elsewhere to put our knowledge into practice. These trips are guaranteed to be interesting, entertaining, and educational. An early trip into Sunshine is tentatively scheduled to practice the snow and ice technique and to work out the fine points in bivouacing.

SKI NEWS

The All-Oregon downhill and slalom combined tournament at Hoodoo Bowl on February 29 promises to be even a bigger affair than the Class B meet sponsored by the club last year. This season the meet is for both men and women in Class C and Junior competitive groups. This makes it possible for more clubs to enter contestants and hence will encourage competition among the clubs of our area.

Plans for the meet include the use of Forest Service radio for communication between the starting and finish lines. Olaf Skjersaa, Bend Skyliner, plans to set the downhill course from well up on the butte. The finish of the downhill and the entire slalom event will be in full view for spectators in the bowl. PNSA officials George Henderson and Rosemary Young will assist in the management of the meet. Several of the clubs are entering teams which will inject a strong interclub rivalry as well as individual competition.

Awards will be made to individual winners in all events and classes. Twelve first place cups will go to winners in the downhill, slalom and combined events. Twelve silver medals for second place and twelve

bronze will go to those who place third.

Skiers from away will find lodging either at Santiam Lodge or a Suttle Lake Resort. Among early entries are groups from Blue Mountain Ski Club of Tollgate, Oregon, University of Portland Ski Club, Trodse Ski Club of Lewis and Clark College. Early Obsidian entries include in Women's Class C, Doanne Edblom and Gloria Johnson; Men's Class C, John Quiner and Allen Anderson; Juniors, Bruce Chase, Joe Gardner, Jack Napper, John Kerns, Gilbert Bissell, Phil Porter, Cecil Andrus, Don Dennis, and Hartley Seeger.

Entry blanks and information sheets were mailed to over thirty-five ski clubs who ski in Oregon. These were in the mail three weeks in advance of the meet and the deadline for receiving entries was set for noon, Wednesday, February 25th. The deadline well in advance of the meet enables the race committee to plan the organization of the meet and to give advance publicity to the racing order of the contestants.

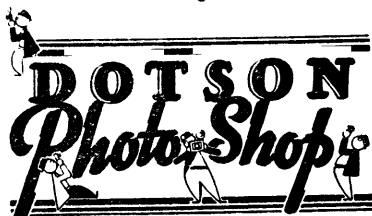
Obsidians Hold PNSA Competitors Classification Cards

Twenty-one Obsidian skiers have applied for and received official 1947-48 PNSA competitors classification cards. These cards are required for all senior contestants entering Pacific Northwestern Ski Association sanctioned meets. Receiving Class B cards are: Phil Edblom, Jim Harrang, Jim Donahue, Jim Popp, Bob Forbes, Chelton Leonard, Bill Vranizan and Jim Desinger. In addition to these eight racing in B competition are nine men with "C" cards. They are: Tom Donahue, Ward Haynes, Blaine McGillicuddy, Bob Moffitt, John Quiner, Andy Anderson, Jack Meisner, Al Davis, and Saul Zaik. Women members with Class C racer's cards are: Dorothy Ann Edblom,

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Gloria Johnson, Chloeann Owens and Virginia Tompkins.

Competitors classification cards are obtained through the club by submitting application on PNSA forms to Russ McJury, PNSA competitors classification chairman. The competitive skiing record of the applicant is listed on the form, the secretary or chairman of the ski committee certifies to the individuals standing in the club and the club pays the 25c classification fee for each competitor registered. Juniors (those who have not reached their 18th birthday on January 1st of the competitive season) are not required to have PNSA cards.

The Arnold Lund down hill race which opened the 1947-48 PNSA competitive season at Timberline for Class A and B men and women encountered foul weather. After running the A class the fog and storm worsened to the extent that the B events were postponed until the following Sunday, December 7th. This was a great disappointment to the eight Obsidian racers who were at the starting line when the cancellation order was given. With university final exams coming up only three of the original entrants were able to get back for the running. They were Phil Edblom, Jim Popp and Bob Forbes. All three placed well up in the field but short of the hardware.

Ten Obsidian Junior racers were on hand for the Jere Gillis Memorial race at Hoodoo Bowl on December 14th. The race which was a part of the Gillis memorial dedication was a two run slalom event down the "big hill", and was appropriately won by Phil Gillis. Ken Underdahl of the Cascade Ski Club, Portland was second. The two best times among the Obsidian entrants were

turned in by Tom Temple with a sixth and Joe Gardner who tied for tenth place. Bruce Chase did not race.

A large delegation of Obsidians showed up at Hood for the all-class Portland Day Trial Races sponsored by the Portland Jaysees on January 4th. Twenty Obsidians in all raced. In the Class B men's event were Jim Popp, Phil Edblom and Jim Harrang. In C Class were: Ward Haynes, Tom Donahue, Blaine McGillicuddy, Bob Moffitt, Jack Meissner, Al Davis and Saul Zaik. Virginia Tomkins and Doanne Edblom were in the women's Class C with Doanne pulling in the only trophy—a third place cup. Eight juniors—all boys, raced the course from Timberline to Government Camp. They were: Bruce Chase, John Kerns, Cecil Andrus, Gilbert Bissell, Joe Gardner, Jack Napper, Tom Temple and Don Temple.

A small group of Obsidian Class C races entered the Vanport College slalom race at Government Camp on January 25th. Competing in the large field of men racers were Blaine McGillicuddy, Tom Donahue, Ward Haynes and John Quiner. In the women's we had a repeat performance from Miss Doanne Edblom. She took the medal for third place.

Eight Obsidians were entered in the large field of over eighty junior racers for the PNSA two-way junior championship in Tom, Dick and Harry Bowl at Government Camp on January 31 and February 1. Bruce Chase tied for first in the downhill but ran into trouble in the slalom for a 24th in the combined scoring. Joe Gardner scored 21st in the field of 67 starters in the downhill and took 32nd in the slalom for 29th place in the combined. Tom Temple who ruined a possible good time in the downhill by a fall near the finish gate advanced from 49th place in the downhill with two good runs in the slalom to 27th spot in the combined scoring. Dick Moffitt who traveled from Grants Pass for the race placed 45 in the downhill while Tommy and Bruce McCracken, two of the most youthful contenders stemmed through the downhill for 65 and 64 place respectively. In the girl's field of twelve starters Donna Andrews finished 9th in the downhill and Kathy Thurston, youngest contestant in the class, crossed the finish line eleventh. Donna did not run the slalom, but Kathy made both runs for a ninth place and a ninth in the combined.

Honors in the girls class was captured by three Seattle racers all of

Sahalie Ski Club. The top three places in the boys combined was divided among three clubs—Payette Lakes with Muddy Numbers as number one man, Cascade with Ken Underdahl in second place, and Bogus Basin having Peter Johnson in third position.

Representing Obsidians at the PNSA executive committee meeting at Battle Axe Inn, Government Camp on January 31st and February 1st were Laurence Moffitt and Bob Lyon. Paul Lafferty, chairman of the PNSA finance committee and in charge of proficiency testing for this area was unable to attend.

Many Obsidians are showing up here and there in positions of leadership in skiing activities. Harold Trotter is president of the Willamette Ski Patrol. Ronald Pupke was recently elected president of the newly formed Springfield Ski Club. President and secretary of the University of Oregon Ski Club are Saul Zaik and Doanne Edblom. Temple's Sporting Goods Store seems to be headquarters for the Oakridge Ski Club. In the junior field we find Hartley Seeger as president of the Pack Rats, Joe Gardner is captain of the Eugene High School Ski team, and Bruce Chase represents the Pack Rats on the Cascade Council.

George Korn flew to Pendleton the weekend of February 21-22 to take in the PNSA Cross-country Championship at Tollgate, Oregon. Races will be held in all classes—A, B, C, and Junior.

Obsidians were again host this season to John Jay who presented in person his latest picture "Singing Skis." The showing of the picture netted \$70.00 for the Olympic Ski Team. Both skiing and photography

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enthusiasts as well as just plain John Jay fans are looking forward to John's return to Eugene next fall with his pictures of the 1948 Winter Olympics.

The National Ski Patrol annual roll call is on. All skiers should contribute and secure the NSPS contributors identification plate. Sixty percent stays for use in this area. Chloean Owens is general chairman for the drive here.

Buy a "Ski Oregon" plate for your car. 25c from each plate sold goes to your club. The rest will promote highway and ski area improvement.

The "battle of the McKenzie" was lost again. After strong representation at the Highway Commission meeting, they promised little, and after a feeble effort to keep it open, the highway was closed, being open only to White Branch.

Some day they may realize what an asset they have in Hand Lake, Sims Butte and the Sand Hills and the dry Powder snow and glorious open ski country toward the Three Sisters beyond.

Contributions of Obsidians and their friends have been substantial

towards meetings the \$15,705.00 quota set for the Pacific Northwest division in the campaign to raise funds for the United States Olympic ski team. The button sale and the proceeds from the John Jay picture netter around \$150.00. In addition \$61.00 was raised in Eugene through the sale of the Sun Valley trip, raffle tickets, and \$30.00 from special donations. The latter include Hart Larsen, \$10; Hendershotts, \$5; Morrison and Henning, \$5; Troehs, \$5; and Pack Rats \$5. Special mention is deserving to Sterling Behnke, Ralph Proudfoot and George Korn for bringing in the money on the raffle tickets. Incidentally, at the drawing at the Cascade Ski Lodge on January 4th, George was one of the merchandise prize winners. He is now wearing a handknit Olympic sweater and Trila has a new pair of ski bindings for selling him the ticket. A very photogenic young lady from Portland was the winner of the Sun Valley trip.

The ski school inaugurated at both the Willamette and Santiam areas have been meeting the urgent need of getting the new comers to the slopes sold on the idea that the taking of competent instruction is a big asset both for making skiing more enjoyable and more safe. The program was launched by the Willamette Ski Patrol as a safety measure and under the chairmanship of Tony Vogel. The cooperation of Obsidians, University of Oregon Ski Club, the Willamette Ski School, Central Cascade Council and the Korn-Hendershott ski bus service were coordinated into a working system. Elizabeth Gullion and Gene McMurphy organized the classes at the Willamette area and Phil Peoples was selected by the Cascade Council to handle the lessons in Hoodoo Bowl. The culmination to the January "safe ski month" program at the Willamette was the Obsidian "county ski fair" at which the PNSA fourth class

skier proficiency test was given under the direction of Tony Vogel, Bryan Ryan and the Willamette Ski School staff.

Entry forms have been received by the club for the women's Class A, B, and C downhill and slalom combined PNSA Championship to be held at Mt. Hood on March 20-21. The entry fee is \$2.00. The tournament is no-host, but lodging and meals will be available at the Cascade Ski Club Lodge, Government Camp. The Associated Women Skiers are the sponsors of this women only meet. Entry blanks are available from Doanne Edblom and Chloe Owens.

Board Meetings

Our newest members:

Senior Active—Laurence Moffitt.

Senior Associate—Jack Meissner, Jess Hayden, Jr., Richard Mengler, Lynn F. Bucklin, Jr., Melba E. Maston, Bessie Kamarad, Adeline Carlton, Margaret Vaughan, Dorothy Ann Outz, Cecil R. Crawford.

Junior—Joe Worth, Jackie Lewis, Charles Honey, Dick Hedges, Delmar Jeske, Bruce McCracken, Tommy McCracken, Dick Moffitt.

Other Board actions have been pretty well taken care of in reports of committee activities.

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