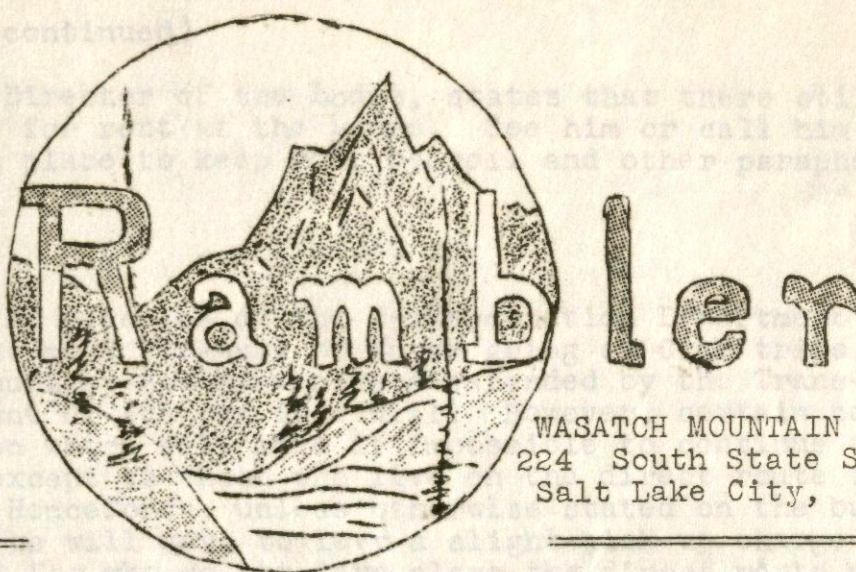


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WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB
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OFFICIAL NOTICES

All women Club members who ski are automatically entered in the Wasatch Mountain Club's Women's Handicap Downhill Race, the first two runs of which will be conducted at Brighton, if the roads are open, on Sunday, March 5, at 11:00 A.M. and 2:00 P.M., and the two final runs within the following four weeks. If the road is closed, notice will be given of the date when the race will be run. The course will not be too difficult for anyone and a method of handicapping will be employed which will give all entries an even chance to win. Complete details, including the handicapping rules, will be announced the morning of the race.

Withdrawals will be granted for a legitimate reason, only, and anyone wishing to withdraw should notify Chick Pfeiffer in writing before Saturday, March 4, at noon.

Three prizes have been posted: A valuable silver sandwich tray, donated by Stanley Murdock, will be awarded to the winner of the handicap race; a medal will be given for second place; and for the best time on a single run without a handicap, a silver medal will be presented.

Race officials include: Emer Nelson, starter; Chick Pfeiffer, in charge of course; Vern Haugland, timer; Ray McGuire, recorder; C. R. Parry, referee; and Vern Haugland, Ann Stafford, Chick Pfeiffer and Ray McGuire, handicapping committee.

Saturday night, March 4, in connection with the race, the Club will hold openhouse. We're hoping for a moonlight night (will the Weather Man kindly co-operate?) and anticipate a great deal of fun. Ray McGuire is in charge of the affair.

Official Notices (continued)

Emer Nelson, Director of the Lodge, states that there still remain a few lockers for rent at the Lodge. See him or call him at once if you want a place to keep your bedroll and other paraphernalia at the Lodge.

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It has been the practice of the Transportation Department for some little time to make pick-ups of those going on Club trips. This has been a courtesy and convenience extended by the Transportation Department of its own free will. However, certain conditions have arisen which will make it impossible to continue this service, gratis, except to those who live on the direct route to our destination. Henceforth, unless otherwise stated on the bulletin or schedule card, we will have to levy a slight pick-up charge upon those whom we call for who do not live along the direct route of the trip.

Norman Osborne, Transportation Director, also requests that you be ready to leave on time or before. Our tardiness in leaving has ceased to be a laughing matter. Please co-operate with us in this respect.

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Undoubtedly, you have noticed the emblems being worn by a number of the Club members. They are about an inch and a half in diameter and are gold-plated bronze. A pin on the back makes it easy to transfer the emblem from one jacket to another. They bear a picture of the Sundial, which is the Club's registered words, "Wasatch Mountain Club" on a background of blue enamel. At the bottom of the emblem is space for different designations: A star on the left indicates a qualified hiker; one on the right, a qualified skier; one bar in between indicates a Director; and two bars, President of the Club.



The pins were adopted at a recent meeting as the official Club emblem and can be purchased from Chick Pfeiffer or through any Director for a dollar. There are only a few of the first lot left, so if you don't want to risk the chance of having to wait for some more to be made up, you'd better place your order now.

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Kindly notify the Secretary, Fern Jorgensen, Wasatch 5748-R, of any change in your address or telephone number. The Club cannot be responsible for any missent mail or lack of notification to you, if you fail to keep us informed of your correct address and telephone number.

Official Notices (continued)

For the benefit of those members who may not be aware of the lenient interpretation that the incumbent Board has adopted concerning membership as outlined in the By-Laws, the following excerpt from the minutes of the Board meeting held March 4, 1936, may be of interest:

"It is the understanding of the Board of Directors of the Wasatch Mountain Club that only the person who has paid the initiation fee and been admitted to membership by the Board of Directors in accordance with the Constitution of the Club (By-Law 21) and who pays the annual dues each year shall be considered the member of the Club and that if such person has a husband or wife, such husband or wife shall be allowed all membership privileges with the exception of voting and holding office. This understanding is merely an interpretation of the Constitutional provision and of the custom which has grown up respecting membership privileges of husband and wife."

It is the policy of this year's Board to follow this interpretation.

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It was with regret that the Board accepted the resignations of Orson Spencer as Publicity Director and Edith Christensen as Entertainment Director. We will greatly miss their services.

John Christensen was appointed to fill the vacancy in the position of Publicity Director and Ardelle Carlson will succeed Edith Christensen in the capacity of Entertainment Director. The Board requests the full co-operation and assistance of the membership in sustaining these people in their new positions.

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John Christensen is making tentative plans for a Club photograph album to have a permanent place at the Lodge, and requests that anyone taking any pictures on Club trips or otherwise, that are of interest to Club members, kindly loan the negatives to him, personally, so that he can make a print of them with the idea in mind of incorporating them into the album.

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Helen Fisher won the Utah Women's State Downhill and Slalom Combined Race conducted January 29, 1939, at Brighton by the Wasatch Mountain Club and sanctioned by the Rocky Mountain Ski Association. Captain George N. Ottinger, one of our "stand-by" members, donated the gold loving-cup which was presented to her for winning. Second place winner was Janet Quinney and Kathryn Beck won the special medal awarded to the Mountain Club girl placing highest. Trudy Folsom came in last, which, in and of itself, is worthy of high notice. The courses were plenty stiff and great credit is due all the entrants for having courage enough to stay in the race.

THE SKI PATROL

by G. M. O'Neill, Chairman,
Rocky Mountain Division,
National Ski Patrol Committee

Some of you have heard of the Ski Patrol--how many really know what it is? The ski Patrol consists of a group of skiers who have volunteered to promote safety in the sport of skiing. This movement has the approval of the National Ski Association and all affiliated ski clubs. In fact, the National Ski Association has formed an organization known as the National Ski Patrol which will be composed of selected members of club ski patrols.

The primary purpose of the Ski Patrol is to PREVENT accidents and injuries, and to promote safe and sensible skiing. After all, most of the injuries resulting from ski accidents are preventable and can be avoided. Because accidents and injuries do occur, another purpose of the Ski Patrol is to see that transportation and first aid facilities are available. Many skiers have been injured far more by improper handling and transportation following an accident than by the original injury. A Ski Patrolman will do all he can to promote safety, but if an accident occurs, he will have a working knowledge of first aid; will know where the rescue facilities are; will know what to do; and--in some cases more important--WHAT NOT TO DO.

A Ski Patrolman is not a policeman; his job is not rescue work; and he is not expected to give up his recreational skiing.

From the various club ski patrols, selected outstanding men will be appointed to the National Ski Patrol. To be appointed a National Ski Patrolman, one must be at least eighteen years of age; be able to ski over difficult terrain under control; have completed the first aid course of the Red Cross; be willing to assume the responsibility which goes with such an appointment; know the location of the rescue equipment; and above all, must be TACTFUL and the type of person who will be respected and who can use authority properly and with effect. The qualifications are high, but a National Ski Patrolman will be an outstanding individual in any skiing community.

Some clubs already have well organized patrols, others are forming them, and all have been invited to join the National organization. Locally, Bill Kamp is forming a patrol in the Wasatch Mountain Club; Clyde Jones, in the Alpine Ski Club; and Brent Jennings, in the Silver Skis and the Junior Chamber of Commerce. If you can, by all means join your club patrol. In any case, give the Ski Patrols your support and co-operation--they are unselfishly trying to make skiing safer and better for all of us.

RAMBLINGS

We're glad to have as new members since the last issue of "The Rambler", the following people: Margie Anderson, Velma Binnall, Robert Bonar, Jack Butler, Ardelle Carlson, Janet Christensen, Lois Hogan, F. Acton Kirk, Delbert LeClair, Ray McGuire, Phil Miner, Eugene Moench, Grace Peterson and Dorothy Rischmuller.

Also, some former members who have rejoined this year, to our delight, are: Hal Cutler, G. M. O'Neill, Randall Pack, Willis Peterson, Glen Stewart (now in the Hawaiian Islands), Jerry Teudt and Louise Wormdahl. Welcome back, "old-timers", and to you "youngsters", greetings. We're looking forward to many happy times with all of you.

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Of course, we realize lack of ski-fever keeps some of our members home, but just the same we can't help missing "Bill" Bancroft, Kirby and Eleanor Dawson, Frank and Margaret Duncan, Gertrude Heinecke, Dr. E. W. Lambert, Dorothy Green (who is in San Francisco), Charlotte Lewis, Dr. Olivia McHugh, Lew and Laura Cutler, Dorothy Monter, Kay and Mrs. Rauch, Jeanne Stevens, Frank and Uarda Trottier, George Unseld, June Whitehead, Maude Wixom and Hubert Wolfe. Some of you do ski, so there's no real excuse for staying home.

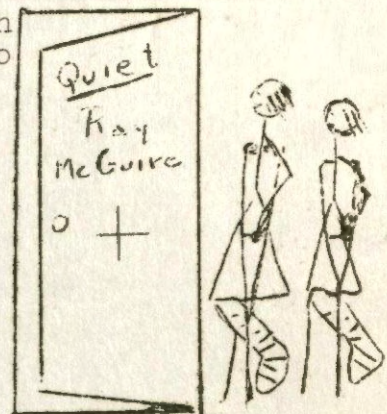
Among our non-skiers who brave the wintry blasts once in a while are Maureen and Meredith Page, Harry Fardellos and "Cap" Ottinger. Honest, now, folks, isn't the beauty of Winter in our mountains worth the trouble it takes to bundle up and visit it?

Phyllis Green, whom we haven't seen since her unfortunate accident several years ago, was out to Alta with us a few Sundays ago. It tickled us to have you out again; be sure to come often.

Elmer Thorum also pops up with us every once in a while. Remember the trip from Bingham to Lark via Butterfield Canyon, Elmer?

REGRETS: Ardelle Carlson, who was showing such improvement as a skier and "Pinky" Lindsay, who was doing so well as a racer, both cracked up this Winter and became members of the "Bones" club. Tough going - we surely hope you'll not let it keep you from skiing next Winter.

Ray McGuire, too, wrote us a masterpiece of a letter from his hospital cot in the "Gory Division of the "Aches and Pains Ward", where an obstreperous appendix laid him low. We're glad to report his condition good and that he's to be Leader in charge of our moonlight openhouse party at the Lodge on the fourth of March.



We are indebted to Vern Haugland for the following contributions:

"Some of the things we liked about the "Ladies' Day" at the Lodge, January 29: The pervading air of comradeship and goodwill for members and non-members alike. . . . The peppy singing under the leadership of Senta Valtinke, and especially the "Schnitzel-bank" song. The Club really swung out on this good German song at a beach party last Summer with Bill Kamp leading, but it took Al Rogers' amusing chart to get the whole crowd going at the Lodge. . . . The sweet harmony of the Mt. Olympus Club Trio, as well as the ever-popular ayekordeen numbers by that prince of good fellows, Clyde Jones. . . . The artful Master-of-Ceremonies work of Prexy Pfeiffer - and the cute picture presented by prize-winners Janet Quinney and Kay Beck when they were be-medaled. . . . The kitchen-wizardry of Van Cunningham and Val Osborn, who really would like to find time to go skiing, themselves, some day. . . . The gloehwein known as "The Pfeiffer Pluperfect". Sun Valley has none half so good."

"It is also suggested that the Club might do well to promote a safety suggestion of Mike O'Neill's: Require each skier to attach each of his skis on a firm part of the ski binding to his foot. The idea: If your ski comes loose, it won't run away from you. Many skiers have bemoaned the fact, too late, that purchase of straps for a few cents would have saved many dollars lost when a runaway ski splintered into a tree or rock.

"And Mike points out that there's also the safety of the other fellow to consider. 'People will stand and watch a runaway ski come down the hill and laugh about it,' said Mike, 'without realizing they are in real danger. There's a powerful force and strength behind a ski, and there's no telling which way the ski may dart. The slightest projection in the snow may send it streaking right at you and before you have a chance to dodge, you're likely to be a new member of the Bones Club.'

"If the Club should induce every skiing member to provide himself with strap or thong fastenings at once and to use them always, without fail, the example, if followed by other groups, would do much to remove a real and an entirely unnecessary hazard from skiing."



Ever hear about Beverly Beck's radio debut? Over KSL, it was. She had considered giving excerpts from "Ah, Romeo; wherefore art thou, Romeo?", singing "They Call It Wacky Dust", or even, if pressed for time, merely blurting out, "Hello ma hello pa hello Kay hello Reva Beck" - but it turned out to be a pronouncing contest. Since the other contestants were closer to the microphone, Bev got crowded out until the announcer spelled out "s e r g e a n t", when she dashed up and cried, "sar-jent". "Correct," said the announcer, and Bev subsided beamingly into the crowd, her first radio appearance an accomplished fact. Ever since then, some of us have been calling her "Sarge".

Tentative arrangements are being made for the Wasatch Mountain Club Ladies Chorus under the baton of Albert J. Southwick to sing over Radio Station KSL from the Tabernacle on March 26, on the Temple Square Hour. It will be music well worth listening to.

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Bennie Iverson has sent the Club from the Philippines a skirt worn by the natives down there. Lest Bill Kamp be tempted to appropriate it, it is to be used as a wall hanging at the Lodge.

Also, from far away, Glen Stewart sends us news that the Hawaiians "ti-leaf" (pronounced, "tea leaf"). It is comparable to our "tail-light tobogganing", he says; and that should be advance warning to you hibernating hikers that Spring is practically on us, so you'd better be getting ready for some real hikes.

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Because of his peculiar position, the President of the Mountain Club was thought by officials of the Utah Ski Club to be best qualified to choose the Queen for the Utah Ski Club race and jumps on the twenty-second of February. Due to her outstanding ability as a skier, Kay Beck was chosen. At the banquet for the skiers, President Langley of the National Ski Association stated that although he has seen every major ski tournament throughout the Country this year, this was the first time he had seen the Queen of the Tournament ride the jumping hill! Nice going, Kay.

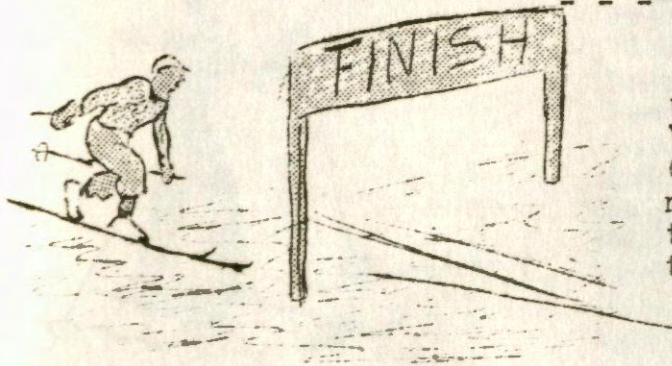
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Rena Cox, a visitor from Portland, contributes this bit of timely ski information: Skiers in her native locality make their own special ski waxes from old phonograph records, the idea being that slow speeds are obtained from slow-tempoed records while fast speeds are developed from tunes with more lively paces. I M A Pansy wonders what would result from a mix of some of these jitter-bug records?

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Julia Mikals has a new name for forward sitzmarks: "Watercross gathering" - and thereby hangs a tale. If you're curious, ask any of the baby skiers who were on the Ben Lomond trip about Julia's encounter with a very small snow bridge over a creek.

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