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TRADITIONAL WEEKEND TRIP PLANNED...

WINTER WELCOME

In behalf of the Wasatch Mountain Club, I would like to extend greetings and welcome to the numerous new members and guests attending our trips this season. However, if you are one who doesn't come out on winter trips because you don't ski, don't let that keep you away. For the information of our members who don't ski, it might be suggested that the new Brighton chair lift welcomes ski-less passengers. The experience of seeing the indescribable view, of enjoying the smooth ride, and of watching the many skiers below, would long be cherished as a most pleasant memory.

Of course, I'm not attempting to sell anybody anything--just remind them. After all, the reason we have our club is primarily to better enjoy life, isn't it? That is, I believe, what we all have in common and what really makes us a homogeneous group. We have common interests. Our club is an all-year club of numerous and varied activities, and it is only so active, alive, and vital as its membership. In short, it is a cooperative organization.

Who wouldn't enjoy a pleasant, restful weekend at our lodge following this general pattern: Arrive Saturday evening in time to appreciate the warm comfortable lodge in contrast to the cold brisk night air. Then to bed after a snack, to awaken after a restful sleep and view the splendid glory of the rising sun shining on the smooth glistening snow which covers the majestic mountains and the soft scenic pine trees. Breakfast, a day of skiing, hiking or sheer relaxation on a lounge in front of the fireplace, and afterwards all you can eat of a delicious dinner. Who could ask for anything more?

SO LET'S GET ACTIVE!!! LET'S GET TOGETHER!!!
LET'S GO TO BRIGHTON!!!

Jim Shane, President

CUT DOWN THE CHERRY TREE WITH

GEORGE WASHINGTON

SATURDAY NIGHT, SUNDAY & MONDAY

FEBRUARY 21, 22, 23 -- BRIGHTON

Leaders: Jerry & Wynne Thomas

Cost: Members \$4.25, Guests \$4.50

Transportation: \$1.25

Bus Leaves Saturday, 7:30 P.M.

Registration Closes 5 p.m. Friday

*If you do not plan the full trip,
please state what meals you will
want when registering.*

Jerry and Wynne have some wonderful plans that will make this trip the most exciting and glorious trip you could possibly take. No detail has been overlooked, no expense spared--nothing can possibly interfere with your having the time of your life!!!! The weatherman has promised ideal weather, the lifts will all be operating, there will be plenty of good food, and enjoyable companions---so, in order not to miss this stupendous trip, register right now, and we'll see you Saturday!

TENTATIVE MARCH & APRIL SCHEDULE

March 6-7 - Brighton

March 14 - Alta

March 20-21 - Brighton & Honeycomb Fork

March 28 - (No trip) Easter

April 4 - Lake Des'n from Brighton

April 10-11 Ski Circus (Brighton)

April 18 - Timpanogos

April 24-25 - Brighton

PICTURE AND SHORT STORY CONTEST ANNOUNCED!

Get out your cameras and pencils members, because we are going to give valuable prizes for the best short story and the best pictures submitted to your publication director for use in the Annual Rambler.

A free week-end pass on a regular scheduled trip to the lodge will be given for the following:

THE BEST SCENIC PICTURE.

THE BEST GROUP OR INDIVIDUAL PICTURE OF MEMBERS.

THE BEST SHORT STORY ON ONE OF THE CLUB'S ACTIVITIES OR TRIPS.

ALSO...many other prizes for runners-up in each event.

PLUS...Honorable Mention in the Rambler to each and every member submitting a picture or article.

The Annual Rambler is your official publication--you will want to be represented, so START NOW....the more you submit the better chance you will have of winning a valuable prize.

CONTEST JUDGES AND FURTHER DETAILS WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN THE NEXT ISSUE BUT DON'T WAIT....BEGIN NOW!!!!

QUESTIONNAIRE

Just a brief summary on the questionnaire. In tabulating the replies, it was concluded that most members are quite satisfied with the Club's present arrangements in regard to types of trips, activities and Club policies. Overnight trips are still the most popular with cross country ski trips running a close second, and, of course, the traditional Sunday dinner is still a top favorite. However, enough people have expressed the desire to have a cafeteria type lunch occasionally, which will probably be carried out. The intention was not to do away with Sunday dinners altogether but to add a little variety.

Not enough people are able to attend Friday night and Saturday lodge trips to warrant their being scheduled regularly, but it is suggested that those who want to go at this time make arrangements to obtain the use of the lodge and get together on the commissary and transportation. When it is known in advance that the lodge will be open Friday night and all day Saturday, the information will be circulated.

Several fine suggestions for future lodge activities were received and will be carried out whenever possible. Thank you for your interest and response in this matter, and remember you don't have to wait for a questionnaire if you have any good ideas.

EVERY TRIP A SUCCESS

By O'Dell Petersen

We wish at this time to express our sympathy to those members of the Club who are missing out on the wonderful trips we have been having lately.

The ski trips we have had this year have really been successful. True, some trips have been lacking in participation, but the few who took these trips had an excellent time.

First trip of the skiing season was to Alta with Janet Christensen as leader. It was on this trip that the Club started using the bus service again. We hope that the members will support the transportation program so that we can ski as an organized group, for that is really the spirit of the Wasatch Mountain Club.

Elfriede Shane and Harry Ohrn really showed us a good time at the Annual Ski Hop at the lodge. This is another lodge trip that is always successful.

New Years was ushered in by a gala party at the lodge and proved its usual success.

January 11, 1948 found the Club enroute to Snow Basin at Ogden. Snow conditions were poor, in fact terrible, but regardless the trip was successful--ask Betty Linklater. Golda & Danny (Sinatra) Wolfe were mainly responsible for an enjoyable bus ride. Danny's melodious crooning had all the gals swooning!

Speaking of gals, a group of our loveliest, have just returned after spending a week at Sun Valley. They reported that they had a glorious time.

Someone must not have lived right for Paul and Dorothy Frederickson complained of a lack of moonlight, on the recent trip they led to Brighton, although a full moon had been guaranteed. Will the guilty party please confess.

Cross Country skiing still has its appeal. We are still a Mountain Club and our recent trip over Car-diff Pass from Alta, with a record-breaking group of 26 people proved without a doubt that cross country is still popular. Mechanical devices and lifts which have cluttered up our once beautiful slopes will only tend to give us zest to search for new unbroken slopes.

I wish to thank all of the members who have so cheerfully accepted the responsibilities of being leaders.

NOTE: The director of Trips and Outings and any board member will be glad to hear any criticism or suggestions concerning our trips.

PETE: When's a door not a door.

GENE: I'll bite, when?

PETE: When it's AJAR!

SUN VALLEY SAGA

By Elfriede Shane

It was with grave apprehension that the seven of us (Irene Guerts, Janet Roberts, Wenonah McGhan, Beverly Beck, Colleen Cox, June Rasmussen and myself) started off on our trip to Sun Valley. For the past two months we heard nothing but bad reports about the snow conditions there and we were more or less prepared to spend our week swimming and ice skating instead of skiing.

But surprise!! There was snow. True, it was all packed down and not all of the runs for which Sun Valley is famous were open for skiing, but there was enough snow to give us one week of solid enjoyment. From the start to finish the venture was a complete success.

For all of us the most impressive feature about the whole trip was the expert ski instruction we received every day, and consequently it was concluded that each and everyone of us have definitely improved our skiing. In fact, we now call Irish 'The Bat'. Beverly Beck, a former member now residing in California, did us proud by finishing second in the guest downhill race for which she received an appropriate and impressive medal.

While all of our days were spent on the ski slopes, we took time out afterwards to try the swimming pool, an open air pool warmed to just the right temperature for swimming in 20° weather. We also took advantage of the two smooth as glass ice skating rinks. Most of our evenings were spent in our own version of night skiing which is done by plowing through the snow into the Ram, bending your knees into the rail, leaning forward to the bar and swinging your shoulders into a couple of stems of hot wine for which there is no parallel (I got the recipe). An excellent trio provided atmospheric and dreamy music.

We did everything that tourists are expected to do at Sun Valley, from burning our names into the tables at the Ram to gazing at the celebrities of which there were many. All in all it can be summed up this way: The food was superb, the accommodations were pleasant, the service and hospitality was out of this world and the weather was perfect every day.

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A lot of members will be happy to hear that the Board has made a ruling that on all overnight trips to the lodge (except on special parties) all lights must be turned off and music and noise stopped at 1:30 a.m. It is the duty of lodge director and trip leader to enforce this.

Our energetic former Publications Director, Bruce Parsons, has been visiting Salt Lake (Thelma Bagnell) for the last two weeks. He is in California attending the U.S.C.