

OTTAWA SKI CLUB NEWS

TRAILS

The Trail Riders and the Trail Committee, a group of energetic volunteers, have been out 'en masse' from September 8th to date, clearing the many miles of trails operated by your Ski Club. Under the supervision of Director Ferdy Chapman they have done a man size job and they are to be congratulated. Because of their efforts all we need is 4" to 5" of that white stuff and we can be on the skis.

GO BY TRAIL

By the way! there won't be the usual hammering and scuffing over your head at Lockeberg Lodge this year because the Trail Riders have a new address, Mort's Cabin, On Top of Mort's Hill, Camp Fortune, Quebec.

LODGES

With the expanding facilities at the Sky Line area the Ski Club is putting a second storey on the lodge situated at the top of the mountain. This addition will cost the club \$7,500.00 but will more than double the capacity of the structure and with its streamline canteen, will be a welcome addition to the area. The construction equipment and materials were transported to the top of Sky Line by helicopter at the same time as the well publicized C.F.R.A. tower and transmission house. This saved considerable time and money which enabled other improvements to be made at the lodge.

It was mentioned in an earlier bulletin that lodge improvements would be made at Alexander Lodge and other buildings owned by the Ski Club. These matters have been gone into by a committee headed by Mr. Bill Irving, Director, and they have come up with several constructive plans. Because of the tremendous growth in membership in the past few years a complete and far reaching lodge program is in the making. It is thought, however, that any further alterations to existing lodges in Fortune Valley, without a long term plan, would not solve the problem.

TOW RATES

The John Clifford Ski Tow Company has made formal application to the Board of Directors of Ski Club to raise tow rates. This matter has been considered and is now going to arbitration as outlined in the agreement between the two parties. The decision of the arbitrators will be made public as soon as it is known.

PARKING

There has been some talk that the parking at Camp Fortune would be free to members this year. At this time the arrangements are the same as last year. However the matter is under consideration.

MEMBERSHIP FEE

The membership fees for the 1962 season are the same as last year. Seniors \$11.00, Married Couples \$14.00, Intermediates \$6.00, Juniors \$3.00. By paying your fees before December 15th, you can save \$1.00 per membership. Memberships can be obtained as usual at Heggteit Sporting Goods, Ogilvy's Sports Shop, Byshe & Co., Olympic Sport Shop, Camp Fortune and the Ottawa Ski Club office, McGiffin's Mens Wear, 80 Sparks Street.

DEC 19 1961 ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the O.S.C. will be held in the Museum Auditorium at 8:00 p.m. December 14, 1961. This promises to be the best Annual General Meeting in the history of the Ski Club. Come on out and see just what is going on. Bring you new O.S.C. Year Book with you so you can follow the Financial Report. The Ottawa Ski Club belongs to you so come to the meeting and help to run it!

FACTS AND FIGURES DEPT.

Lets get the facts straight about the basic relationships between the concessionaire Company operating the Ski Tows on your Ski Club property, and your Ski Club. Your membership fees, and the fees of members for fifty years, and the volunteer hours of physical labour, and the volunteer hours of meetings are the ingredients that have built the Camp Fortune Ski Area. The land, buildings, and improved hills you are using is your heritage from past skiers. These "things" represent the difference between the money taken in thru the years and the money spent on the year to year expenses of the Ski Club. The total cost of these assets is now over the \$200,000.00 mark. True, about \$75,000.00 of these assets have had to be paid for partly by borrowing money from our own members by selling them Treasury Notes bearing interest. Careful management, planning and application of good business principles will see these notes repaid as they fall due.

The need to borrow these sums arose because of the need for accelerated hill building program due to the increased popularity of skiing. This popularity was not confined to Ottawa, as you know, and every ski area in North America went ahead in leaps and bounds and was faced with the same kind of growing pains and over crowding.

As a member of the Ottawa Ski Club Inc., you own part of this \$200,000.00 development. You and your fellow skiers have paid for every shot of dynamite, every rock picked off the hills, every hour of bulldozing, and every shingle on the new rooves put on the lodges last year. Your fees paid for first aid costs, the ski tow passes and the day tickets given by the club as "thank you" tokens to midget instructors, racing committeemen and Trail Riders. (About \$5,500.00 worth of these services were purchased from the Tow Company last year).

It was necessary for the John Clifford Ski Tow Company to accelerate its program to keep abreast of the demand for uphill transportation on the hills your money was building. To strengthen its financial position and as an aid to borrowing money, the Company requested and received a 25 year exclusive privilege to operate ski tows on your club's property. The Ski Club receives in return a rental calculated on 2% of Gross revenue.

Last year the Tow Company, and its associate, Ski Services Company, paid \$4,200.00 to the Ottawa Ski Club, indicating that they had taken in a total of \$207,000.00. This amount included tow ticket sales, merchandise sales, ski rental revenue, repair business, locker rentals, and professional ski school lesson fees.

In addition the Ottawa Ski Club hired the Tow Company, as a contractor to do the actual hill construction work in the area. This was on a cost plus 10% basis. The club has paid the company around \$44,000.00 for this work in the past year. Some major jobs contracted in the past few years are: Sky-line area \$17,000.00; Alexander hill development \$10,000.00; Jump Rebuilding \$17,000.00; Heggveit Hill \$8,200. Miscellaneous - Area repairs and Stone picking \$2,400.00.

It is our hope that these facts and figures will go along way to clarify the relationship between the Ski Club and the Tow Company.