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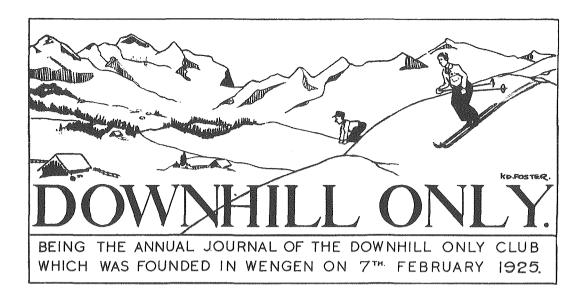
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Fritz and Maria Borter

It is just not possible to express in words the sense of loss, of an epoch closing, that the news of Fritz Borter's death brought to Wengeners and DHO Members alike. Elsewhere in this Journal his obituary touches on a little of all he did for Wengen but how can one adequately cover 85 active years, most of them spent at the centre of Wengen life? One typical, early example was his underwriting of the Winter railway line up from Lauterbrunnen – having first had to galvanize the more cautious souls into positive action by the implied threat, in the form of a load of rails and sleepers arriving from Interlaken, that if necessary he was going to build it by himself

Were it not for Fritz Borter and his Palace Hotel there might well have been no DHO and, on a personal note, you would certainly have been spared me as your Editor as my parents, who lived far apart in the UK, met there. In the early twenties two school friends Amy Walduck and Rosemary Holdren came out (with chaperone of course) to the Palace where they met (and some years later married) the two friends K. D. Foster and C. J. White – the latter destined to be our Founder President. When my father first approached Amy Walduck's chaperone she advised him "don't rush it; there's a prettier one at home", (my aunt Grace, now Paxton). Years later Maria Borter offered my parents as a gift the bulky Victorian sofa on which they had first sat together. My mother, ever the romantic at heart, said "yes" but father said "NO".

Maria was one of those rare, enchanting people whom but to know was to love. She and Fritz together



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During the war Fritz and Maria corresponded with my parents across Europe but most of their letters arrived snipped to incoherent shreds by the censors. One had little more than its closing sentence left intact. This read: "We hope you have a happy ending". We knew what they meant of course but, with Hitler at the gates, the phrasing could have been happier. A rare one that got through intact, dated 21.5.41, I reproduce below. Spelling and syntax are left unchanged to recapture that special Swiss flavour of friendly calm that so lifted us when the letter at last reached Shropshire just when the mad world seemed blackest. Not even excised is the reference to "your so nice children", (my sister Alicia and I – perhaps we were in those days); only deleted is the name of the "unpatriotic hotel" there being no call to stir up mud now settled these thirty-eight years.

My dear Amy, Since such a long time I did not hear of you. My thoughts are so often with you, Ken and your so nice children. I do hope you are all in best health and dit not get any bombes near you.

Fritz was at home for few weeks, but since the 4 May he is again in service till middle of July. Dit I tell you that our hotel is a hospital for our Swiss soliders? also Belvedere, Victoria, Alpenrose and several small houses. Only the ****** would not give it, they have no patriotic feeling, the lady will not spoil her hotel.

I liefe with Marie-Louise still at the chalet but I am the hole day at the Palace to help everywhere. I manage the laundry for all the hotels, so many of our staff was coming back to help me. In my home at Interlaken is the wife of our General. I am so glad the house is inhabit and the lady is so fond of our spring garden. The bel-air is still a privat home of guests. We have still very cold weather, snow and rain but the skiing is over. Next time I hope to accompany you up to Plum Pudding.

Please write me soon again, how is your family your children and Mrs. Walduck? You poor people. You dont know how we feel with you all. Everyone ask me if we have news from dear England. Do beliefe — we are and will always be your friends. No anguish can take our feeling. We are a very small country but we are ready to defende our rights and we shall do it. A pity I cant tell you what all happend round us. We know our moment is also coming, but when?

Today it is exactly two years that Fritz and I flow over to England for the D.H.O. party. How much dit changed since then. From Dr. Oetiker we have always news, they are at California, happy and well. The new doctor already left again, he had nothing to do. Now is only Dr. Ernst Oetiker, but in our Hotel over 25 specialists.

Do you still have enough to eat? We have now two days without meat, but every one has plenty, we must only change our menus no Palace dinner no light lunch from the buffet. But I hope it will not be far that you and Ken will revoicing it again. If we will get sad we always think at you heroic English people, your proverbe "keep smiling". Give my love to your children. All the best wishes and aurevoir, yours Maria. (Fritz send you both his best wishes. The militare makes him so young and swelt, he lookes like 30 years, he lost 15 Kg, weight).

Welcome to our New Honorary President

With the sad death of Fritz Borter the Club is fortunate in having another eminent Swiss to take over the Hon, Presidency. Born with the century on the first of January 1900, Ernst Gertsch has lived through the



birth and development of skiing as a competitive downhill sport and taken a leading part throughout. He was the first in Switzerland to fit skis with metal edges. He initiated and nursed the Lauberhorn Cup to its present high standing among the major classic races, himself winning its first slalom, and has at one time or another served as Chairman of the Jury for all such races including the Olympics. He was for many years Switzerland's delegate to the FIS. The many other ski clubs of which he is an Honorary Member include the SSV, the SCGB and the Kandahar. In climbing too he was pre-eminent, having many firsts in the twenties and thirties including his climb, with Fritz Fuchs in 1927, of the Rottalhütte / Rottalkessel / Jungfraugipfel / Jungfraujoch which has never been repeated.

These and many other details are given in the two DHO Editorials, the first by Dick Edmonds in 1958 and the other eighteen years later in 1976. On the latter's appearance Dick was quick point out that I had pinched his title, *The Importance of Being Ernst.* True, I had, but not consciously. Eighteen years is a long time. Besides it was too good a title to miss and, indeed, I was tempted to use it yet a *third* time, above. How thoughtful it was of him to send both to Sheila

the other day as aide-memoirs for Ernst's appearance as Guest of Honour at this year's dinner. I am however still brooding over a suitable revenge for his covering letter to Sheila which described their respective authors as "that eminent historian Dick Edmonds" and "an obscure hack called David Foster". Sooner or later the opportunity must present itself.



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As mentioned in earlier Journals, your present Editor was plugged into the post as a stop-gap before he quite realised what was happening to him. The job is not ideal for one with a young family and also struggling to keep a small engineering firm afloat on the rough seas of Maggie's withdrawal pains from our ten-year trip down the primrose path of profligacy... and if that mixture of metaphors fails to convince of the urgent need for a new Editor nothing will. Since its inception in the thirties the Journal has established and maintained a unique position in skiing literature and is, moreover, the one link with the Club for a large section of the membership that no longer goes out to Wengen nor attends the dinners. It would be a sad thing for publication to cease. Repeating the 1976 appeal: the ideal applicant will be a D.Lit., a first class skier, speak fluent Swiss-German and spend the whole of each season in Wengen. These qualifications can however be shaded a little... a lot... if you are willing and can push a pen, for Heaven's sake, write at once to the President.

Pre-War DHO Members

There are still fifty-nine members listed as having joined before the war: 1925 Barry Caulfield & Col. C. J. Odling; 1926 Tom Fox & K. Stoker; 1928 Mrs. Arthur Gilligan; 1930 Ernst Gertsch, P. L. Hamilton-Smith, Peter Lunn, Gordon Ravenscroft & Christian Rubi; 1931 Mrs. M. I. Dixon & E. L. Elliot; 1932 H. S. Green; 1933 R. E. Gardner, N. L. Hamilton-Smith, R. G. Orr, J. K. Pennefather, Comte & Comtesse de Vogue; 1934 Lady Campbell, Sir Terence Morrison-Scott & J. E. Taylor; 1935 Sir Max Aitken; 1936 Hans Barnard-Hankey, R. S. Cornelius, Sq. Ldr. J. E. Doran-Webb, Sir John Fisher, H. P. Gardner, Mrs. Harold Gilligan, Mrs. B. A. Haines, Rollo Hoare, Mrs. W. E. Lobel, Sir H. Mitchell, R. Mussat, Frau. Dr. Oetiker, Mrs. M. Rogers, Baroness van der Straten-Waillet, Frau F. von Almen & Major K. P. L. Wilson; 1937 Mrs. V. Ambler, Cdr. P. B. Cowan, Mrs. C. G. Gaskell, Air Marshall Sir Gerald Gibbs, Herr & Frau A. Rubi, Capt. M. M. W. Severne, Lt. Col. R. E. H. Ward & J. J. Wiley; 1938 N. D. Cox, Mrs. J. J. Hanlin, Miss C. H. Leese, P. D. O. Liddell, Frau. Dr. Z. Oetiker, Mrs. B. Stockwell & Sir Charles Taylor.

If anyone knows that any in the above list has in fact died would they please advise the Hon. Members' Secretary. I am particularly delighted to realise that Barry Caulfield, a Founder Member and, with his brother Vivian, among the skiing giants, is still alive – at least I hope he is; his 1978 Journal was not returned. My eye caught his name as I was sticking on the address-label, somewhat to my dismay as I had "written him off" in that and earlier Journals when listing the surviving founder members. I enclosed a hasty note apologizing for such premature reports.



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I was handed a Government leaflet entitled: 'You Are Now In Bear Country'. It told me what to do should I meet an aggressive grizzly. After describing how these animals can grow up to 1,000 lbs and tear your arm out, it said: 'KEEP CALM AND TRY TO ASSESS THE SITUATION' (their capitals)...

'Speak in low tones. This may indicate to the animal you mean it no harm . . .' (ME mean it no harm!) . . . 'Back slowly towards a tree . . . Climb a good distance up the tree. Grizzlies can't climb as a rule' (my italics). As a rule? Holy mackere!!

Finally it said: 'If you have no escape route you may, as a last resort, have to "play dead". Bears have been known to inflict only minor injuries in these circumstances...'

Buffet Supper after the A.G.M.

The cocktail party that follows the A.G.M. has been a traditional feature for many years but the buffet supper, added recently with the change of venue to the Imperial Hotel, has also proved a great success and has undoubtedly contributed to the growing numbers attending the A.G.M.s. The buffet solves the problem of "where to eat" after the Meeting, is reasonably priced and provides an admirable opportunity for ski gossip and the renewal of old acquaintances.

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M ost D.H.O. Runs involve off-piste skiing. One of the main objectives has indeed always been to introduce piste-bashers to the glories of powder snow, the astonishing ease with which otherwise hair-raising descents can be tackled in spring snow and the great good done to the soul by an afternoon spent in treacle or on breakable crust.

Unfortunately authority today looks at all this with an increasingly jaundiced eye; "we provide excellent, patrolled pistes; our growing fleet of snowcats now deals quickly with any new snow that mars these beautiful pistes; you are foolish not to stick to them". The disfavour grows more marked should an off-piste accident occur and very marked indeed if, to the doctor's standard opening question, "Are you insured?" the victim must answer "No". D.H.O. Reps. are therefore no longer authorized to include in a party anyone who is not insured. Note also that BUPA or equivalent cover is not sufficient.

Poets' Corner

When it's icy, slide When it's deep snow, stem When the snow is normal ski how it makes you happiest.

When it's foggy it's horrid
When it's sunny it's hot
When it's raining, it's horrid
horrid, horrid, horrid.

Melissa Brand, Age 8.

Skiing, skiing, oh skiing' It is such a wonderful sport; But when you fall down you get wet through; Never mind, never mind,

Skiing, skiing, oh skiing
It is such a wonderful sport;
But when you ski with the DHO
It is nicest, nicest of all.

Abigail Brand, Age 11.



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AND TRAINING

John Latimer Writes:

This is about the training period in Wengen which started on 21 December 1978 and finished on 6 January 1979. The weather was terrible and the snow conditions unspeakable. But it was so over most of the Alps. However, according to Divina, the training was one of the best we have ever had. I gather that when a trainee has been down a slalom course on the Bumps twelve times in a morning on solid sheet ice he or she is really learning to ski. Apply this theory to dodging rocks and stones on the Lauberhorn and you will see how good it all was. Indeed there is some evidence for this theory. When the DHO contingent eventually got to Courmayeur for the Junior Championships they did very well. On the first day of the Races Morgan Jones was first in the 11 to 12 age group, Mark Blyth first in the 13 to 14 group, and Matt Cooper second in the 15 to 16 group.

Of course this was a bit too good to last. On the second day Michelle Currie was 5th in the Girls Giant Slalom. I mention Michelle first because if anyone is genuine dyed in the wool DHO it is Michelle, but we also had some reflected glory because in the Result List the winner and the second girl are entered SSC/DHO. In the Boys Giant Slalom we acquired 5 out of the first 7 places. Matt Cooper 2nd, Tinker Parry-Davis 3rd, Crerar Adams 5th, Morgan Jones 6th, Mark Blyth 7th.

The DHO won the Baidland Cup for Boys School Teams. (M. Cooper, M. Jones, D. Lobozzo). The DHO was second in the International Team Race, in fact beating every team except Lichtenstein. (M. Cooper, T. Parry-Davies, Morgan Jones, Crerar Adams). Disaster overtook us in the slaloms. Our star turns had one of those days. Shan Usher jumped out of her binding at the start. Matt Cooper exceeded his speed limit by the fourth gate, Morgan Jones took the last gate but one the wrong way. Somehow he made the turn but it brought his ski off. He could have walked through the finish on one ski to win his age group. We watched him carefully put his ski on again. Never mind. He is only eleven and never makes the same mistake twice.

My mention of the bad weather reminds me of certain rumours that the DHO training intends to leave the Wengen area. We have no such intention. The weather is definitely a variable factor but apart from old associations, old friendships, and much local help there are many sound administrative reasons against any such suggestion. We shall only move if we are forced to by inability to find suitable accommodation in the area. We have not reached that stage yet.

Now we come to Easter 1979. What heaven! What bliss! Perfect snow. Not a stone. Warm limpid sunshine day after day. But eventually, of course, a small cloud arrives in the sky. On the day before our races there is far too much snow. Our poles placed ready in the Punchbowl must be brought down to the Bumps because of danger of avalanches. But how to get them? It is simple. Who should be at Eigergletscher but Dr. Herni who at once conjures up two snowcats, so that Ingie and her helpers ride in triumph through the deep snow.



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Unfortuntely our Christmas races were DHO affairs only. We hever had good enough weather to arrange the joint races with Kandahar. We did once actually start but the race had to be abandoned.

Reverting to the theme of dyed in the wool, born and bred, DHO I must mention particularly the record this year in International racing of Hazel Hutcheon and Lucy Holmes. Three cheers for the DHO.

Finally — thanks to the people without whom none of it could happen, our Trainers. Besides being remarkably good trainers I know one remarkable fact about them all, they all have an apparently unquenchable loyalty to the DHO. Their names are all familiar. Katie Denis, Fritz Gertsch, Ueli Hasler, Callum Scott, Divina Galica, Alasdair Ross, Heinz Petanjek, Ingrid Christophersen. I think this word remarkable is right. Ali is described in an article in the national Press as "a ski instructor who is acknowledged to be amongst the best in the world"; Divina polishes up her skiing as Britain's fastest Lady racing driver; Heinz is really an Austrian professor in spite of training Austrian ski and Soccer Teams; and as for Ingie it is, as Shakespeare would undoubtedly have mentioned, if he had been writing about her instead of Cleopatra, impossible to get accustomed to her infinite variety. I am only waiting to be informed that Hilary has been offered a mount in the Grand National.

P.S. I forgot to say that the person to be observed after skiing descending to the Oberland Cafe in a hang-glider is, of course, our trainer Alasdair Ross.



Photo: Fritz Lauener Front row kneeling: Kirstie Macpherson, Nina Jones, Tania Adams, Maxim Crane-Robinson, Alison Macpherson, Jane Marchant. Second row seated: Sasha Crane-Robinson, Andrew Walker, Kerr Blyth, Morgan Jones, Jonathan M. Freeman, LizAnn Dobson. Third row: Emma Disley, David Mansfield, Nigel Smith, Shan Usher, Michelle Currie, Divina Galica, Fiona McKenzie. Back row: Ingie Christopherson, Chris Kay, David Lobozzo, Tinker Parry Davies, Crerar Adams, Susan Franklin, Jane Dobson. Not in photograph: Loran Martin, Mark Blyth, Ross Maclean, Steven Reeve, Mark Bowman.



Photo: Fritz Lauener

Morgan Jones, Nigel Smith, Tania Adams, Emma Disley, John Disley, Michelle Currie, Susan Franklin, LizAnn Dobson, Tinker Parry Davies & David Lobozzo.

EASTER TRAINING 1979

Flora Franklin (aged 10)

This year there were quite a few people coming and going. Altogether there were 20 people actually staying at the hotel – 5 people were skiing with us but not staying at the Bellevue; also Amy Franklin skied with Ingrid for a few days.

The snow most of the time was exceedingly good, with some days the sun beating down and giving everyone blisters and other days the snow blundering down and everywhere at least a foot of snow had fallen. On a few of the days the visibility was impossible and the snow was cutting against my face and it was practically unbearable.

This year our trainers were Ingrid, Ali Ross, Heinz and Uli. We were divided up into groups; 2 top groups and 2 bottom groups. Ali and Heinz taught the top groups, and Ingrid and Uli taught the bottom groups. As I saw it they were divided up into *speed* (top groups) and *style* (bottom groups).

On the last week we were practising for the slalom races which were meant to be held on the Eigergletscher, but on the last day or two before the races it snowed so much on the Eigergletscher that it was closed off so we ended up having the races on the Bumps. In the slalom race quite a few people were disqualified (including myself) because we missed gates. The Giant Slalom went very well and nobody was disqualified except for one small Dolphin boy who had a bad fall and didn't finish the course. Andrew Walker and Sash Crane-Robinson won the Goya Cup at the age of 12.

One of the main occupations of some of the boys was firing cap guns but then the farmers started complaining and so it was stopped but the same boys started letting off bangers instead.

At the end of the holiday we all gave one franc to one of the older girls so she could buy a present for the hotel owner to say sorry for all the trouble we'd made. We also gave her the present because we wanted her to invite us back next year.



Victoria Cliffe-Jones and Mrs. Franklin.



Sasha Crane-Robinson and Mrs. Franklin.



Front row: Amy Franklin, Andrew Walker, James Hustie, Holger Boekdrukker, Nicola Roberts. Middle row: James Roth, Sasha Crane-Robinson, Fedja Franklin, Mark Roberts, Flora Franklin, Gerald Prior-Palmer. Top row: Sophie Cliffe-Jones, Belinda Hargreave, Victoria Cliffe-Jones, Michelle Currie, Susan Franklin, Toby Franklin, John Nicholson & Edward Nicholson. Not in photograph: Zoe Williams, Iain Williams, Tony Williams, Anne Grubb, Melissa & Abigail Brand, Maxime Crane-Robinson, Nina & Morgan Jones.

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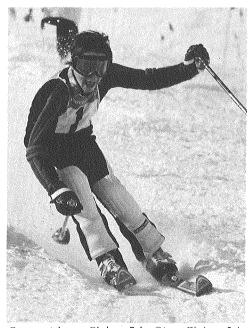
George Konig at the British Junior Championships, Courmayeur.



Kirsten Cairns, Champion. Slalom 1st, Giant Slalom 2nd, 1st in the Combined.



Felicity Blyth. Slalom 5th, Giant Slalom 1st, 3rd in the Combined.



Crerar Adams. Slalom 7th, Giant Slalom 5th, 3rd in the Combined.



Shan Usher.

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"Oh, it's a nice tour if the weather's nice"

"Okay we'll come".

8.45 a.m. Friday. Pack with après-ski boots—thanks Piers—and pack lunches. Brenda, Brian, Antony, Piers, Johnny, Harriet and myself left for the Schilthorn plus Freddie Fuchs as guide. We picked up four Mürren people and up up we went. Quick drink in the revolving resturant admiring the peaks surrounding us.

Experience is what I would call it. Along the knife edge I admit to a fair amount of fear. Piers had promised us no uphill walking but I think I should have preferred that to a foot wide track with a 2,000 ft. drop on both sides in a cross wind. A depth of

gratitude to the Swiss for the metal steps at one point and the handrail.

Then on to the snow; at first not too good but the middle part was beautiful powder, then a bit of crust, followed by spring snow. Finally, towards the end of this long run, zig-zagging around in river beds. All super fun and an interesting way to ski compared to pistes. We changed our boots about two miles from the village and walked through the forest in a valley towered over by majestic rock faces with incredible grain formation.

The beer in Kiental is superb. A quick run in the privately-hired post bus then on to the train back round via Spiez to Lauterbrunnen. A great day for Frs. 6.50 (if you are a DHO member). Many grateful thanks Freddie for guiding us and to Piers and Johnny for the usual perfect organisation.

WENGEN PRESENTATIONS TO VISITORS OF LONG STANDING





Photo: Fritz Lauener

MRS. MARY LIGHT -45 YEARS

J. E. DORAN-WEBB - 50 YEARS

In both photographs are Herr Hans Gertsch, the Verkehrsverein President, and Herr Jost Brunner, the Kurdirector. Also seen with Mrs. Light are her husband and Frau Beldi-Lauener.

SPEECH BY THE GUEST OF HONOUR

HERR'KASPAR VON ALMEN · SAVOY HOTEL, LONDON · NOVEMBER 1978

I t was for the first time in my life to-day that I saw England from an aeroplane. I could recognize the island, green between horizons of blue — and flat like a pancake. No mountain in sight anywhere and no snow. And yet: so many pioneers of the two sports presupposing mountains as their condition sine qua non came from this very island with its antagonistic topography. These men had an energy of imagination and a vitality which still are the admiration of a mountaineer and a skier. Only a few members of the Club who has seen the early days of Alpine skiing are still amongst us. My respect for them.

The Club has passed its 50th anniversary. This age is a threshold and starts one thinking.

In my country skiing has become an industry rotating hundreds of millions of francs per winter. A mass movement. The psychology of the mass applies to it. It has become popularized and even vulgarized. In certain Alpine regions a level of saturation has been reached and there the costs have started to outweigh the benefits. The density of skiers on a slope has often become a nuisance to everyone and a danger too. The saturation is reached when the benefit of the last skier to arrive on top is exceeded by the disbenefit to those who are already there. Nowadays in Wengen this last skier usually is an organized group of 20 of the Club Méditerranée starting down the same slope at the same time to lengthen the queue at the ski-lift by 20 within seconds.

Remember the days when a sign-board was fixed at the bottom of the Lauberhorn reading 'Don't touch the Lauberhorn after 11 a.m. Nobody did. It was a gentlemen's agreement; or was it an agreement between gentlemen?' Anyhow, thanks to it spring snow remained at its best for days and days. To-day fine spring snow has become a rarity as the Lauberhorn is thoroughly ploughed over each day in April thoughtlessly and even recklessly until 5 p.m. The right of way for everybody, may the insisting on it ruin good skiing or not. The deep tracks cut into the wet snow of the afternoon freeze during the night and in the morning skiing is if not impossible so no pleasure at all. But then the piste making machines start their noisy and air polluting work and soon uniformity and conformity are re-established also above 6000 feet. More and more skiers mean more and more sharing of the same restricted hills and sometimes I am afraid that this is a one way process involving the deterioration of the sport by spoiling the very asset that attracted skiers in the first place. Tourism in many of its forms has always had the tendency to destroy itself. As a friend from Scotland told me about his salmon river: "Either there is good fishing for a few or no fishing for everybody".

The counter-movement: Increasing numbers of skiers are leaving the beaten tracks and the over-crowded pistes for langlauf or just for rambling through the countryside; increasing numbers go

glacier touring and do cross-country running. There the Club has set a good example. Your former president did practically all skiable passes in the Bernese High Alps and your Wengen secretary has done the Schilthorn-Kiental descent before even I did.

The Club is rather up to date: it is diversified and also supports and promotes ski-racing. As long as an English race or a local race or a club race is to be run for, things are still all right I believe. But going in for the main international competitions is, as I see it, no longer a very English thing to do. It means joining a racket of reckless national vanities not seldom corrupted by politics, commercial and other; a racket where those are sure to lose who still believe in qualities of fair sportsmanship. A good sport is out, from the beginning. The crash helmet mentality of the full time professional paid by the interested market and/or the government is dominating the international racing scene which has become a battle scene. Therefore those describing it generally use military terms and a success is absurdly considered as a plus for the nation. Fortunes are invested to get the advertising value or the 'propaganda' value to use a more appropriate word dating back to 1936 and Berlin; sums invested sometimes by those looking with fascination at themselves on TV forgetting that the saturation level for skiers on local slopes has long been reached.

It is not an honour to the national when Hans or Jean wins a race. It is nothing but a personal success often paid at much too high a price. It is not an outstanding achievement running down a racing piste. For the piste has been mechanically prepared to perfection, often at an insane cost, by taming or by removing practically all natural obstacles except of the difference of altitude between the start and the finish. But it is outstandingly dangerous to run down a modern piste because the speed has more than proportionally increased with the elimination of natural obstacles. The risk of the modern speed is in no proportion to the value of an eventual success forgotten the day afterwards and more or less shared with 4 to 6 others arriving at the finish within the same one second.

The financial profit made by so very few between 20 and 25 years of age is in no proportion to the time lost from 16 upwards when full time training often begins, time lost for schooling, for studying, for learning a profession. The vulgar glorification of the winning star includes the risk of spoiling the youth for years of his life. Years of his life? One can be a racer on international level for 5 to 10 years, up to the age of 25, 28. What then? Real life begins then and the racer usually starts it with the additional handicap of a game back or knee for neither the vertebrae of the spine nor the knees are made to stand the long-time pressures of modern high speed racing.

Skiing even in the form of racing should fundamentally remain a game, a play, offer fun to those competing and to those watching, no crash helmet mentality on one side and the bad desire to see the crashing of the helmet on the other.

There are qualities of our sport which promise to keep it well alive. You English, as you are the sons and the grandsons of the pioneers, are called upon to show us how. It should not be dificult. As an example take up a race like the Inferno race from the top of the Schilthorn down to Lauterbrunnen the way it has been run for in the past, "unprepared and unseen" to use Arnold Lunn's terms, and right down to Lauterbrunnen be there enough snow or not below Grütsch. Such a race can easily be motivated in a way to fasinate any young skiers.

The qualities of our sport:—

- The play of the 4 colours white, silver, gold and blue, white and blue being a combination which must be dear to a seafaring nation;
- The air in winter, it still is like champagne above 3,000 feet;
- The ups and downs around you which for once are not personal but just topography and only there to please you:
- The co-ordination of the movements of the body turning round with ease and natural simplicity: the young harmony of movement on clean show;
- The loss of weight when increasing the speed ... and the immense pleasure coming from all this.

Skiing is great fun. May the Club continue to help in keeping it that way. Thank you.

THE WENGEN SEASON

Piers Benson Browning

was recently reading the very first DHO journal which came out in October 1936 in which the report for the previous season stated "a marked shortage of snow up to February 3rd", which indicates a conditon far more serious than we had at that time last season, good skiing to be had nearly everywhere after mid-January. I have heard it said that the troubled winter weather conditions are due to modern man upsetting the balance in space, which gives little snow until mid-January and rain as far up as Eigerglètcher in February, but referring again to the 1936 season "the last days of January saw a downpour of rain that must be almost without equal for that time of year" and "zealous ski-runners were to be found in the local bars arguing morosely as to the comparative merits of umbrellas". Well, we present-day ski-runners did not resort to the latter, though I can assure readers that the local bars were just as crowded on the days of heavy rain in 1979, but, to be fair, these were usually preceeded by days of excellent snow conditions, and indeed succeeded by some wonderful powder snow.

After a poor Christmas and New Year, with the ski shops working late into the night on skis damaged by rocks during the day, snow-conditions slowly improved. Our Race Training over this difficult period was led as usual by Divina Galica and her team of Trainers, the standard of training being seen in the very good results we had in The British Junior Championships held in early January. Because of the lack of snow for the exacting conditions for a F.I.S. Race, the Lauberhorn Downhill was run at Crans Montana. The world took this as meaning no snow at all in Wengen which was, by then, far from the truth with plenty of good skiing available. The hoteliers suffered badly by this and it really affected the town for the rest of the season, fine for those of us who were in Wengen and disliked huge lines on the Wixi and Lauberhorn, but not for those whose livelihood depends on a full, or even moderately full hotel or shop. I wish them a better 1979/80 season. During February and March the snow steadily improved and by Easter there was almost too much snow! I found wonderful powder snow by the Wixi and the White Hare was skied many times.

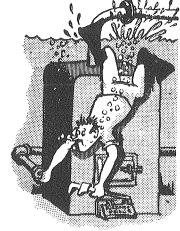
A new lift was added to the Wengen complex last season from Grund to Männlichen, with a half-way station a little way below the Lager chair. This proved very popular though made the Männlichen very crowded, however if one chose one's time carefully the lift was a useful addition to the complex, but with the mass of people now entering the area more lifts are needed to cope and new pistes to take the numbers.

Alas, the Männlichen piste has now become so popular throughout the day that, for the first time, the McMillan Cup Race was moved to the Tschuggen Piste starting some way below the top of the Gummi Chair Lift and going to the Aspen Cafe. This proved a great success and, with very good snow conditions and an empty piste, made a great setting for this the last of the British mass start races. A good time was had by all and most people ended up in the same shape as when they started.

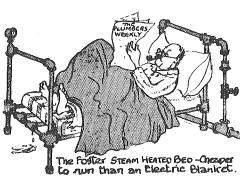
The Reps did a fine job of organising general events, from Slalom on the bumps to Crash & Dash down the Standard to Mary's Cafe, depending on the conditions of the day.

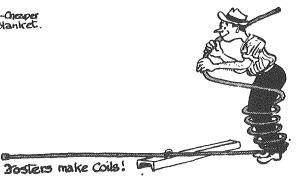
My thanks go to the Reps who, throughout the season, work hard for our members (and we had many in Wengen last winter), also the Hotels who put up our Reps and give such good Drink Parties, in particular the Alpenrose and the Falken who were very generous to us. The Eiger Hotel was, as usual, the starting point each day and to Karl & Edith Fuchs my special thanks, not least for having me to stay during my "tours of duty". We the DHO had a good season with lots of fun and good skiing. We still have the active support of the Kurverein, and our "new" office by the Curling Rink has had a face lift during the Summer. I look forward to seeing new and old members alike, outside the Eiger or at the office again this coming season.





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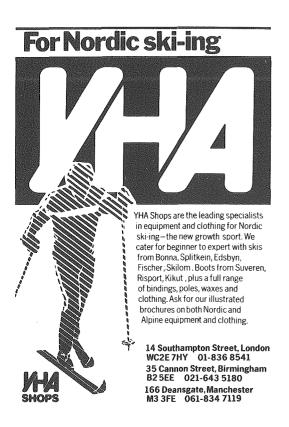
Fifty years ago this year the longest Downhill race in the World was run for the first time, so this year the Mürren Inferno had something to celebrate though the race of to-day is greatly changed from those far off days. In the early years a handful of hardened ski runners (as skiers were called) used to climb to the top of the Schilthorn from Mürren and then skied whichever way they thought best to the finish in Lauterbrunnen. To-day with over 1300 entries such rules would be madness, and a great deal of planning has to be done by Mürren to ensure the safety of skiers and onlookers alike.

For the second year running the D.H.O. entered a number of racers (or strong mad skiers!) and were looking forward to our "race within a race" with the Kandahar. Three members came over from England for the weekend to do the Race which showed good form though, alas, one of them Virginia Brown got a bad cold en route and was in bed on the day of the race. However her husband Charles, and a new girl to the Wengen area, Miss Caroline Moon survived the long car journey and did very good times in the race.

Also upholding the D.H.O.'s honour were Miss Diana Mathias and myself, George Dowty who should have been there made a mistake in the weekend so never turned up!

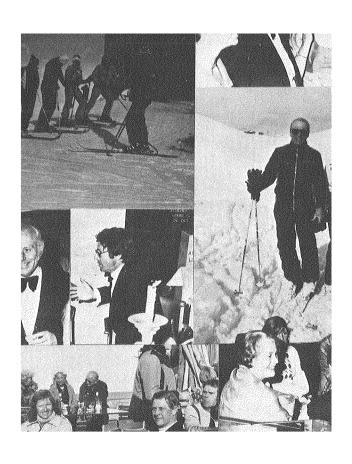
We had a full day's training on the Friday before the race which, at that time, was running the full way to Lauterbrunnen. On the day of the race itself the finish was moved up to Grütschalp due to lack of snow. Our start numbers ranged from about 290 to about 1300, and one can imagine the state of the course for the last numbers, however we all had good runs with a few crashes and put up a good showing for the D.H.O. The Kandahar took the honours in the end, perhaps because they did have an advantage of their four racers going in the first twenty, however, no "sour grapes" and we all congratulate them on their fine effort, and a great day was had by all which is really the main thing.

We hope to avenge our defeat next season when the race will be the end of January 1980. When we will again be having a team to run in this long and exciting race.

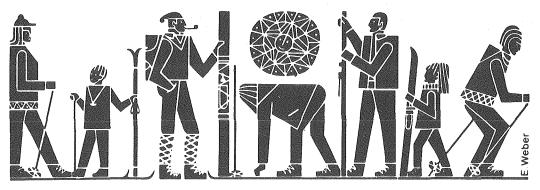




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FRITZ BORTER, our Honorary President, died on 27th November 1978 at the age of 85. His life spanned the whole of Wengen's history as one of the classic Winter Sports resorts in which he took a leading part from its very inception, back in the early years of this century, in co-operation with Sir Henry Lunn. The range of his activities on behalf of the Oberland in general and Wengen in particular are too wide to cover but they included the founding of the Winter Kurverein, of the Wengen Ice Hockey Club and, with a handful of English friends, of the DHO itself – at a dinner in his Palace Hotel in February 1925.

The Palace was built by his father, also Fritz, in 1898 and the younger Fritz took over control on his death in 1921. Four years later he married Maria Vallaster from Luzern, beloved by him and by all who knew her and to whom her early death in 1956 came as a bitter blow. Over the succeeding years he progressively handed over the reins of the Palace to his son and devoted himself to the smaller Hotel Magliasina on the shores of Lake Lugano which he had bought some four years before Maria's death.

With the death of Fritz Borter a long chapter of Wengen history closes. We, his many friends, mourn his passing and, to echo his obituary in

mourn his passing and, to echo his obituary in the Oberländisches Volksblatt: 'What he did for Wengen must never be forgotten''.



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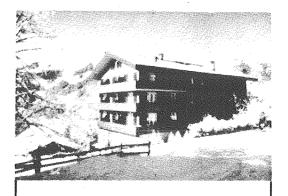
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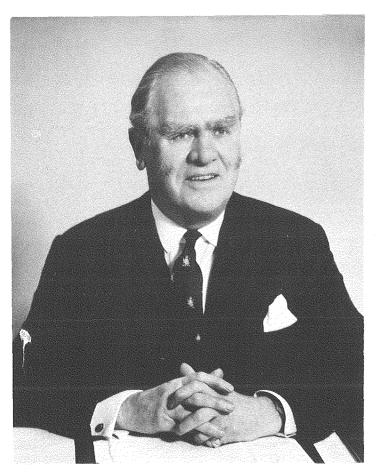


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M. O. GILL, C.B.E. (1903–1978). For over 50 years MOG made his annual pilgrimage to the slopes around Wengen. A fearless skier, with a style all his own, radiating good humour and bonhomie wherever he went. His distinguished career had a marked nautical background from a commission in the Royal Navy in World War I to Head of a Shipping Company — there was an interlude as a Colonel in the Home Guard. His many public appointments included such diverse activities as Chairman of the Medway Ports Authority, the Regional Board for Industry, Justice of the Peace, Senior Warden of the Rochester Bridge Trust and Governor of the t.s. ARETHUSA. In commerce as well as being Chairman of the London & Rochester Trading Company Limited, he held many directorships including that of The Proprietors of Hay's Wharf and membership of Lloyds Bank Regional Board and Lloyds Register of Shipping.

His wife, Peggy, also known to D.H.O. members predeceased him by 4 months, his next of kin is his sister and of course through his introduction, his nephews and nieces have for a long time been keen Wengenites.

With his passing there may be fewer "graves" dug in the snows around the Mannlichen but his friends and relatives will miss his counsel, friendliness and the joy he created wherever he went.

G.S.C.C.

JULIAN VASEY died tragically at the early age of 29 on May 27th, 1979 in a motorcycle accident. Returning from Verbier to Lausanne, he hit a sheet of water caused by a heavy thunderstorm on the lakeside road only a few miles from his home.

A D.H.O. member since 1964, Julian was one of the Club's, and the Country's, ablest skiers. In 1966 he came first in the slalom at the Lowlanders' Championships and the following year, when still only 16, he won both the Junior and Senior British titles. In 1968 he was with the British Olympic team at Grenoble and again at the 1970 World Championships at Val Gardena where he finished 30th in the combined. The following year, as its captain, he led the British team to victory in the Lowlanders' Championships at Val d'Isère. Only a severed achilles tendon kept him from the Sapporo Olympics.

After a spell with a firm of stockbrokers in the City he joined a Canadian firm and returned to Lausanne. He still retained his love of competitive skiing however and on three ocasions won the European Stockbrokers Race.

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Photo: Charles Johnstone MORNING MEET OUTSIDE THE EIGER, Noel Green, Dierdre, Neville Day, Keith Room, Alan Drake, Richard Wheway, Carol Wheeler, John & Rosalie Lancaster and Frank Garnham.

THE DHO DIARY

Carol Wheeler (DHO Rep., 20th January – 3rd February 1979)

The other thing that Samuel Pepys and I don't have in common is the enjoyment of keeping a diary. He obviously did — I don't!

As I sat at the end of each week wracking my brains to try to remember what the weather had been, what runs we had done, where we had had lunch and who had skied with me, I groaned at the tedious task ahead.

"The Diary", says the DHO Rep. Manual, "must be completed at the end of each day". Impossible say I. "The names of DHO members should be recorded". Well I can manage the first names and, I suppose, if I describe the anorak or give the colour of the ski boots someone would recognize about whom I was writing.

A jolly record of events during two weeks? Not a bit of it. In illegible handwriting and mis-spelt: Blue sky day. DHO Rep shows SCGB Rep the runs. These cryptic remarks don't mention the good bit of powder snow we found on the steep face beside the Männlichen T-bar, nor the heavy sludge from which we floundered under the Gummi . . . Took Bill and Margy Martin, the Professor and Bob the Vicar to Salzegg then home via the new Männlichen bucket . . . How to describe that mad dash across the mountain

with the growing fear we would miss the last bucket. Shouts to some: "Go on", to others: "Come on". We just made it, including the Professor of Aeronautics who, resisting all earlier attempts in order to retrieve his glove, was finally poured into the bucket by the attendant with the admonishment "You are a very stupid man".

Up to Scheidegg; met the people from Mürren; took F & Charles, Eve. Alan, Bert and Iris across to Männlichen via Tschuggen, then back to Scheidegg for lunch via Gummi and Arven . . . Wait! No, not F, one of the Mürren group and a sweet girl, but she couldn't side slip, turn nor kick turn so I took her back to Scheidegg where fortunately we met her friend. I then turned tail and skied fast to catch up my group, now led by Alan and Bert alternately. But what a group! so fast! not a sign to be seen. Up the Männlichen T-bar where I met a couple about to sample the powder. I couldn't resist taking them right into it. What bliss . . . but emerged rather shamefaced to return to the search of my group. I skied down beside the T-bar and located the group coming up. They yelled. I nearly fell off. We finally joined forces at the top and started the journey back to Scheidegg down to Gummi, sampling a little powder on the way; up the Gummi; down to Arven, everyone skiing beautifully on the new snow; up the Arven ... to a huge lunch at Scheidegg.

And who are Charles, Eve, Alan, Bert and Iris? The diary never tells. Well, Charles is the bravest skier on the mountain. He has one leg shorter than the

other and yet will plough down anything given the chance; the difficulty is to stop him. Eve is a young middle-aged lady who protests she absolutely can't — but always does, and in good style too. Alan is a veteran DHO member who in good light is fast and steady as a rock, while Bert became the most improved skier on the slope, starting his holiday at a snail's pace and ending by metaphorically cantering around on his skis. Then Iris, how describe Iris? Old enough to be my grandmother but far more agile both on and off skis than many a 22-year-old. Does the diary tell you of these people? No.

Twenty-seven to the Hirschen for fondue chinoise. The Rep forgets to mention Rozy Walker's mother's drinks party or the wonderful present organized by Freddie and Evie for the Rep's birthday. Perhaps there is purpose in not mentioning the bopping after the chinoise ... repping is such hard work!

Flat light; lots of new snow; visibility poor at first but better later. Skied with Maggie, Margy, Bill, Nick and Christine. Up to Scheidegg; down to Arven; up to Honnegg; down to Arven; up to Honnegg; down to Grund ... We had tried to catch the 8.42 which eventually left at 8.55 so we were among the first to hit the new dirt, and how! Poets could wax lyrical about that morning of new snow, sometime even coming over our heads. Barhag was an experience of a lifetime; bouncing from bump to bump; sinking, rising

and sinking again. Maggie took us to Mac's Leap less impressive than I had imagined it but again wonderful as we were the first down it. Down, down down, all the way to Grund. It was so good we just had to do it again. A slight mistake through the trees to Arven put Bill in a hole from which he merged wallto-wall snow. Nick was heard to mutter dark things about expensive bindings as he did some neat, involuntary ballet. Margy's hole was visible for days. What a good day; what a laughing day with the sun coming out and staying out to add extra brilliance. Up to Salzegg and over to Oh Oh Oh God ... but they had been there before us! The group was put off by the sudden appearance of Ali so took evasive action to avoid his critical eye. This meant skiing the steepest part which had already been carved up by others. Dynamic skiing by everyone, though perhaps a little too dynamic by Bill who tried using his arm as an extra ski pole . . .

Race Day. The Odling Cup. No fall, downhill. From the top of the Bumps to Inner Wengen. Twenty-eight took part. The winner Susie with a time of just over two minutes ... Race Day it was and the groups of entry were: Under 40, Over 40, Over 50 and Over 60. The largest groups were the Under 40s and the Over 60s. The snow was heavy and slushy. Cafe Batzi at Wengernalp fortified some, then down to the Bumps in relaxed style. Off went Peter to time the arrivals at the bottom shortly followed by Piers acting as vorlaufer. Hotly on Piers' heels were the 28 contestants at 30 sec. intervals. Each chose his own route. "Yes, yes" they said, "we will be careful" but these thoughts evaporated with the word "GO" and in

racing crouches of various styles rear views disappeared into the distance. Arriving at Mary's Cafe I learned that only five had fallen, Mike had cut his forehead but no-one badly hurt. All had finished except Thelma who somehow found herself at the top instead of the bottom of the Inner Wengen but she cleverly made her way down to join us for lunch.

While the mathematicians battled over the results the contestants relaxed and relived their race. Susie had beaten all the wizz kids to be the overall winner. Sue and one-armed Bill were the winners of the Over 40s. That beneficiary of the Ali technique, Keith, who won the Over 50s and the familiar, steady-as-a-rock, lavatorial crouching style had again paid dividends for John in the Over 60s while Betty won the ladies prize in style.

Twenty-two to Wengernalp for cheese fondu. 17 skied down; 2 skibobbed; 3 tobogganed... Will the floor of the stübe ever by the same again? Ski boots dancing to disco shook down the cheese and then out into the night to discover a light covering of new snow making the journey home unreal, the experienced skiers at the back falling over more often than the rest. Was it elation or merely the fondant, the twinkling of distant lights, the fluffy snow, the silence, the laughter, the happiness... Do these get recorded for posterity? Up to Scheidegg; down to Arven; up to Honnegg; down to Tschuggen... And who reads it anyhow?



Photo: Charles Johnstone START OF ODLING CUP. Uni Loveday, Carol Wheeler, Susie Allin and Paul Zvegintzov.



To the Hon. Secretary

From Ruth Heller

Dear Mrs. Gamble -I wish to thank you from the bottom of my heart for the great honour that has been bestowed on me in making me an Honorary Member of the Club.

You will no doubt realize what this means to me, and I know how pleased my husband would be that the Club still remembers him.

With best wishes to you and all members of the Club.

Berne.

Yours sincerely, RUTH HELLER

To the Hon. Wengen Secretary

From Peter Wagner

Dear Piers – There has always been a friendly enmity between Wengen and something called Grund, where good lunches come from.

A Requiem to Rosemary, the arch-K, would not meet her wishes, but a farewell to a major skier on cracked crevasses who cheered us on our way and inspired us with the faith to follow.

Rosemary Sanderson had the admirable character and characteristics of a skileiter par excellence. That anyone so fit, even spartan, should have led her last tour is a great loss to us all, now that we are without one of our old Zermatt-Mürren-Wengen-Kitzbuhel friends. The D.H.O. will recognize here guiding philosophy and friendship which I have personally enjoyed for twenty years or so.

Itchingfield, Sussex.

Yours ever, PETER WAGNER

To the Hon. Editor

From Nat Young, Jr.

Dear David – Thank you for the note on Air Mail being too expensive to send the Journals beyond Europe. Moe Frye and I still see a lot of each other. He and his wife ran a great St. Patricks Day/British Evacuation of Boston Day joint holiday at our Ski Club Lodge at North Conway – wonderful party but 10° below zero F; so little skiing fun.

We often recall grand days at Wengen with you both. I seem to get away to Wengen the last week in Feb. as I did again this year and plan to next – if all goes well. I saw that picture in the Journal from your April 78 stay.

I do hope Thatcher rescues Great Britain and shows us how to draw back from too much Government!

I enjoyed your exchanges with the British Library and with that Times ski-writer.

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Best wishes, NAT YOUNG

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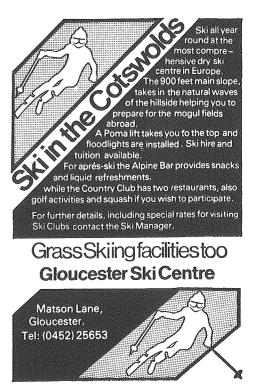
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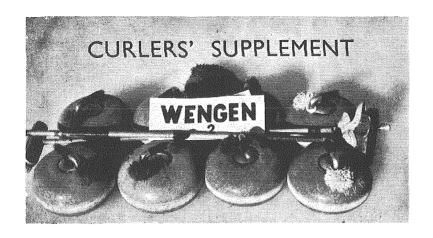
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A HISTORY OF CURLING

From "Beginner's Guide to Curling" by Robin Welsh

The frost bade for abune sax ouks, till the hinner end of Feberwar.

The ice of the loch was 23, of the Brigend-Dam 18 inches thick.

In Scotland, outdoor curling has been superseded to a large extent by indoor play in the big artificial Ice Rinks. But a true curler longs for frost, and, when a cold 'snap' grips the country, a sense of urgency and suspense pervades the scene.

In frosty weather, the air is expectant and this atmosphere conveys itself to curlers who pace the ground in anxious agitation, their eyes raised to the sky.

In the country districts – where, by tradition, the game has been played in the 'interlude of rural life' when the plough was frozen in the furrow – curlers inspect their local loch or pond, prepare their equipment, make sage weather forecasts – and hope. If the frost continues, meetings are hastily convened, a day is set for the bonspiel and word is quickly passed round the neighbourhood that the ice is bearing.

In the old days, it was common knowledge in the village that the tradesman or lawyer, a keen curler, would not be available for business when the temperature dropped below freezing point. Those not in the know who called would be given a cold reception.

'Is Mr Macgregor in?'

'I'm afraid not.

'Well, when will he be back?'

'When the thaw comes!'

Such dereliction of duty, which is not unknown today, is forgivable. Consider the miserable lives led by old-time Scottish curlers. For years on end, these men, hoping and fearing, laid plans for parish bonspiels, to be thwarted by thaws. In bad years, their stones would languish in the stone house, or the attic. The frustrations caused by the vagaries of Jack Frost must have been almost too much to bear.

'Alas,' groaned a keen curler in 1883, 'the good old times seem to have passed away, when for weeks on end

O'er burn and loch the warlock Frost A crystal brig would lay

and good ice might be confidently counted on for a long time.'

In such conditions, every advantage was taken of the opportunities for a game, and, after a spell of weary winters, curlers would often play all day and well into the night in case the dreaded thaw came the following morning. The nineteenth century opened promisingly with a series of hard winters between 1800 and 1838. But the early 1840's were disappointing years and an *Annual* of the Royal Club of the period complained of 'the privations to which the fickle state of the thermometer has subjected us, one day raising our spirits by letting down its own to the neighbourhood of zero and the next laying prostrate all our hopes by mounting above the freezing point'.

In 1846, however, the frost returned and a song was written to celebrate the occasion:

Johnny Frost is back again,
The queer auld body's back again,
Tell the news to Curling men,
Johnny Frost is back again;
Johnny thocht he was to blame
For staying a' last year at hame,
Quo' he I'll just draw on my breeks
An' I'll gie them twa or three Curling weeks.

Many and various were the methods employed by curlers to gauge the conditions of frost prior to a bonspiel. A wet handkerchief, placed on the garden hed'ge, would be brought in at regular intervals to test its stiffness.

A ringing earth, a ringing air and a multitude of stars shining clear in a cloudless sky were favourable symptoms while bad signs were clouds in the west, a southerly wind, shooting stars, a tremulous movement of the stars and a suspicious *sough* of the wind through doorways.

James Brown, Secretary of the Sanquhar Curling Society, reported that, if a cat passed her forepaw over her ear while washing, it was a sure sign of approaching thaw. Brown also told of the dedicated curler who deliberately broke a weather glass he had recently purchased with the words: 'I'm glad to have it oot o' the hoose for there has been nae gude weather since ever I bought it!'

The winters of 1795 and 1895 shine brightly in the record books. A well-satisfied curler wrote that 'the winter of 1795 was such an one as rejoice the hearts of a' keen curlers – frosts lay lang, snaws were deep'. A Kilconquhar report of that year tells of the man who curled all day and every day for six weeks, at the end of which 'his hand actually kept the position of a person's hand holding a stone and that it kept the *crook* for a considerable time afterwards!'

Veteran curlers still with us remember that, in 1895, Loch Leven was frozen from early January until the end of March. In addition to numerous bonspiels, a wide variety of spectacular events were staged. There were skating carnivals at night to the music of pipes, melodeons and fiddles. Carriages and pairs were driven on the loch and horse-drawn sleighs were hired to drive round the historic castle in the middle of the loch where Mary Queen of Scots was imprisoned. Visitors came in special trains from all over Scotland to participate in these ice frolics, surely the gayest events of the gay nineties in Kinross-shire.

We have no record of curling during three famous winters in history – 1691, when hungry wolves entered Vienna, attacking cattle and even men; 1684, when English oaks were split by the frost and the ice on the Thames was eleven inches deep; or, the most famous of all, 1709, known as the 'cold winter', when the seas round Britain were frozen up to several miles from the shore and the frost penetrated three yards into the ground.

We know, however, that the great frost of 1746 was too much of a good thing for curlers. Churchgoers on the south side of Lochwinnoch walked over the ice to the kirk on thirteen successive Sundays. Wells, fountains and burns were dried up. The ice on the loch was bent and bowed down to the bottom and curling was stopped because of the curve on the ice.

But this was an exceptional year. Complaints of too little rather than too much ice is the continuing thread in the story of Scottish curling and it is a tribute to the patient and long-suffering nature of the Scots that the game survived through so many *thin* periods.

In recent years, as in the past, outdoor curlers in Scotland have had their ups and downs, the frustrations of mild seasons being forgotten in the excitement and bonhomie of hard winters, particularly 1958–59, 1962–63 and 1967–68, when joy was unconfined for weeks on end in many parts of the country.

A hardy breed, the curling fraternity shrugs off petty ailments when the bonspiel is at hand. In the early part of the nineteenth century, the Rev. Norman Macleod captured this sturdy spirit in comic verse:

A' nicht it was freezen', a' nicht I was sneezin'.

'Tak care', quo' the wife, 'gudeman, o' yer cough'.

A fig for the sneezin', hurrah for the freezin', For the day we're to play the bonspiel on the loch

In addition, as the old song has it, curling is just the game for world-weary cynics, tired businessmen and worriers of all types:

> Hae ye trouble? Hae ye sorrow? Are ye pinched wi' warldly care? Redd the roaring rink tomorrow, Puech! they'll fash ye never mair.

Scottish schools have now included curling in their curricula. But it must be stressed that the game can be started at any age, the term 'a young curler' meaning a curler young in curling experience.

Some Scots threw their first stones at the age of eight or nine, having been pressed into service when their fathers were a man short, but the vast majority start between the ages of 20 and 50 and a fair percentage first take the ice when they retire from business.

Those who claim they are too old to start a new sport, and those who, feeling old, huddle round the fireside in the winter of their lives, should be reminded of curling's powers of rejuvenation, so aptly summed up by James Grahame in British Georgics (1809):

... Aged men,

Smit with the eagerness of youth, are there, While love of conquest lights their beamless eyes,

New-nerves their arms and makes them young once more.

Curling lifts the spirit and captivates the mind. The fascination of the game itself and its aspects of teamwork and friendship are the factors which make curling the ideal form of relaxation.

The traditions of the game have been built on the rigours and uncertainties of outdoor play and it is obviously desirable to continue to nurture the old outdoor connection in Scotland while the majority of the curling population plays indoors.

There is a place for both forms in modern curling. Indeed, after regular play in the big indoor Ice Rinks, curlers keenly anticipate a chance to participate in outdoor bonspiels. In addition to enjoying the thrill of a day out of doors, they can take a step into the game's history.

On occasion, outdoor ice is smooth and true—sheer perfection for curling. It can be rough, heavily biased by ridges and runs, wet, unplayable. In general, outdoor play is more chancy, less artistic, far less precise than indoor curling. But it has an invigoration all its own, the scenery, the bracing air, the bustling activity, the stops for sustenance and a drop of the 'auld kirk', the roar of stones and the fellowship under a wintry sun combining to provide an exhilaration unique in sport.

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January 6 (and every Sunday until end of season) DHO Run with Ski Instructor,

subsidized by Club.

January 10 Odling Cup (DH (No-Fall).
January 17 Polytechnic Cups (WN).
January 31 Obstacle Race (Open).

February 7 Macmillan Cup (DH). Jarvis (DH40). Bathchair (DH50).

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February 14 Kurverein Crystal (DH pairs).

April 7—13 Easter Races Week.

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O Open to all-comers.

N Open to Novices (i.e. those who have never won a ski race and who are below SCGB

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SFASON 1978-79



SLALOM (5.1.79 Punchbowl)

1. TANIA ADAMS 95.1; 2. Susan Franklin 95.5; 3. Liz Anne Dobson 101.0; 4. Lorna Martin 101.1; 5. Nina Jones 105.8; 6. Jane Dobson 12.1.4; 7. Kirsty Macpherson 128.4; 8. Emma Disley 135.0; 9. Jane Marchant 135.1; 10. Fiona Mackenzie 142.7.
1. D. LOBOZZO 89.3; 2. N. Smith 92.4; 3. M. Blyth 95.5; 4. K. Blyth 101.3; 5. C. Kay 102.9; 6. D. Mansfield 108.4; 7. S. Crane-Robinson

112.5; 8. A. Walker 119.6; 9. J. Freeman 125.4; 10. M. Crane-Robinson 174.8.

GIANT SLALOM (5.1.79 Punchbowl)

1. MICHELLE CURRIE 107.0; 2. Susan Franklin 109.6; 3. Emma Disley 121.5; 4. Liz Anne Dobson 123.4; 5. Jane Marchant 125.6; 6. Lorna Martin 126.1; 7. Alison Macpherson 128.4; 8. Fiona Mackenzie 129.1; 9. Nina Jones 129.8; 10. Jane Dobson 130.9; 11. Tania Adams 138.3; 12. Kirsty Macpherson 138.3.

1. T. PARRY-DAVIES 99.9; 2, M. Blyth 103.3; 3. M. Jones 103.6; 4. D. Lobozzo 107.0; 5. R. Maclean 110.7; 6. D. Mansfield 114.9; 7. K. Blyth 116.3; 8, A. Walker 124.8; 9. T. Franklin 128.8; 10. M. Crane-Robinson 178.0.

ROS HEPWORTH CUP (7-13.1.79 Courmayeur, Girls' Schools)

1. ST. GEORGE'S, EDINBURGH (F. Blyth, J. Dobson, 876.64); 2. International, Geneva (S. Franklin, L. Martin, 881.64), 3. Millburn Academy, Inverness; 4. Mary Erskine, Edinburgh; 5. Headington.

BAIDLAND CUP (7-13.1.79 Courmayeur. Boys' Schools)

1. INTERNATIONAL, GEVEVA (M. Cooper, M. Jones, 1896.73); 2. Kingussie High (D. MacDonald, B. Dick, 2004.80); 3. King's School, Bruton; 4. Edinburgh Academy; 5. South Craven; 6. Bradford Grammar; 7. Glan y Mor; 8. Grantown Grammar; 9. Eton; 10. George Watson's; 11. Malvern College.

BRITISH JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS (Courmayeur)

(Giant Slalom, Boys. 9-10.1.79), 1. M. BELL (K) 129.08; 2. M. Cooper (DHO) 131.18; 3. T. Parry-Davies (DHO) 135.55; 4. G. Vanger (K) 137.50; S. C. Adams (DHO) 137.59; 6, M. Jones (DHO) 139.60; 7. M. Blyth (DHO) 139.90; 8. J. Godfrey (DRA) 140.05; 9, D. Lobozzo (DHO) 140.27; other DHO: 12. R. Maclean; 16. D. Mansfield, 17. F. Mackenzie; 25. S. Crane-Robinson; 34. K. Blyth; 37. A. Walker; (58 finished). (Giant Slalom, Girls. 10.1.79) 1. F. BLYTH (DHO) 54.73; 2. K. Cairns (DHO) 54.81; 3. I. Grant (CSC) 55.94; 4. L. Beck (BSC) 56.84; 5. M. Currie (DHO) 57,91; other DHO: 8. S. Franklin, 9. T. Adams; 10. L. Martin; 14. J. Dobson; 15. A. Macpherson; 16. E. Disley; 21. F. MacKenzie; 29. J. Marchant; 30. K. Macpherson; (31 finished).

(Slalom, Boys. 11-12.1.79) 1. P. GWALTER (K) 95.77; 2. J. Harris (AVSC) 98.99; 3. G. Vanger (K) 100.26; 4. G. Bell (K) 100.31; 5. M. Blyth (DHO) 101.15; 6. D. MacDonald (CSC) 102.81; 7. C. Adams (DHO) 103.09; 8. D. Lobozzo (DHO) 103.72; other DHO: 15. D. Mansfield; 19.

(BHO) 101.15; 6. D. MacDollald (CSC) 102.81; 7. C. Adams (DHO) 105.09; 6. D. Lolodzo (DHO) 105.72; other DHO. 15. D. Malsheld, 15. R. Maclean; 22. K. Blyth; 41. B. Bingham; 44. P. Nuttall; 45. A. Walker; (62 finished). (Slalom, Girls. 12.1.79) 1. K. CAIRNS (DHO) 107.36; 2. I. Grant (CSC) 112.71; 3. M. Macpherson (CSC) 122.08; 4. L. Crossley Cooke (K) 123.22; 5. F. Blyth (DHO) 123.37; 6. S. Macfarlane (DHO) 125.24; 7. N. Mundell (K) 126.00; 8. L. Martin (DHO) 129.59; other DHO: 11. E. Disley; 12. T. Adams; 14. A. Macpherson; 17. F. Mackenzie; 18. K. Macpherson; 19. J. Dobson; 21. J. Marchant; 22. M. Currie; (25 finished).

(Combined Results, Boys) 1. M. BELL (K); 2. G. Vanger (K); 3. C. Adams (DHO); 4. M. Blyth (DHO); 5. D. MacDonald (CSC); 6. D. Lobozzo (DHO); other DHO: 9, R. Maclean; 10. D. Mansfield; 17. K. Blyth; 23. B. Bingham; 30. A. Walker; 34. P. Nuttall. (Combined Results, Girls) 1. K, CAIRNS (DHO); 2. I. Grant (CSC); 3. F. Blyth (DHO); 4. M, Macpherson (CSC); 5. N. Mundell (K); 6. L. Martin (DHO); other DHO: 8. T. Adams; 9. M. Currie; 10. E. Disley; 12. A. Macpherson; 14. J. Dobson; 18. F. Mackenzie; 23. J. Marchant; 24. K. Macpherson.

KANDAHAR CUPS (Courmayeur 7-13.1.79)

(Boys' Teams) I. KI: M. Bell, M. Erskine, G. Bell, 4880.85; 2. DHO2: N. Smith, M. Blyth, R. Maclean, 4929.38; 3. SSC3: 5413.44; 4. DOLPHIN: 5418.86; 5. SSC4: 5649.73; 6. AVSC2: 6115.85.

(Girls' Teams) 1. SSC1: K. Cairns, F. Blyth, 2147.43; 2. K1: C. Booth, L. Crossley Cooke, 2505.20; 3. DHO2: S. Usher, L. Martin, 2517.79; 4. DHO1: T. Adams, S. Franklin, 2527.81; 5. K2: 2582.13; 6. DHO3: 2642.47; 7. DOLPHIN: 2815.20; 8. DHO4: 3249.46.

INTERNATIONAL TEAMS (Courmayeur 13.1.79)

1. LIC: 209.00; 2. DHOI: M. Cooper 70.42, T. Parry Davis 70.60, M. Jones 72.80, C. Adams 73.57, 213.82; 3. K1: 215.91; 4. SSC1: 217.57; 5. SCC3: 219.11; 6. SCC2: 223.05; 7. SSC2; 226.28; 8. DRA: 226.66; 9. AVSC: 227.57; 10. SSC3: 232.19; 11. DHO3: M. Currie 75.07, S. Franklin 77.33, T. Adams 79.98, S. Usher DNF, 232.38; 12. DHO2: D. Lobozzo 77.08, N. Smith, 78.54, R. Maclean 78.82, N. Blyth DNF, 234.44; 13. K3: 239.24; 14. D: 239.35, 15. K2: 264.35; No Result: SCC1.

KANDAHAR v DHO PRIVATE INFERNO (21.1.79 Schilthorn to Grütschalp)

1. K: P. Lunn, C. Hodler, R. Varley, J. Symington; 2. DHO: P. Benson Browning, C. Brown, Miss C. Moon, Miss D. Mathias. (No times available but see Piers' account on p. 23).

ODLING CUP (No-Fall. Top of Bumps to Inner Wengen)

1. SUSAN ALLIN 2.08; 2. M. Thomas 2.48; 3. S. Barlow 2.57; 4. W. Coldrey 3.48 (1st over 40); 5. Uni Loveday 4.01; 6. P. Zvegintzov 4.07; 7. Dee Nelson 4.08; 8. E. Page 4.17; 9. P. Copeland 4.49; 10. R. Wheway 5.10; 11. R. Elljott 5.12; 12. Susan Ryan 5.28; 13. J. Lancaster 5.50 (1st over 60); 14. J. Matthews 6.07; 15. D. Prickett 6.08; 16. Margery Coldrey 6.33; 17. A. Drake 6.52; 18. K. Room 7.10 (1st over 50); 19. Diane Elliott 7.28; 20. Elizabeth Matthews 8.15; 7 disqualified.

MACMILLAN & SENIOR CUPS (9.2.79 Barhag to Aspen. Good. Good)

1. STEPHEN BARLOW 5.02; 2. M. Loveday 5.05; 3. M. Thomas 5.12; 4, Dee Nelson 5.25; 5. Alida van der Ians 6.17; 6. Jennifer Dalrymple-Hay 6.20; 7. M. Hargreave 6.22; 8. Sarah Brooke 7.21; 9. D. Cundy 7.25; 10. A. Ferguson 7.40; 11. Sarah Pearson 9.06; 12. J. Chalcraft 9.31; 13. A. Cox 9.38; 14. J. Waghorn 9.47; 15. I. McAlister 10.27; 16. Diana Kalten Borne 10.47; 17. Lynette Waghorn 11.51; 18. F. Garnham 12.25; 19. Dorothy Cox 13.10; 20. Denise Benjamin 14.35; 21. Col. W. Turner 16.03.

JARVIS CUP (over 40) TONY COX, J. Waghorn.

BATH CHAIR CUP (over 50) ALISTAIR FERGUSON, I. McAlister.

STRETCHER CUP (over 60) MICHAEL HARGREAVE, D. Cundy.

HEAVENLY BOWL (over 70) FRANK GARNHAM, Col. W. Turner.

KURVEREIN CRYSTAL (15.2.79. Complete all uphill transports in region)

1. SHEILA HENSMAN & DAVID CUNDY 4hrs. 32 min.; 2. M. Thomas & Unni Loveday 5h 1m; 3. P. Benson Browning & Sarah Brooke 5h 14m; 4. A. Ferguson & Anna Edonds 5h 12m; 5. W. Orchard & Anna Tidman 5h 18m; 6. Merrilyn Boorman & P. Berger 5h 284m.

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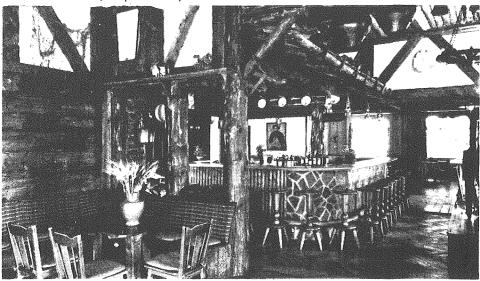
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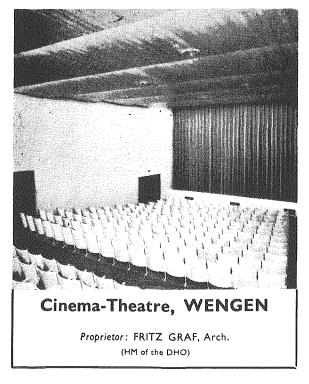
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Once again the first fortnight in April proved the season's best. Last year's mid-April envoi showed even Lauterbrunnen under snow. 1979 could not quite equal that but, to the end, you could ski back to the village although downtrains obligingly stopped at Cafe Oberland, as below that it was a bit scratchy. Wengen high street itself was bare but you could still ski right to it from the Männlichen bucket – across the Nursery Slopes, past the WCC/DHO Hut and alongside the Silberhorn. Parents of schoolchildren who suppose they are limited to the short days and bitter cold of the Christmas holidays take heart. Try Easter . . . but don't blame me if it rains.



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