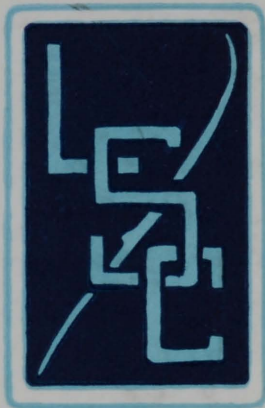


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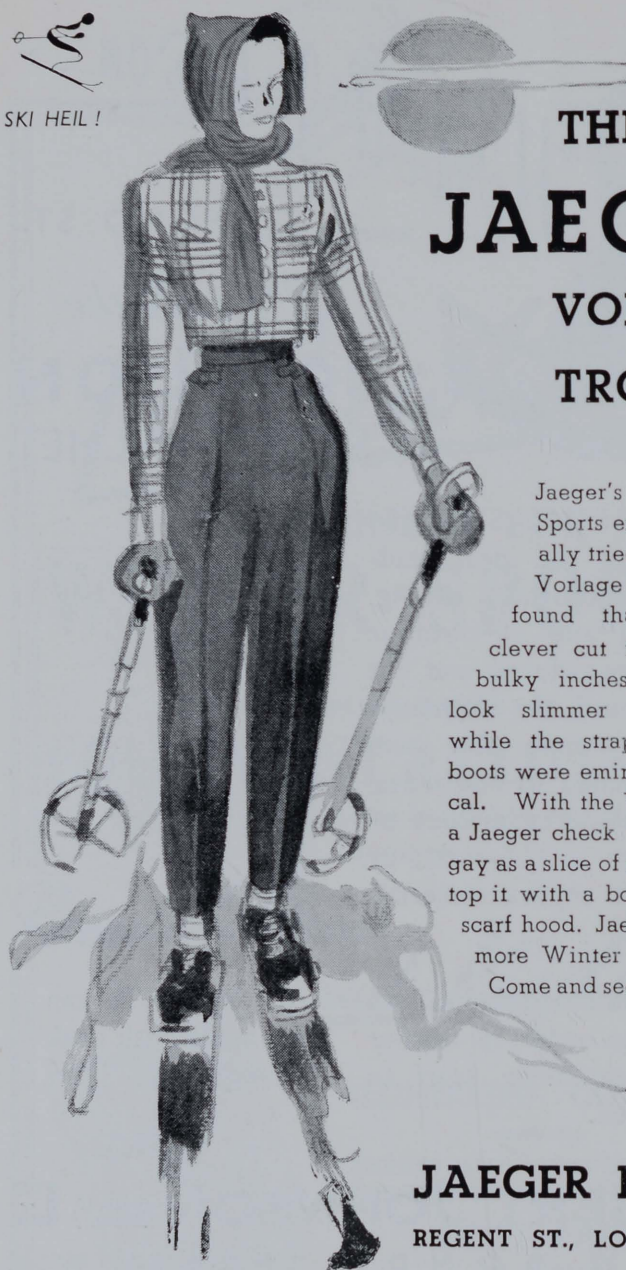
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## EDITORIAL.

THE Club Rules have been revised and brought up to date and a copy is being sent with the BULLETIN to every member.

Another innovation takes the form of some very attractive arm badges consisting of the Club monogram in pale blue silk on a dark blue cloth background. The new arm badge, which is depicted on the cover of this issue of the BULLETIN, may be obtained from the Hon. Treasurer, Miss H. I. Collins, Dunorlan, Tunbridge Wells, price 3s. 3d. post free, and they will also be on sale at the Annual General Meeting. The original enamel Club Brooch (price 5s.), silver letters on pale blue, remains unchanged, and can be had from the Treasurer.

The L.S.C. is glad to welcome ten new members: Miss M. L. Aitchison, Miss E. Angas, Miss B. M. Armitage, Mrs. E. A. Barnett, Miss I. M. de Mussenden Leathes, Miss A. M. Gregory, Mrs. R. Hepworth, Miss M. A. O'Loughlin, Miss K. G. H. Walker, and Miss N. C. Watson.

We are very proud to record that during last season another of our members won her Gold: Miss H. Palmer-Tomkinson.

We offer our congratulations to Miss Betty Fripp on her election to the Council of the S.C.G.B.

Our President, Miss Doreen Elliott, has been laid low with an operation for appendicitis. We are glad to hear she has made an excellent recovery and we trust that next season her skiing prowess will in nowise suffer, and that she will retain to the full her well-known pace, grace and energy.

Miss Evelyn Pinching, 1937 World's Lady Ski Champion, missed most of the races as she spent the winter in India. She reappeared in the Alps just in time to enter for the A-K, and made

a very gallant attempt, racing grandly over the first part of the course, but being out of training, she was unable to stay the course. She had the bad luck to sprain her ankle shortly before the finish.

**THE WEATHER.**—This was the first season for many years that the period of Christmas to New Year provided universally perfect sunny weather. Some resorts had a rather serious shortage of snow during this period and all over the snow was rather hard and windblown. About the middle of January new snowfalls were fairly general throughout the Alps, but it was not until early February that the weather universally misbehaved. The whole of February and until the 25th March it snowed almost continuously. High altitude resorts had ideal weather for Easter and some few actually ran a Whitsun season.

The Editor's one glimpse of the snow last season was a view of Mt. Fuji and the editing of the BULLETIN is taking place within two degrees of the Equator. In these circumstances it is peculiarly difficult to attune one's mind to the snows, and it is with a sense of very real gratitude that we extend our thanks to all those members who have contributed to the BULLETIN and in particular to Miss Elizabeth Macfie, who has collected articles and race results, sent items of news and answered endless questions; her loyal co-operation has greatly facilitated—we might almost say made possible—the editing of this year's BULLETIN.

**OUR ADVERTISERS.**—Members are again asked to help the Club by extending their valuable patronage to our advertisers and recommending their friends to do the same. Our advertisers constitute the finest selection of experts on Winter Sport Equipment.

We hope that next year many more members will send articles and photographs for the BULLETIN. We have a membership of 127, but the contributors to the BULLETIN, over a period of four years, constitute less than 30 per cent. We suspect hidden talent lurking among the remaining 70 per cent., and it is to these members that we are making a very special appeal for contributions to the BULLETIN of 1938.

We very sincerely thank Mr. Gerald Seligman for his excellent article on Ski-mountaineering and the beautiful photos which he has so kindly contributed to the BULLETIN.

**The L.S.C. Race** will be held at Klosters on 19th February, 1938, under the auspices of Marden's Club. Two cups are given for this important race, one eligible to any L.S.C. member and the other only to those who have never competed in a FIS team—in other words a cup for those not quite in the first flight of ski-runners. As Lady Raeburn points out in her article on page 77 it is a great pity that so few members of the L.S.C. enter for the Club's annual race, and so once again we urge all those who can do so to compete in this event.

**IMPROVED RAILWAY FACILITIES.**—The return of prosperity to Switzerland in winter and the invention of the ski-lift bids fair to be a great advantage to the racing ski-runner. Quite a number of resorts which in the past did not offer anything but mediocre ski-ing, will now be able to offer excellent training and racing facilities, and it is with great pleasure that we are able to inform members of the possibility that anyhow the following resorts will have new or extended skiers' transport facilities completed by next season.

The congestion which was so complained of on the Parsenn Railway will be anyway considerably relieved by next season. We hear of a new railway actually in construction at St. Anton to take skiers up to the Galzigg. Lenzerheide is improving its mechanical sleigh which may be extended to Shepherd's Hut. Villars is probably putting a new ski-lift up the Chamossaire. Andermatt will be putting a ski-lift from the present railhead at Nättschen to the top of Gütsch—a distance of over 1,200 feet—thus giving a number of unbroken descents of 2,000 to 2,700 feet over very wide open country. Pontresina anticipates opening up an entirely new district by the construction of a cable railway to Alp Languard, and we understand that the country, although almost unexplored, is similar to the Parsenn in character; most of the runs will come down along the Samaden Valley. St. Moritz are improving and lengthening their ski-lift from the Suvretta Haus to give an unbroken descent of from 3,000 to 4,000 feet. We believe that Adelboden is also improving its sleigh facilities, which were in operation this year to the top of the Hahnenmoos. Mürren also has now a ski-lift up the Schiltgrat.

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### L.S.C. SWEATERS.

The Club regulation sweaters are supplied by Lillywhites and also by Jaeger.

Anyone wishing to purchase a Club sweater must send or take with them some means of identification proving that they are members of the L.S.C.

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All these models are complete with monogram in pale blue.

Members wishing to make their own sweaters can obtain the L.S.C. monogram (price 3d. post free) from the Hon. Secretary, Miss B. A. Fripp, 19, Portland Place, W.1.

## THE GENERAL MEETING.

The Annual General Meeting was held at the Florence Restaurant on November 25th, 1936, at 12.30 p.m., and was followed by the annual lunch.

Miss Elliott was in the chair, and forty members were present.

Minutes of the last General Meeting were read and confirmed.

Miss Elliott told the meeting that a replica of the L.S.C. Challenge Cup had been sent to all past winners of the race and had been much appreciated. She also said that the invitation to the three Austrian ladies from the L.S.C. to compete in the British Championship had given much pleasure to the Austrians, though unfortunately they had been unable to come.

The accounts for the year were passed and a vote of thanks to Mr. Charles Elliott, the Honorary Auditor, was proposed by Miss Fripp and seconded by Miss Collins.

Mrs. Burt proposed that £50 of the balance should be invested. Miss Fripp seconded this proposal, which was carried unanimously, with a rider that the Committee should consult Mr. Charles Elliott as to the best way of investing this money. There is at present a balance of £58 16s., and a further £29 approximately to come in from annual subscriptions.

The question of sending a further donation to the British Ski Teams Fund was discussed, and it was proposed by Miss Duthie and seconded by Lady Raeburn, that a donation of £10 should be sent for the Women's Team. This proposal was carried unanimously.

Miss Elliott presented a prize chit to Miss Duthie, who was third in the Ladies' Ski Club Race. Unfortunately Miss Fernandes, the winner, and Mrs. Gordon Lennox, who was second, were prevented from being present owing to fog.

It was proposed by Miss Elliott and seconded by Miss Collins, that Mrs. Greenland should be re-elected as Hon. Editor of the BULLETIN. This proposal was carried unanimously, and Miss Elliott said that Miss Macfie had kindly promised to collect material for the BULLETIN during Mrs. Greenland's absence abroad. Miss Macfie asked members of the L.S.C. to send her articles for the BULLETIN and someone from each centre volunteered to write up the various important races of the season. Miss Elliott asked members to vote for two new members of the Committee, the following names having been proposed: Miss Major, Miss Pinching, Miss Wedderburn Wilson, Mrs. Chamier and Miss Leveson. Miss Major and Miss Wedderburn Wilson were elected.

Miss Elliott told the meeting that the Committee proposed that Miss Collins and Miss Fripp be re-elected as Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Secretary respectively. This was carried unanimously.

Miss Elliott said that a copy of the new rules as drawn up by the Sub-Committee had been sent to all members with the notice of the Annual Meeting, and she called upon some member to propose that the new rules should be duly adopted. Miss Major made this proposal and Lady Mabel Lunn seconded it, and it was carried unanimously.

It was proposed by Dr. Rendall and seconded by Miss Major, that the Secretary should order 300 copies of the new rules, 300 proposal forms, and 300 banker's order forms. This was passed by the meeting.

It was proposed by Dr. Rendall and seconded by Lady Mabel Lunn, that a transfer of the Ladies' Ski Club monogram should be made. This was passed by the meeting, and it was decided to leave the matter to the Secretary.

Miss Elliott said that she was very glad to announce that the Ladies' Ski Club now has two members on the Council of S.C.G.B., Miss Heaver and Dr. Rendall.

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## L.S.C. RACE.

BY GRETA RAEBURN.

The Ladies' Ski Club Race was held at Mürren on March 3rd.

It has become exceedingly difficult to give any individuality to a description of this race. Originally intended to give members opportunity for a reunion once during the season and an occasion for a pleasant day's outing together, with the race thrown in as a not unimportant, but, nevertheless, far from all-important part of the proceedings, it has now deteriorated into just another of those ladies' races competed for by the same six or seven racers who spend the entire season in this nerve racking sport. It is a great pity that the occasional racer in Club events, the candidates, and also those L.S.C. members who never race now owing to principles, age or other infirmity, do not turn out for this event and, in spite of the before-mentioned afflictions and disabilities, help to restore the pleasant, lighthearted "*stimmung*" of the old days when members were not even mildly astonished to see racers arrive at the starting flag complete with rucksacks and other impedimenta.

There were eight entries this year.

The Straight Race was held on the Schiltgrat—Kandahar Finish Course and was won by Miss Beryl Walter in 4 min. 33.9 sec., with Mrs. Chamier second in 4 min. 48 sec. Both members ran a most courageous course under very difficult and, in sections, dangerous conditions, owing to the very heavy cut up snow.

The Slalom was held on the new course which was being prepared for the A-K race. Conditions here were truly horrible as the course faces south, there was no sun (as usual) and the slope was a mixture of ridged unbreakable and gritty breakable crust.

Miss Walter also won the slalom with Miss B. Duthie second.

**Combined Result.** 1st Miss B. Walter, 2nd Miss E. Dobson, 3rd Miss B. Duthie. To win both events under such difficult conditions was a very good performance on Miss Walter's part, especially as she was still feeling the effects of a badly twisted back.

The second cup was won by Miss E. Dobson, she being the first competitor to pass the post of those who had not previously competed in the FIS.

#### LADIES' SKI CLUB RESULTS.

##### STRAIGHT RACE.

	Name.	Time.	
		m.	s.
1st.	Miss B. Walter	4	33
2nd.	Mrs. Chamier	4	48
3rd.	Miss A. Walker	4	58
4th.	Miss E. Dobson	5	5
5th.	Miss B. Duthie	5	11
6th.	Miss N. Watson	5	18
7th.	Miss M. Sherer	5	41

##### SLALOM.

	Name.	Total.	
		m.	s.
1st.	Miss B. Walter	1	57
2nd.	Miss B. Duthie	2	13
3rd.	Miss E. Dobson	2	14
4th.	Miss A. Walker	2	38
	Miss M. Sherer	2	38
6th.	Mrs. Chamier	2	56.4
7th.	Miss N. Watson	2	56.7

##### COMBINED RESULT.

	Name.	Total.	
		m.	s.
1st.	Miss B. Walter	7	29.5
2nd.	Miss E. Dobson	8	26.6
3rd.	Miss B. Duthie	8	31.7
4th.	Miss A. Walker	8	55.8
5th.	Mrs. Chamier	9	12.6
6th.	Miss M. Sherer	9	38.7
7th.	Miss N. Watson	9	43.2

## BRITISH OPEN SKI-RUNNING CHAMPIONSHIP, GRINDELWALD.

9TH-10TH JANUARY, 1937.

BY OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT, M.W.W.

This year's Championship was held in fine but intensely cold weather.

The Straight Race was run from the Bärhaghütte, at the top of Tschuggan Glade, to Boden, a distance of about 3.8 kilometres, and a descent of 2,600 feet.

There was light powder snow to the top of Mac's Leap, after which it became very hard beaten, almost icy.

The Straight Race was won by Frl. Erna Steuri, of the S.D.S., in 5 min. 3.6 sec., with Miss E. Macfie second in 5 min. 47.6 sec. Miss B. Duthie was third with 6 min. 5 sec.

It was extremely interesting to watch the competitors taking Mac's Leap where there was a control and to compare their different methods. Miss P. Harrison was the first lady to appear, and she skied very steadily and in perfect control. Miss Fernandes adopted a "do or die" attitude, plunged down the gully, and tore on until interrupted by a terrific fall, which, however, took her through the control, much to her surprise. Miss Macfie took it beautifully and was easily the best and the fastest, though Miss Marion Miller also ran Mac's Leap very well indeed.

The Slalom was set by Mr. Lunn on the slopes of the Lauberhorn and crossed the path which leads to the Männlichen. It was long and fast, and among other obstacles there was a tricky "Victorian waist" just above the path, followed by an icy rutted gully where many of the competitors came to grief. Frl. Erna Steuri was first with Miss B. Walter second, and Miss P. Harrison third. Miss Macfie was fifth.

The Combined Championship was won by Frl. Erna Steuri. Miss E. Macfie gained second place in the open event and being the first British competitor, was therefore the winner of the British closed championship.

#### BRITISH OPEN SKI-RUNNING CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS.

##### LADIES' STRAIGHT RACE.

	Name.	Club.	m. s.	
			m.	s.
1st.	Frl. Erna Steuri	S.D.S.	5	03.6
2nd.	Miss Elisabeth Macfie	S.S.C.	5	47.6
3rd.	Miss B. Duthie	S.C.G.B.	6	05.0
4th.	Frl. Martha Lüthy	S.D.S.	6	12.8
5th.	Miss P. Harrison	S.C.G.B.	6	30.4
6th.	Miss B. Walter	S.C.G.B.	6	41.6
7th.	Miss M. Miller	S.C.G.B.	6	43.2
8th.	Miss E. M. L. Fernandes	S.C.G.B.	6	47.0
9th.	Miss P. Sherer	S.C.G.B.	7	34.8
10th.	Mrs. Victor Gordon-Lennox	S.C.G.B.	7	49.0

## LADIES' SLALOM RACE.

	Name.	Club.	Pt.		Total.
			I.	II.	
			s.	s.	s.
1st.	Frl. E. Steuri ...	S.D.S. ...	41.0	41.2	82.2
2nd.	Miss B. Walter ...	S.C.G.B. ...	42.5	40.8	83.3
3rd.	Miss P. Harrison ...	S.C.G.B. ...	46.0	42.4	88.4
4th.	Miss B. Duthie ...	S.C.G.B. ...	44.2	45.0	89.2
5th.	Miss E. Macfie ...	S.S.C. ...	41.9	48.9	90.8
6th.	Miss M. Miller ...	S.C.G.B. ...	50.8	47.7	98.5
7th.	Miss P. Sherer ...	S.C.G.B. ...	52.5	46.8	99.3
8th.	Frl. M. Lüthy ...	S.D.S. ...	59.1	48.0	111.1
9th.	Miss E. Fernandes ...	S.C.G.B. ...	63.4	53.9	117.3

## COMBINED RESULT.

	Name.	Club.	Pt.		Total.
			I.	II.	
			s.	s.	s.
1st.	Frl. E. Steuri ...	S.D.S. ...	...	...	492.7
2nd.	Miss E. Macfie ...	S.S.C. ...	...	...	556.4
3rd.	Miss B. Duthie ...	S.C.G.B. ...	...	...	570.2
4th.	Miss B. Walter ...	S.C.G.B. ...	...	...	593.2
5th.	Miss P. Harrison ...	S.C.G.B. ...	...	...	593.7
6th.	Frl. M. Lüthy ...	S.D.S. ...	...	...	628.3
7th.	Miss M. Miller ...	S.C.G.B. ...	...	...	629.8
8th.	Miss E. Fernandes ...	S.C.G.B. ...	...	...	676.8
9th.	Miss P. Sherer ...	S.C.G.B. ...	...	...	683.2

## FIS (H) WEATHER.

BY E. CHAMIER.

It was indeed—for we arrived in pouring rain and left under the same conditions. Between whiles one and a half days of brilliant sun stood out sharply against a background of rain turning to snow blizzard, visibility nil. Though belonging to the Canadian Team I had, as usual, attached myself gently but firmly to the *Englischer Damen*. They are very nice about it (it helps a bit in splitting up motor-bus costs, and may I take this opportunity of thanking their manager, Miss Elliott, for her extreme amiability and kindness to the "steps.")

Chamonix was very gala. Streets and houses decorated with flags, while we were decorated with mud and slush by every passing motor-bus and car. Loud speakers everywhere and an enormous amount of organisation, modelled on Garmisch lines—(the French were very proud of this). It was slightly confusing at times: I arrived at what I thought was "tea at the Casino" to find a very formal *Présentation d'Equipes*, resembling a confirmation service.

Training was begun on the Bellevue-les-Hooches run, as being the most likely of the courses. The first day I enjoyed immensely—after that, as conditions grew daily worse, it lost its initial charm. More and more familiar faces appear on the slopes, the *téléferique* becomes more and more crowded and you wonder vaguely if the "string" will hold—didn't Beryl say it was frayed?

Friday morning and the sun came out as we slalom-practised at Argentières—lovely!—but having had a look at us hid its face

again and by afternoon pursued its original tactics. So Saturday broke *en* blizzard. A carefully conducted Cook's tour took place down the course for all the concurrents—"ladies first please and *dans une ligne seule, pas dans un paquet.*" One must not pass the *vorläufer* on pain of disqualification. The tour confirmed our worst fears, and shaking at the knees we again mounted and made our way in large numbers to the restaurant at the top of the course. Here alarm and despondency reigned at our influx. The FIS was unheard of—was there a race on? *No one* had told them there was a race and they were totally unprepared and quite distracted. Our sense of importance considerably lowered, we took the *aufs* offered and tried to polish our goggles.

The start—dim figures disappearing in the blur of heavily falling snow—not the only thing to conduct itself in that manner. Rettles and Nig\* set the fashion in *ligne droite* but this was not followed. An American murmured something about "English" and "guts." Crowds lined all the exciting bits of the route and shouted encouragement and cheers to the little struggling figures. Loud speakers recorded their story, sad or otherwise, along the route as they emerged at the end covered in snow and minus some of their impedimenta. I'm sure a brisk trade in goggles and eyeshades among the local inhabitants must have followed. Rettles lost her ski twice on the Steilhang—an appalling piece of bad luck. Helen Blane, who raced as reserve in place of Birnie Duthie, crooked her not-so-good knee in the first 200 yards, and pluckily finished in order that Beryl Walter should compete in the slalom. The ladies all finished—the men had twelve missing.

The weather relented on Monday and tried to show us what really could be done for the slalom. We were loaded into motor-buses at 7.30 a.m. for Argentières, the Damen being due to start at 9.30 a.m. It was a perfect day and a perfect slalom. Gloriously hot sun, a marvellous view of the surrounding mountains and glaciers and lots of audience. The slalom was very long, fast and steep, four pairs of *verticalli* and a *gate* on the steepest bit being one of the most interesting items. Our ladies failed to distinguish themselves.

After this one lapse the barometer returned to its original ideas and we left Chamonix as we had arrived in FIS(H) weather.

## FIS RESULTS.

		LADIES' STRAIGHT RACE.		Time.	
	Name.	Country.	m.	s.	
1st.	Christel Cranz ...	Germany ...	...	5	17.0
2nd.	N. von Arx-Zogg ...	Switzerland ...	...	5	21.2
3rd.	Kathe Grasegger ...	Germany ...	...	5	38.8
4th.	Clarita Heath ...	U.S.A. ...	...	5	57.2
5th.	Erna Steuri ...	Switzerland ...	...	6	00.4
6th.	Elvira Osirig ...	Switzerland ...	...	6	05.6
7th.	H. Palmer-Tomkinson ...	Great Britain ...	...	6	20.8
8th.	Liesl Schwarz ...	Germany ...	...	6	21.0

The other British competitors finished as follows:—  
10th, I. Roe; 13th, H. Blane; 14th, M. Miller; 18th, E. de Cosson; 19th, E. Chamier.

\*Miss E. de Cosson and Miss H. Palmer-Tomkinson.

## LADIES' SLALOM.

	Name.	Country.	Pt. I.		Pt. II.		Total.	
			s.	m.	s.	m.	s.	s.
1st.	C. Cranz ...	Germany ...	78.6	2	70.6	2	29.2	
2nd.	K. Grasegger...	Germany ...	81.2	2	75.0	2	36.2	
3rd.	L. Resch ...	Germany ...	83.4	2	76.2	2	39.6	
4th.	L. Boulaz ...	Switzerland ...	84.2	2	76.6	2	40.8	
5th.	N. von Arx-Zogg ...	Switzerland ...	80.0	2	85.2	2	45.2	
6th.	E. Osirnig ...	Switzerland ...	91.0	2	79.0	2	50.0	
7th.	E. de Cosson ...	Great Britain ...	94.4	2	81.4	2	55.8	
8th.	E. Steuri ...	Switzerland ...	94.2	2	82.0	2	56.2	

The other British competitors finished as follows:—

11th, H. Palmer-Tomkinson; 12th, I. Roe; 15th, M. Miller.

## COMBINED RESULT.

	Name.	Country.	Straight.		Slalom.		Comb'd.	
			s.	m.	s.	m.	s.	s.
1st.	C. Cranz ...	Germany ...	317.0	194.0	511.0			
2nd.	N. von Arx-Zogg ...	Switzerland ...	321.2	214.8	536.0			
3rd.	K. Grasegger...	Germany ...	338.8	203.0	541.8			
4th.	E. Osirnig ...	Switzerland ...	365.6	221.0	586.6			
5th.	E. Steuri ...	Switzerland ...	360.4	229.0	589.4			
6th.	L. Resch ...	Germany ...	394.6	207.4	602.0			
7th.	C. Heath ...	U.S.A. ...	357.2	247.2	604.4			
8th.	L. Schwarz ...	Germany ...	381.0	229.6	610.6			
9th.	H. Palmer-Tomkinson	Great Britain ...	380.8	241.0	621.8			
10th.	L. Boulaz ...	Switzerland ...	435.2	209.0	644.2			
11th.	R. Beinhauerova ...	Czecho-Slovakia ...	412.8	237.6	650.4			
12th.	Isabel Roe ...	Great Britain ...	407.8	242.8	650.6			

13th, M. MacKean, U.S.A., 669.0 sec.; 14th, M. Miller, Canada, 695.2 sec.; 15th, E. de Cosson, Great Britain, 700.6 sec.; 16th, H. Locke, U.S.A., 749.8 sec.; 17th, L. Schwarzenbach, U.S.A., 772.6 sec.

## FIS TEAMS.

	Country.	Name.	Combined Result.	
			m.	s.
1st.	Germany ...	Christel Cranz Kathe Grasegger Liesl Schwarz Lisa Resch ...	28	7.8
2nd.	Switzerland ...	N. von Arx-Zogg Erna Steuri Elvira Osirnig Loulou Boulaz ...	29	1.6
3rd.	Great Britain ...	H. Palmer-Tomkinson Isabel Roe E. de Cosson Helen Blane ...	32	49.6
4th.	U.S.A. ...	Clarita Heath Marian MacKean L. Schwarzenbach Hannah Locke		



*Elizabeth Macfie.*

BRITISH SKI CHAMPIONSHIP, 1937.

1st ERNA STEURI, British Open Champion.  
2nd E. S. MACFIE, British Closed Champion.



*Betty Walter  
1937.*

WINNER OF THE L.S.C. RACE, 1937.





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## THE ARLBERG-KANDAHAR.

BY DOREEN ELLIOTT.

Reasonably fine weather, wedged between two deep depressions, appeared for the A-K, and the race was an unqualified success. In the women's race the quality, if not the quantity, was good; there being only twenty-three entries.

The Downhill Race was held on a windy day on the last part of the Schilthorn, down Claud's Gully and Lower Martha's Meadow to Kandahar Finish—while the men continued on to FIS Finish.

Erna Steuri scored a surprise win of part of a second over Christel Cranz, and Barbara Bon came a close third.

The Slalom ran down the whole length of the south slopes and the women, who had to start before the men, rattled over the hard ice on the first run, but had good fast conditions for their second attempt.

The first two in the downhill race reversed their positions in this event, though this time by a big margin which gave Christel Cranz an easy win in the combined results. There was no doubt but that she looked the champion that she is.

### ARLBERG-KANDAHAR RESULTS.

#### LADIES' STRAIGHT RACE.

	Name.	Club.	m.	s.
1st.	Erna Steuri ... ..	S.D.S. ... ..	3	05.8
2nd.	Christel Cranz ... ..	S.C. Freiburg ... ..	3	06.6
3rd.	Barbara Bon ... ..	S.C. Davos ... ..	3	09.0
4th.	Marian McKean ... ..	U.S. East A.S.A. ... ..	3	19.0
5th.	Isabel Roe ... ..	S.C.G.B. ... ..	3	23.8
6th.	Loulou Boulaz ... ..	S.D.S. ... ..	3	25.8
	Elvira Osirnig ... ..	S.C. Alpina, St. M. ... ..	3	25.8
8th.	Marion Miller ... ..	Canada A.S.A. ... ..	3	26.4
9th.	Evelyn Pinching ... ..	Kandahar ... ..	3	27.2
10th.	Vreni Büchi ... ..	S.D.S. ... ..	3	28.2
11th.	Clarita Heath ... ..	Yosemite ... ..	3	29.2
12th.	Rösli Streiff ... ..	S.D.S. ... ..	3	31.6
13th.	H. Palmer-Tomkinson ... ..	S.C.G.B. ... ..	3	41.0
14th.	Adèle Walker ... ..	Kandahar ... ..	3	43.0
15th.	Hannah Locke ... ..	U.S. East. A.S.A. ... ..	3	50.6
16th.	Beryl Walter ... ..	Kandahar ... ..	3	55.4
17th.	Birnie Duthie ... ..	Kandahar ... ..	4	05.4
18th.	Marianne Szapary ... ..	Hungary S.V. ... ..	4	14.2
19th.	N. C. Watson ... ..	Kandahar ... ..	4	16.4
20th.	M. C. Sherer ... ..	Kandahar ... ..	4	25.2
21st.	F. Wedderburn-Wilson ... ..	Kandahar ... ..	5	00.2
22nd.	Eurette de Cosson ... ..	S.C.G.B. ... ..	5	42.2

#### SLALOM.

	Name.	Club.	Pt. I.	Pt. II.	Total.
			s.	s.	s.
1st.	C. Cranz ... ..	S.C. Freiburg ... ..	88.0	84.0	172.0
2nd.	E. Steuri ... ..	S.D.S. ... ..	104.4	99.0	203.4
3rd.	V. Büchi ... ..	S.D.S. ... ..	108.6	95.2	203.8
4th.	M. McKean ... ..	U.S. East A.S.A. ... ..	108.6	97.4	206.0
5th.	C. Heath ... ..	Yosemite ... ..	105.4	101.0	206.4
6th.	I. Roe ... ..	S.C.G.B. ... ..	109.0	99.6	208.6

COMBINED RESULTS.

	Name.		Club.	Total.
1st.	C. Cranz ... ..		S.C. Freiburg ... ..	307'0
2nd.	E. Steuri ... ..		S.C. Grindelwald ... ..	328'2
3rd.	B. Bon ... ..		S.C. Davos ... ..	339'1
4th.	M. McKean ... ..		U.S. East. A.S.A. ... ..	343'2
5th.	I. Roe ... ..		S.C.G.B. ... ..	349'8
6th.	V. Büchi ... ..		S.D.S. ... ..	350'9

7th, C. Heath, Yosemite, 353'7 sec. ; 8th, R. Streiff, S.D.S., 357'9 sec. ; 9th, M. Miller, Canada, 383'2 sec. ; 10th, H. Locke, U.S. East. A.S.A., 406'7 sec.

THE PARSENN DERBY, 1937.

BY N. LAVALLIN-PUXLEY.

This race, having twice been cancelled, was held eventually in a heavy snowstorm on March 14th.

Owing to appalling conditions there was some doubt as to whether the start should be from the Weissfluh Gipfel or from the Ladies' Tee. Eventually, after delaying the race for one hour, it was decided to run it from the Gipfel to Kublis (11,240 metres) for the men and from the Gipfel to Schwendi (6,260 metres) for the women.

Owing to the bad visibility and the wind swept snow on the Weissfluh many competitors decided to scratch, but nevertheless over two hundred people started.

It was said that none of the Swiss ladies took the big Derby Schuss, though several Englishwomen did, notably Miss de Cosson, Miss Palmer-Tomkinson and Miss Roe.

The Ladies' Race was won by Fraulein M. Bertsch, who took 10 min. 45 sec. Miss de Cosson was second in her class with 11 min. 34 sec. Miss Roe 12 min. 27 sec. Miss Walker 14 min. 28 sec. In the General Category Lady Raeburn was first in her class, she took 15 min.

THE SWISS CHAMPIONSHIP.

BY E. LEVERSON.

As several members of the Villars Ski Club wanted to go to Diablerets to see the Swiss Championship an expedition was organised on February 5th.

About thirty skiers started off on the 9.20 train from Villars to Bretaye. It was a nasty morning, and looked as if it might snow, but as it was rather warm, rain was probable.

At Bretaye we went up the Chaux Ronde on the teleski, and then started for the Meilleret Ridge.

The party consisted of all sorts of skiers from first season novices to Q1. When we reached the top of the Meilleret it was snowing hard and the visibility was very bad. The party started to ski down and reached the ladies' start all alive, although some of them had done a record number of falls.

The ladies were to start from a large chalet, unfortunately during the night the chalet had caught fire (no one knows how), and had been burnt to the ground, and the firemen were still busy with it. In the wood at the side of the course the competitors were getting ready, and as they were all wet and cold, each party had lighted large fires round which they were eating their lunches and tightening their boots, etc. We lit a fire, too, and ate our lunch. The American ladies were on one side of us and the Swiss on the other.

The men's course was steep and open as far as the ladies' start, after that it was a wood path for most of the way until the last few hundred feet when there were three fields. It was a very easy course, almost too easy for a championship.

I went down the side of the course during the race and saw it from every point.

The ladies came first and seemed to find it very slow, as they were pushing all the way. Elvira Osirnig won the Seniors easily and ran very well. Erna Steuri won the Juniors.

It was raining hard by now and was a very nasty day.

The men came next, first the Juniors who ran well, H. Klotz of Arosa winning. Then came the Veterans, which was won in great style by David Zogg, who got a grand reception. Seniors I was won by Heinz von Allmen, nearly nine seconds quicker than any one else ; Seniors II by Henri Ruchet of Villars : this was a surprise as he is a jumper rather than a downhill racer.

Soaked to the skin we then returned to Villars by bus.

Next morning it was snowing hard and only five of us started out for Bretaye, for our second trip to Diablerets. When we got

to Bretaye there was a blizzard and one member of our party gave up, and we were four. The teleski was not working, so we climbed the Chaux Ronde and battled our way to the Meilleret Ridge. We had meant to go down the whole of the men's course, but an enormous cornice had blown across the start, so we had to join it lower down.

We had a very good run to Diablerets as the weather was clearing, during the slalom the sun even tried to come out.

The slalom was very short for the modern idea, and more closed than most.

Willi Steuri slalomed beautifully and just beat David Zogg by four tenths of a second. Friedel Pfeiffer was a little disappointing and did not seem to do his best.

The ladies' slalom and the jumping were on Sunday, February 7th, and I regret to say I did not go over to see them. Two days hiking in the snow and rain were enough. However, I have been told that the ladies' slalom was on the same course as the men's, with alterations to the flags and was rather more difficult. Elvira Osirnig again won and became Swiss lady champion.

Heinz von Allmen became Swiss champion for Combined, Straight, Long Distance and Slalom.

In spite of the bad weather there were no accidents during the races.

#### SWISS CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS.

##### LADIES' STRAIGHT RACE.

	Name.	Time.	
		m.	s.
Juniors.	1st. E. Steuri... .. Grindelwald ... ..	4	31.6
	2nd. C. Heath... .. America ... ..	4	40.0
	3rd. M. McKean ... .. America ... ..	4	42.0
Seniors.	1st. E. Osirnig ... .. St. Moritz ... ..	3	56.6
	2nd. M. Bertsch ... .. Davos ... ..	4	22.2
	3rd. N. von Arx-Zogg ... .. Arosa ... ..	4	44.0

##### SLALOM.

	Name.	Time.	
		m.	s.
Juniors.	1st. M. McKean ... .. America ... ..	2	20.8
	2nd. C. Heath... .. America ... ..	2	23.2
	3rd. E. Steuri... .. Grindelwald ... ..	2	28.8
Seniors.	1st. E. Osirnig ... .. St. Moritz ... ..	1	55.6
	2nd. N. von Arx-Zogg ... .. Arosa ... ..	2	01.6
	3rd. L. Schwarzenbach ... .. America ... ..	2	22.0

##### COMBINED RESULT.

Juniors.	1st. E. Steuri... .. Grindelwald.
Seniors.	1st. E. Osirnig ... .. St. Moritz.
	2nd. N. von Arx-Zogg ... .. Arosa.
	3rd. M. Bertsch ... .. Davos.

## DUKE OF KENT'S CUP AND S.D.S.

By E. S. M.

The Swiss Ladies had (after previous consultation as to dates) arranged their S.D.S. championships at Grindelwald on a date on which the British ladies would be free to race.

At the last moment a team of ladies (the only one) was entered for the Duke of Kent's Cup at Mürren on the same date, so preventing the British team candidates from racing in the S.D.S. This disappointed the Swiss ladies very much and was a loss of valuable experience to the British, as they missed trying themselves out against Christel Cranz, who had come over specially, and all the best Swiss women runners.

The Duke of Kent's Cup, being originally only intended for men, produced no women competitors except our own. This team incidentally did well, unofficially beating three men's teams.

#### SCHWEIZERISCHER DAMEN-SKIKLUB.

#### INTERNATIONAL LADIES' CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS.

Grindelwald. January 16th and 17th, 1937.

##### STRAIGHT RACE.

	Name.	Club.	Time.	
			m.	s.
1st.	Christel Cranz ... ..	Freiburg ... ..	4	40.0
2nd.	Erna Steuri ... ..	S.D.S. ... ..	5	01.0
3rd.	Niny von Arx-Zogg ... ..	Arosa ... ..	5	05.1
7th.	Gaby Odermatt ... ..	Alpina ... ..	5	37.3
8th.	Elisabeth Macfie ... ..	L.S.C. ... ..	5	57.5
9th.	Marion Miller ... ..	Kandahar ... ..	6	02.0
14th.	Mrs. V. Gordon-Lennox ... ..	Kandahar ... ..	6	59.4
15th.	Denise de Martineau ... ..	S.C. de Paris ... ..	7	04.8
16th.	Marguerite Wedderburn-Wilson ... ..	Kandahar ... ..	8	49.6

##### SLALOM.

	Name.	Club.	Pt. I.		Total.
			s.	s.	
1st.	Christel Cranz ... ..	Freiburg ... ..	44.2	45.8	90.0
2nd.	Niny von Arx-Zogg ... ..	Arosa ... ..	48.7	49.7	98.4
3rd.	Erna Steuri ... ..	S.D.S. ... ..	50.0	52.7	102.7
4th.	Loulou Boulaz ... ..	S.C.D. ... ..	54.8	54.5	109.3
5th.	Elisabeth Macfie ... ..	L.S.C. ... ..	59.3	53.1	112.4
14th, D. Gordon-Lennox, Kandahar, 133.4 sec.;			17th, M. Wedderburn-Wilson, Kandahar, 169.8 sec.		

COMBINED RESULT.

	Name.	Club and Country.	Str.	SPm.	Total.
1st.	C. Cranz ...	Freiburg, Germany ...	—	—	—
2nd.	N. von Arx-Zogg	Arosa, Switzerland ...	8.42	5.66	14.08
3rd.	E. Steuri ...	S.D.S. Grindelwald, Switz. ...	7.08	8.56	15.64
4th.	L. Boulaz ...	S.C.D. Geneva, Switzerland...	10.44	13.01	23.45
5th.	V. Büchi ...	S.D.S. Berne, Switzerland ...	16.10	18.47	34.57
6th.	G. Odermatt ...	Alpina St. Moritz, Switz. ...	19.27	16.72	35.99
7th.	A. Hort-Hiestand...	S.D.S. Zurich, Switzerland ...	15.83	21.50	37.33
8th.	E. Macfie ...	L.S.C., Great Britain ...	26.07	15.10	41.17
9th.	M. Hirschy ...	S.D.S. Chaux-de-Fonds ...	37.12	18.60	55.72
10th.	M. Lüthy ...	S.D.S. Solothurn ...	30.65	29.60	60.25
11th.	G. Ansbacher ...	Milan, Italy ...	38.13	23.86	61.99
12th.	S. de Frésanges ...	S.C. Paris, France ...	37.05	31.01	68.06
13th.	D. de Martineau ...	S.C. Paris, France ...	48.78	26.36	75.14
14th.	D. Gordon-Lennox	Kandahar, Canada ...	46.95	29.26	76.21
15th.	M. Wedderburn- Wilson	Kandahar, Great Britain ...	84.07	53.80	137.87

RACE REPORTS FROM THE EAGLE SKI CLUB.

Mrs. Gordon-Lennox led the winning team in the Lyall Cup Patrol Race and Miss E. Fernandes the winning team in the Seligman Selling Plate.

Miss Wedderburn-Wilson won the Davis Cup Slalom.

The Berliner Trophy Roped Slalom held in the Zillertal was won by Miss M. Miller and Mr. Phillip Pope; Miss E. Fernandes and Captain M. de B. Floyer were third.

EXTRACT FROM TIME, CHICAGO, ILL.

At Mürren, Switzerland, where Europe's best skiers were racing for the Arlberg-Kandahar trophy, Germany's Rudi Cranz and France's Emile Allais walked up the hill together. Said Cranz: "You haven't enough paraffin on your ski." Replied Allais: "I haven't any paraffin." Said Cranz: "Take this. I have plenty."

Cranz had just won the first heat of the slalom—through a zigzag, flag-marked course—in which Allais had finished third. Cranz won the second heat also but Allais, with Cranz's paraffin on his ski, contrived to finish second, clipping four seconds off his previous time. This, added to his second place in the downhill race the day before, gave Allais, 26-year-old baker's boy, a first in the combined event to add to the International Ski Federation's World Championship he won at Chamonix. To generous Rudi Cranz, who finished eighth in the downhill race, fourth in the combined event, went the consolation of watching his older sister Christel, world's champion skier, win the A-K prize for women more decisively than Allais had won the men's.

SKI-MOUNTAINEERING.

By GERALD SELIGMAN.

There is no more connexion between track ski-ing and ski-mountaineering than there is between, let us say, *haute école* and fox hunting. It is true that both forms of ski-ing need the capacity of possessing balance on ski and of executing some sort of turn; but the technique is different and two entirely different sets of qualities and attainments are required.

Track ski-ing needs the skill and courage to execute turns evenly and smoothly at very high speed and the power and determination to run and hold a course perfectly straight downhill, nearly always over hard beaten and often bumpy snow.

The ski-ing needed by the ski-mountaineer is carried out at more leisurely speed because in the high mountains it is necessary to pick the way with greater care and because every change in slope and orientation means a far more accentuated change in the quality of the snow than is customarily met with on a tracked run.

There is another essential difference. The track skier, especially the racer, has to master all that is known of racing, slaloming and timing, whereas the ski-mountaineer has to learn an entirely different technique, namely, that of climbing, route finding, avalanche lore, rope work and the habits of glaciers.

For these reasons the ski-mountaineer cuts rather a poor figure on tracked runs and the track runner feels out of his element away in the mountains. Who shall say which is the better man? Certainly not I. Can we compare the polo player with the steeplechaser and say one or the other excels? Anyone who has a little experience of first-class ski-ing races must admire those who, with the eyes of a continent upon them, await their allotted second, knowing that when it is counted they must hurl themselves into the void at frightening speed. Equally, ski-ing over an unknown glacier or down some icy peak calls for certain sterling qualities.

But in spite of the differences between the two sports—and they really are two sports—there is the common ground of perfect mastery of ski, adapted, in each case, to its particular purpose; and if I were training a ski-mountaineer I should insist on his starting in the same school as his brother racer and learning ski-ing with him until he had reached Second Class or even Q1 standard.

And so I come to my point: every track runner of average accomplishments can learn to enjoy the pleasures of ski-mountaineering. That does not mean that he will wish to do so. He may dislike climbing. He may have short holidays and wish to crowd the maximum of downhill running into his brief leisure. He may be in championship or international class and have ambition to excel therein.

It is not these whom I am addressing. It is those, who, day after day, ride up and run down the same old runs without very much object beyond the desire to cut a few seconds off their time, who I truly believe are missing something—the freedom, the beauty, the romance of the wild ice world. When their old, well-worn ways begin to pall, will they not set out with one or two experienced mountaineers and see whether they cannot find fresh satisfaction in the new vista opened up to them?

They will not all like it. Climbing is too much like work for some, and the run down may be too slow or else too short-lived for them. They may prefer the competition against the watch or their fellow man to that against nature, but there are others to whom the easy rhythm of the party, rising foot by foot towards the sunlit peaks in the early, frosty morning is joy almost, if not quite, as great as the annulment of height later in the day, whether this latter be quickly over owing to easy powder snow or long drawn out owing to difficulties or unfavourable country.

My own belief is that, with our funicular centres becoming more and more crowded, and funiculars more and more packed (and, may it be whispered, manners in them becoming progressively worse), there is a real tendency for a "flight from the track." Many do not know how to start. A kindly and sympathetic guide, say, in the Grindelwald or Davos or St. Anton district will provide an excellent initiation, followed, as comparative proficiency arrives, by the S.C.G.B. Ski-mountaineering Course in Tirol. And I hope I may be believed when I assert that after such a novitiate the reward becomes great.

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