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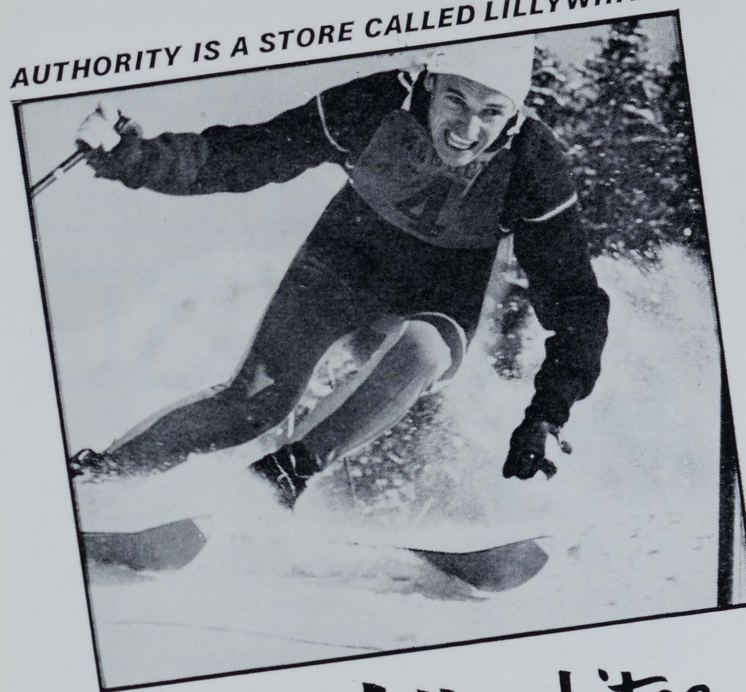
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EDITORIAL

Club News

No doubt by now everyone knows that the great excitement of the summer was at Portillo, Chile. I am sure that all members of the L.S.C. would like to send their congratulations to Gina Hathorn, Davina Galica, Diana Tomkinson and Felicity Field. These girls put up a splendid performance there.

Later in the Bulletin you will find articles not only on how the Team arrived there, but also on the "Behind the Scenes" activities and the results of the meeting.

We welcome as new members Miss L. Carr, Miss V. Cox, Miss R. Hoare, Miss S. Ireland, Miss S. Minoprio, Mrs. Sturges, Miss K. Winkler and Miss R. Walker. We hope that they will all join us at the A.G.M. and Cocktail Party (see Dates for your Diary).

Our congratulations to all of them and very best wishes to the following who have married during the year:

Miss Valerie Drew to Count Nicolas Sollohub
 Miss Susan Smith to Mr. Antony Nash (Gold Medalist at Winter Olympics)
 Miss Susan Martin to Major John Graham Moncrieff
 Miss J. T. Hobhouse to Mr. J. Balme.

New arrivals during the past year:

To Cynthia Halaby (née Petre)—a son on 4th June, 1966
 To Rosanne Adam (nee Watson)—a son on 28th June, 1966
 To the Hon. Mrs. Kenneth Lamb (née A. Saul)—a daughter on 6th June, 1966
 To Elspeth Crossley Cooke (née Nicoll)—a daughter on 30th November, 1965
 To Jane Burstel (née Harvey)—a son on 5th January, 1966.

Members are requested to let the Hon. Secretary or the Hon. Editor know when becoming engaged or married and when enlarging their families.

Dates for your Diary

The Annual General Meeting of the Ladies Ski Club will be held at the Ski Club of Great Britain, 118 Eaton Square, London, S.W.1, on **Wednesday, 26th October at 5-45 p.m.** This will be followed by a **Cocktail Party at 6-30 p.m.**

The **Ski Kit Market** will be at the above address on **Wednesday, 2nd November at 6-0 p.m.** and will be followed by a **Cocktail Party at 6-30 p.m.** Please come and buy because the proceeds of this go to Ladies' Alpine Racing. If you have any old ski clothing or equipment you no longer need, please bring it along in good time so that it may be priced and displayed on the stalls before 6-0 p.m.

Ski-ing Parties organised by the S.C.G.B.—all details from the Secretary at 118 Eaton Square. Holidays in Andermatt, Zurs and Sestriere are being organised for 3rd and 2nd Class skiers during the months from January to April.

Representatives Course.—4th-18th December in Murren.

Instructors Course, (Federation Certificate).—17th-23rd December in Murren.

For further details, application forms or any other information on Ski Mountaineering and Touring please contact the Secretary of the S.C.G.B.

The British Championships.—These will be held in the Cairngorms from the 8th to the 15th April, 1967. For details apply to the National Federation at 118 Eaton Square, S.W.1.

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Advertisements.—Without these our *Bulletin* could not be published at all and members are earnestly requested to let the Hon. Advertisement Secretary know of any firms that might like to take advertising space, and to use those firms that do advertise with us, quoting the L.S.C. when making an order or reservation.

Articles for the Bulletin.—Members will once again note that the help of a Special Correspondent has had to be enlisted. This speaks for itself. Surely the artistic and creative ability of the L.S.C. cannot be exhausted! Articles for publication in the 1967 *Bulletin* should be typed with double spacing (and preferably some punctuation) and two copies should be sent to the Hon. Editor by early June. Glossy prints will also be most gladly accepted.

IN MEMORIAM

DOREEN ELLIOTT

ON 1st March, 1966, Doreen Elliott died peacefully after five long years of ill health.

To all of us "old stagers" who raced in the wonderful years when the Kandahar Club carried all before it in inter-club and International Ski Races, Murren will never be the same without her. Doreen and Wendy shared the honours equally in those days of being the very best women racers. Doreen was Swiss Ladies' Champion at Engelberg in 1930 winning from a field of 34 competitors and amongst many other victories she also won the Slalom in the Arlberg Kandahar on the only occasion she was able to race in it. She was a most beautiful skier as well as a racer, qualities that are not always synonymous, and had a unique style of her own. She also contributed largely to ski-ing literature and was President of the L.S.C. from 1935 to 1938.

But it is best to recall her qualities as a Rep. in Murren for so many years. She was really dedicated, nothing was too much trouble for her to do for the S.C.G.B. whether an extra Test for a hopeful 2nd Class who had to go home before the appointed day, or taking runs on Sundays, at which I sometimes used to grumble, or encouraging the beginners and visiting the sick. The welfare of Murren always came first and during the last year or two there she drove herself too hard and was often in great pain.

The village loved her and her Memorial Service in the Church was a truly Anglo-Swiss occasion. The village mourned her as we, her old friends do. As one of them so truly wrote "Doreen is part of the history of ski-ing."

BIRNIE DUTHIE and GRETA RAEBURN

C. B. C. HANDLEY

ALL members will have been shocked and saddened when they heard of Bob Handley's tragic death after a fall whilst climbing in Scotland in April of this year.

For many years past he did the annual audit of our Club Accounts and for this we are all grateful—but many of our older members will have other and more vivid memories of Bob. For in the so-called "Golden Age" of ski-ing he was one of the best and most sympathetic of Starters. His firm hand on one's shoulder and his gay talk and cheerful manner helped so much to steady the nerves of the racer he was about to start.

All her many friends in the L.S.C. will wish to send their deepest sympathy to Nonie and to Caroline, their daughter.

JEANETTE RIDDELL

PEGGY SHERER

ON 19th November, 1965, after a long and painful illness borne with great courage, Margaret Caroline Sherer, Peggy to all her friends, died.

Peggy joined the L.S.C. in 1931 and soon after joining, won the L.S.C. Championship Slalom and was 2nd in the Combined. She also won the British Open Slalom Championship in 1935. This was the year the Championship was open to foreigners and there was a strong entry including past and future winners of the F.I.S. and A.K. She was awarded the Silver Racing Lion, the S.C.G.B. Gold Medal and the Gold K.

After the war which she spent serving in the F.A.N.Y.S. Peggy gave great service to ski-ing as an S.C.G.B. Representative in Davos and as Marden's Club Local Secretary in Klosters. There must be many medium skiers who owe their happiest days ski-ing to Peggy's good leadership and sound knowledge of snowcraft. She will be sadly missed by her many friends both Swiss and British.

BIRNIE DUTHIE

SYNOPSIS OF PRESIDENT'S SPEECH, OCTOBER, 1965

THE President expressed regrets for the enforced absence of Lady Blane, who was home from hospital but not fit enough to attend the meeting. She then thanked the Hon. Treasurer Mrs. Riddell, the Hon. Advertisement Secretary Miss Levenson, Mr. W. Handley who had audited the accounts and Mr. Lewns who presented the accounts. The President also thanked the Hon. Editor Miss Fulton for all her work as she was retiring after 6 years and handing the job on to Miss Marion Spence.

There was no L.S.C. Champion this year as the race was to have been run at Cortina in Ladies' Week. This was cancelled due to lack of racers owing to accident and exhaustion. The L.S.C. is going to be run next year at Andermatt where the Ladies', Men's and Junior Championships are being held in consecutive weeks.

The President recounted how when at Wengen, she, Digby Raeburn and Reggie Leathes had been approached after dinner by someone in a great "state" because there was said to be to-ing and fro-ing between the senior girls and the men; "and what would happen if there was a little mistake?" The Chairmen of Racing Committee past and present were unanimous in their devotion to "sport"—"Well, that would be splendid, another little Coggins for Ros" said one. "Yes, by Downhill, out of Slalom, what more does the team need" said the other!!!

There was one death—that of Mr. Taylor, in June. There was also bad news of Peggy Sherer who was in the Royal Free Hospital in a plaster cast recovering from an operation on her neck, and of Bidy Duke-Woolley who was in the York Clinic of Guys Hospital. It was not known if either of them were receiving visitors but the President suggested that their friends could enquire from the hospital on that point.

FIRST IMPRESSION OF OSLO SKI-ING

BY ADDY RAEBURN

As a strictly downhill skier who had never even indulged in the rigours of touring, the prospect of spending two winters of langlauf in the Oslo area filled me with despair. I was somewhat cheered up when I was told there were two Slalom slopes with lifts very close and one with a chair lift three quarters of an hours drive away.

Then came the question of equipment; for this we were lucky to have the expert advice of Digby's official driver. We all three went to the sports shop where we acquired boots, knickerbockers, wind jackets and skis for us both—all for the price of one pair of metal downhill ski. The boots are ponyskin outside and sheepskin inside and as comfortable as bedroom slippers. The ski have fibre edges and are very light. The knickers and windjackets are unlined proofed cotton. Digby chose a gorgeous pair of Norwegian patterned stockings which were wonderfully thick and warm looking—I immediately said I must have a pair too. "No" said Bruce (Digby's driver) "Ladies wear red stockings." However I had seen the red ones and noted that they were very thin compared to Digby's so I resisted, saying I could not see why ladies should be cold! This one had no intention of shivering and insisted on trying on a pair of patterned ones; then I saw what Bruce meant, I was walking about on a pair of pollarded oak trees! I bought the red stockings!

Then came the dreaded moment of actually ski-ing. Digby and I sneaked off into the woods on our own. On the level and slight up or down slopes I leant forward to do a nice parallel christie and fell flat on my face with ski tips buried in my solar plexus! Even at the end of the season I found it difficult to believe my heels were not attached to my ski at all.

Bruce said he would take us to Varingskollen on Christmas Monday. (This is where the chair lift operates.) On Christmas Day I drank bad tomato juice and thought I would die in the night, ate nothing on Sunday and set out ski-ing on Monday wondering how I was going to stand up, let alone be put through my ski-ing paces (which I knew was on the cards as it was well known that we were both racers).

Up the chair lift we went and had coffee in a charming hut at the top. Then off we went down a track labelled Familie Loypa which cheered me up as it was quite a gentle track. Suddenly Bruce branched off into knee-deep heavy soft snow, announcing we would make a new track between the Slalom slopes and the Family Trail. All form of speed control was out of the question as the snow had no base and turning was practically impossible. Digby did achieve one or two open christies. I have always heard that one of the fascinations of Norway was being so close to nature, but still I was totally unprepared to find how close. I fell straight into the most enormous hole, which had tracks like a man in gumboots leading out of it. In a rage of despair and fright I was hauled out complaining bitterly that making new tracks it was not fun to fall into a Pooh Trap . . . and who had made it anyway! The answer was a Moose. He had slept there all night while the snow built up round him and I must have nearly landed on his back!

This was also our Labrador's introduction to ski-ing and he could not understand why we could not keep up with him up hill but left him behind

downhill. He learnt very quickly that it was easier to do two sides of a triangle on the track (if he took the wrong one) than to try to cut the corner through untracked snow. That day at Varingskollen he was nearly swimming down through the soft snow and loving every minute.

There are a large number of floodlit ski trails round Oslo so one can go ski-ing after dark. As darkness descends at 3-0 p.m. in December and January, office workers would get very little ski-ing without them. There is one particular one with which we became very familiar as it leads from the top of the hill above the Holmenkollen jump down through the woods to the road a mile from our house. We used to take the "tukk" or local train, up every evening and ski down, 25 minutes up and 10 minutes down. Walking up the same track now it all seems very flat and uninteresting but parts seemed very fast when it was icy and bumpy. It was always the light bulb on the steep bits which had blown so with luck the tops of the bumps would glint from the lights above and below as one plunged into the darkness on one's matchstick ski and bedroom slippers, praying like mad not to fall on a slope which on Slalom ski and boots would have been too easy to be any fun at all!

One evening we met a bulldozer coming up with its blade down taking off the worst of the bumps. Luckily we saw its light before we were committed to the slope and also managed to stop some children who were behind us, or we would all have landed up on the blade.

We have both become complete converts to langlauf and have in fact only put on Slalom ski twice when we went to Norefjell for the day. The Slalom slopes round Oslo are too short (5/10 minutes up for 2/3 minutes down) and it is too cold to hang about waiting to go up again as there are always teenagers, who do not mind the cold and enjoy the thrill of Slalom ski-ing, thronging the lift.

I think Norwegian ski-ing has a lot to offer to family parties and complete beginners, as they can all have so much fun and go everywhere almost immediately. There is none of the tiresome business of having some members of the party who can only stay on the nursery slopes. Also the chance of sprained ankles and broken bones is very much less than on Slalom ski.

Some of my nieces came to stay with us at Easter and we had a lot of fun taking picnic lunches out and building a huge fire in the snow to cook potatoes and fry eggs, etc., by this means one could be out all day without the younger ones getting too exhausted.

HOLIDAY IN THE ROCKIES

By ELIZABETH GREENACRE

DURING the summer of 1964 my husband went to Canada with his battalion to take part in training with various regiments of the Canadian army. We decided that, rather than take the leave which he was due at the end of this in over-crowded Europe, I would fly out to Edmonton and join him there for a holiday in Canada and the United States.

I duly arrived in Alberta at the beginning of August, and as soon as we could we went on to Calgary where we stayed with friends for a couple of nights before starting our tour through the Canadian Rockies. Calgary is a large, bustling city situated in the foothills of the Rockies, where the main industries are ranching and oil refining. I arrived too late, alas, to see the famous Calgary Stampede, but David had been lucky enough to go to it and says that it is one of the most spectacular sights he has ever seen—and justifiably known as the Greatest Show On Earth! Our plan was to take a Greyhound bus from Calgary to Vancouver. I know this sounds too awful and "touristy" for words, but in that part of the world, where distances are so great, it is by far the cheapest and easiest way to travel unless you are lucky enough to have several weeks in which to potter about in your own car. The buses are, in fact, extremely comfortable, and with their vista-dome roofs one can see very much better than in a car.

The day we left was warm and sunny and one could see for miles. A short way out of Calgary an Indian had pitched his tepee close to the road and was doing brisk trade by being photographed with people who stopped to have a look at him—obviously a highly lucrative business. Soon we were leaving the plain to climb up through the foothills of the Rockies to Banff which lies surrounded by very beautiful scenery at a height of 4,534 ft.

After lunch we took one of the many sight-seeing tours available to have a look at some of the interesting places in and around Banff. The first stop was at the lower terminal of Sulphur Mountain. This Gondola lift is used only in the summer, there being no ski-ing on this side. The view from the top was well worth the ride, we were surrounded by a great panorama of peaks, and looked down to Banff and the Bow River, almost hidden in this thickly-wooded valley floor. From Sulphur Mountain we drove back four miles west of Banff and then took the double chair-lift up Mt. Norquay. This was to us a much more interesting ride as Mt. Norquay was the proposed site of the Alpine ski events, had Banff been awarded the 1968 Olympics. The top slopes in their snow-less state looked pretty steep, and indeed the run known as the Downhill Course is recommended for experts only. But there are easier runs for intermediate skiers and beginners here. The season lasts from approximately November to April, and there is a ski school and ski shop, etc. operating during this time. We saw a mass of very overfed chipmunks at the top of Mt. Norquay, and later on in the evening we were lucky enough to see a moose and a herd of bison.

The following day we left early for Lake Louise, thirty-six miles west of Banff. On arrival we immediately joined a tour going to the Columbia Icefield. This huge area, covering more than 100 square miles, is the largest body of ice south of the Arctic Circle. To get there we drove through very spectacular scenery passing many lakes and mountains rising to over 10,000 ft. When we arrived at the tongue of the Icefield called the Athabasca Glacier we were very amused to discover that we could take a ride in a snow-cat on the glacier. This proved to be a hilarious trip of about 45 minutes, covering some two miles or so on the glacier. We were about sixteen people squashed in like sardines, and the cat was driven with great dexterity by a university student working his summer vacation. For the most part the assembled company was not exactly suitably dressed for perambulating over a glacier, (we were allowed to get out at various points for a good look down a crevasse) and some thought,

as we pitched and tossed over very rough ice missing great holes and minor rivers by inches, that their last moments had come! The situation became slightly more real when three climbers came into view, having descended the steep ice-fall above us—how one envied them.

Our return to Lake Louise was uneventful. The next day we went up Mt. Whitehorn where, we were told, some of the best powder snow ski-ing in the Rockies can be found. Later in the afternoon we were on the move again, driving westward on the Trans-Canada Highway, past the Great Divide and then through the Kicking Horse Pass to the newly constructed Rogers Pass and thence to Revelstoke. Between Revelstoke and Lake Louise the railroad has a long, hard climb and we were lucky to see a freight train making the ascent some distance below the Great Divide. It was an extraordinary sight to see one end of this giant snake disappearing into a tunnel and the other end of it emerging from another one much higher up. Our stop-over on this third day was at Salmon Arm on the Schuswap Lake, where the Salmon Hatcheries are the main industry of the area.

During the remainder of the drive to Vancouver we passed through very varying country, from the land of the sagebrush to the more fertile Frazer Valley and finally to the fruit growing and farming areas of the Pacific coast. Here this part of our holiday ended. We had enjoyed it all very much, and one's only regret was that it had had to be done in such a short time, and one day I should love to go back to ski in the Rockies.

COMMONWEALTH WINTER GAMES 1966 ST. MORITZ, JANUARY 28th and 30th.

By H. R. SPENCE

THE ski-ing events in the Commonwealth Winter Games of 1966 were held at the end of January. Brilliant weather and almost ideal snow conditions made the racing, which was held on the slopes between Corvegla and Suvretta, perfect for both competitors and spectators.

Following, as they did, immediately after the Combined Services Championships, the men's events were largely monopolised by the Army racers who had just won the Inter-Services Championships but a most excellent performance was put up by Peter Goldstern of New Zealand who came in fourth in the Downhill and second in the Slalom taking a silver medal on the combined result. Lt. David Freeth was the winner of the Downhill and Lt. Peter Norman won the Slalom and he also took the gold medal for the combined result.

In the women's races our British women's team were not competing in the Downhill as, for tactical reasons, they were competing elsewhere in search of F.I.S. points which the Commonwealth Games unfortunately do not carry. However, Gina Hathorn arrived in time for the women's Slalom and thrilled the spectators with a fantastic second run that won her a gold medal.

The women's Downhill was won by Anne Reid of New Zealand who skied excellently to win by 3 seconds in 1 minute 38.7 seconds from Lady Mary Kerr. Kathy Guy also of New Zealand was third. This is Anne Reid's first season in European racing and she ran a fast course with good judgement and control.

Gina Hathorn's entry created tremendous interest and a large gallery of spectators was rewarded by a brilliant display of ski-ing technique.

In the first run Anne Reid again distinguished herself with a time of 40.7 seconds. This gave her a lead of 3.7 seconds over Gina Hathorn who had the misfortune to fall about half way down but from which she made a quick recovery. Anne's time down the second course was again very good, clocking 41.7 seconds. This was a real challenge to the British Champion who electrified the crowd by flashing down the 49 gate course in 37.1 seconds to win on total time by 0.3 of a second.

RESULTS OF THE COMMONWEALTH WINTER GAMES

MEN'S DOWNHILL:	1. Lt. David Freeth	2 mins. 25.1 secs.
	2. Lt. Peter Norman	2 mins. 25.2 secs.
	3. Lt. David Borradaile	2 mins. 26.3 secs.
MEN'S SLALOM:	1. Lt. Peter Norman	81.8 secs.
	2. Peter Goldstern	86.8 secs.
	3. G. Whitley	102.7 secs.
MEN'S COMBINED:	1. Lt. Peter Norman	14,406 points
	2. Peter Goldstern	14,735 points.
	3. G. Whitley	15,970 points.
WOMEN'S DOWNHILL:	1. Anne Reid	1 min. 37.7 secs. (New Zealand).
	2. Lady Mary Kerr	1 min. 41.7 secs. (Scotland).
	3. Kathy Guy	1 min. 42.4 secs. (New Zealand).
WOMEN'S SLALOM:	1. Gina Hathorn	81.5 secs. (G.B.)
	2. Anne Reid	81.8 secs. (New Zealand).
	3. Kathy Guy	90.7 secs. (New Zealand).
WOMEN'S COMBINED:	1. Anne Reid	12,101 points (New Zealand).
	2. Kathy Guy	12,825 points (New Zealand).
	3. Carol Lowry	13,676 points (New Zealand).

WORLD UNIVERSITY WINTER SPORTS CHAMPIONSHIPS 1966 SESTRIERE

By H. R. SPENCE

ONE of the best organised and most friendly International meetings I have ever attended has been the World University Winter Sports Championship of 1966. Held at Sestriere in early February 120 Competitors from 29 nations took part. The Alpine events were at Sestriere but there was also a full programme of Nordic events in the surrounding resorts and an Ice Hockey Tournament in Turin itself.

During the week's racing we had every kind of weather including rain and a fierce blizzard which poured $\frac{3}{4}$ of a metre of soft snow onto the Giant

Slalom course only a few hours before the start. Italian resource and energy plus a splendid body of "Alpini" on ski proved equal to every crisis and the whole programme went through without delay and without accident. Britain had a men's team of three but there appear to be no women skiers at our higher seats of learning as yet! New Zealand, however, entered a team of three women one of whom unfortunately fell ill on arrival and was unable to race at all; but Kathy Guy did well for her team. In a field of 45 of whom the top 10 were of Olympic standard, she finished fifteenth in the Alpine Combined Event.

In the women's events there was some splendid racing of the highest standard. The Women's Slalom was won by Annie Famose of France by 1/100th of a second from Therese Obrecht of Switzerland. In the Downhill the position was reversed and Therese Obrecht won by over 3 seconds from Miss Famose. In the end, however, Famose had her revenge by winning the Giant Slalom by 2.20 seconds from Obrecht.

Jean Saubert of the U.S.A. put up a splendid performance in both the Downhill, where she was second only 1.2 seconds behind the winner, and in the Giant Slalom, where she was third .16 of a second behind Therese Obrecht.

There were large teams from the U.S.S.R. Japan, Bulgaria and Poland who did exceedingly well in the Nordic events. Poland did well too in the Men's Slalom, Androz Balcheda winning by .18 of a second from Robert Wollek of France. Wollek, however, turned the tables in both the Downhill and the Giant Slalom and won the combined Alpine Event by 0.846 points from Balcheda. The highlight of the Downhill race was a remarkably fine run by Mike Allsop of the U.S.A. who came in second, 2 seconds behind the winner.

Jonathan Taylor who ran extremely well finished thirty-sixth out of a field of 81 and was only 11 seconds behind the winner.

The handling of this complex meeting by the Italian Organisers both on the technical side and on the social side, was a model of tact and efficiency and the British Team had nothing but praise for the organisation.

Please ladies, may we have a team for the next World University Winter Sports Championships!!!

HELPING TO SEND THE TEAM TO CHILE

BY AMY BLANE

WHEN it was decided to send a team to the World Championship which was to be held in Chile, the question of finance arose. The Ski Federation which is the racing side of British ski-ing is young, only two years old, and has not yet found a backer, so the money to enable us to send a team had to be raised privately. (We hope by the time the Olympics come along we shall have found someone interested in the Federation who will be a good backer.) It therefore meant everyone getting down to it, helping to raise money so that a team could be sent.

Many of those interested in ski-ing and who wanted a team to be sent were wonderful, and very kind. Many small efforts as well as large efforts took place, besides donations, with the result that the money was raised and the team was able to go.

Several of the Ladies' Ski Club members were amongst those who helped, I know Sandra Johnson and Jo Daly had a great effort in Cheshire which raised a very good sum. In answer to letters sent to L.S.C. members and also to other friends sums of money were sent in which helped towards the fund. Ethel Leverson and I gave a Buffet Supper with a Raffle which brought in quite a substantial sum.

I also wrote to a very old friend, Stanhope Joel. We first met in Villars, where the best ski-ing is on the Chamossaire. Stan, as well as being a very keen curler, is a well known race horse owner and one of his horses, a great stallion, was named Chamossaire. One day Stan asked me if he could name a filly out of Chamossaire after me. You can imagine how thrilled I was, as I would like to have owned a racehorse, but as that was impossible, to have one named after me was wonderful. (I am glad to say although I was small, I won a very good race at York and since then have had very good children!)

You will think that I have digressed rather from the money raising effort, but I wanted to tell you why I wrote to Stan, to ask him to help send the team to Chile.

Stan was marvellous, he lives in Bermuda, and after various wires and air letters he sent us a wonderful cheque which I think inspired us all to work even harder.

Another friend who helped us was Dr. Leonard Simpson who gave a cocktail party at Simpsons. The Lord Mayor of London was invited and as he was also going to Chile, it was very nice for the team to meet him beforehand. The Chilean Ambassador was another guest. He very kindly wished to give a cocktail party for the team but the day that he chose was unfortunately when the girls were in Zermatt and so instead he gave a lunch for them on the Thursday before they left. It was a very nice lunch party and the Ambassadors told the girls they must take a smart cocktail dress with them, a really short one, to show the Chileans how well English girls dress.

Talking of clothes, our girls were beautifully turned out. British firms gave them clothes for every occasion, the Parade, ski-ing, apres-ski and for travelling. *The Times* of Monday, 18th July said "To the high mountains of Chile this week are four attractive British girls who will compete at Portillo, in next month's ski championships at Portillo, a ski resort not far from Santiago. The girls and their manager Mrs. Maria Goldberger, in their scarlet sheepskin jackets, black sheepskin lined boots and chic black fur peaked caps are turned out from head to foot in top British fashion. Chile already has a growing trade in fashions from Britain as well as other goods. The ski girls should give the fashion market a fresh fillip. In fact the girls are unofficial trade ambassadors as well as sportsgirls. It is a way of saying "thank you" to the British firms trading with Chile, who have helped raise the fund to send the team to compete."

Several of us, relations and friends and some of the Federation Representatives, went to Gatwick Airport to see them off. They were all dressed in very attractive grey coats and skirts, black patent shoes and orange velvet caps. They had been given these outfits along with the other equipment. A group

photograph was taken of them with the only man going out to race, Jeremy Palmer Tomkinson, sitting in the middle, looking rather embarrassed!

This is only a little article to tell you about what has been done for our team and one could not have seen off a happier or better turned out team. I wish I could mention everyone who helped to send the team to Chile. I do not know about them all but I do know that there were a great many.

TRAINING FOR THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

BY DIANA TOMKINSON

THE World Championships being held in August meant that we had to start getting fit in May.

Our first trip was to Dr. Pugh of the Medical Research Council who tested our fitness by means of blood tests, heart graphs, oxygen intake, press-ups, pull-ups and leg bends. Dr. Pugh is an expert on the effect of altitude on athletes and in 1965 had been at Mexico City. His advice to us all was four hours of exercise every day and to be in the open as much as possible. We had to go back to him at fortnightly intervals to be tested and our improvement in fitness marked and graphed.

Dr. Fielding in the Pathology Section of Paddington General Hospital was our next doctor on the list. He tested our blood and finding that most of us were iron deficient, put us on a course of iron pills and gave us iron injections. These also help when one is in high altitudes, as iron increases the red haemoglobin in the blood and so enables one to have more oxygen in the blood stream.

The Army Physical Education School at Aldershot was our home for two separate weeks of intensive training. Sgt. Major Baxter was in charge of us and proved a sympathetic but hard task master. His first words to us were "I will tell you when you are tired—you won't tell me!" In the mornings we would do warming-up and suppling-up exercises for an hour then resistance running, which meant running dragging a 30 lb. weight behind one. Coffee break was followed by circuit training which is a real killer and we then had swimming, doing 6 lengths with our arms only and six lengths with our legs only, followed by a few games of squash. After lunch we would go for a run for an hour and a half carrying weights and hopping up and down hills, jumping and skipping. Bed was very welcome at 9 p.m.

Actual ski-ing started at the end of June in Zermatt. Summer ski-ing is marvellous as one has masses of sun and no freezing mornings. We had to get up at 6-30 a.m. skied from 8-0 a.m. to 11-30 a.m. In the afternoon we ran for perhaps half an hour and did our circuit training in the evening.

I think that the Team going to Chile is one of the fittest and best prepared teams there has ever been. The Swiss who were training with us in Zermatt could not believe how fit we were and how hard we worked.



1966 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP LADIES TEAM.
Gina Hathorn, Diana Tomkinson, Davina Galica, Felicity Field.



The Ladies' line-up after the Slalom Championship, Andermatt 1966.
 Tessa Dredge, Davina Galica, Ernst Falch, Ernst Falch, Gina Hathorn, Felicity Field, Diana Tomkinson,
 Mrs. Crossley-Cooke, Ladies Racing Sub-committee, Mrs. Tomkinson, Ladies Racing Sub-committee.

by courtesy of the Daily Telegraph.



THE ANGLO-SWISS M.P.'S TEAM.

by courtesy of Rene Buhler.



"Anything you can do . . ."
Di and Gina.

by courtesy of the Daily Telegraph

THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

By DIANA TOMKINSON

PORTILLO consists of one hotel and various little outbuildings comprising eight chalets and a dormitory building. The slopes, which rise vertically from the hotel, all at first glance look like avalanche slopes. The Lake of the Incas stretches in front of the hotel and, when the wind whistles at night, it is supposed to be the voice of an Indian woman who was drowned there. This place would then seem an unlikely choice for a World Championship; but for all the competitors and officials alike it was marvellous.

All the girls lived in an outbuilding in rooms with four beds; we were all better friends at the end than at the beginning! To go ski-ing we just walked to the ski-room, put our skis on and there were the lifts. To watch the Slalom and Giant Slalom events, we had only to sit on the balcony of the hotel and we had an excellent view. The compactness of everything was a real joy.

For amusement there was a cinema with a variety of English films showing, such as James Bond, the Beatles and Around the World in 80 Days, and there were also many play rooms with pool-tables, ping-pong and football.

The food was extremely good. All the competitors ate in a self-service restaurant where the food was laid out in great variety and quantity. (It was not unknown for some competitors to eat four or five steaks at a sitting)!

All the competitors at Portillo were adamant in their praise for the organisation and we would all like to thank those L.S.C. Members who contributed so generously to the fund.

LADIES TEAM, CHILE

As so many Members helped to send our Ladies' Team to Chile here are the results:

LADIES' SLALOM

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|--------------------------|--------|
| 1. A. Famose (France) | 90.48" |
| 2. M. Goitschel (France) | 90.95" |
| 3. P. Maccoy (U.S.A.) | 92.35" |

British Placings

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|------------------------------|---------|
| 20. Gina Hathorn | 97.03" |
| 22. Divina Galica | 98.24" |
| 32. Diana Tomkinson | 112.80" |
| Disqualified: Felicity Field | |

MEN'S SLALOM

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|-------------------------|---------|
| 1. C. Senoner (Italy) | 101.56" |
| 2. G. Perillat (France) | 102.25" |
| 3. L. Jauffret (France) | 102.58" |

British Placings

Jeremy Palmer-Tomkinson did not qualify

LADIES' DOWNHILL

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|----------------------------|-----------|
| 1. E. Schinegger (Austria) | 1' 32.63" |
| 2. M. Goitschel (France) | 1' 33.42" |
| 3. A. Famose (France) | 1' 34.36" |

British Placings

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|-----------------------------|-----------|
| 25. Divina Galica | 1' 41.06" |
| 27. Gina Hathorn | 1' 41.50" |
| 29. Diana Tomkinson | 1' 43.89" |
| Non Starter: Felicity Field | |

MEN'S DOWNHILL

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|-------------------------------|-----------|
| 1. Jean Claude Killy (France) | 1' 34.40" |
| 2. Leo Lacroix (France) | 1' 34.80" |
| 3. F. Vogler (West Germany) | 1' 35.16" |

British Placings

42. Jeremy Palmer-Tomkinson 1' 43.28"

LADIES' GIANT SLALOM

1. M. Goitschel (France)	1' 22.64"
2. H. Zimmermann (Austria)	1' 23.81"
3. F. Steurer (France)	1' 24.92"

British Placings

22. Divina Galica	1' 31.33"
24. Felicity Field	1' 31.82"
27. Diana Tomkinson	1' 34.58"
28. Gina Hathorn	1' 35.21"

MEN'S GIANT SLALOM

1. G. Perillat (France)	3' 19.42"
2. G. Maudoit (France)	3' 19.93"
3. K. Schranz (Austria)	3' 20.40"

British Placings

38. Jeremy Palmer-Tomkinson	3' 36.18"
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LADIES' COMBINED

1. M. Goitschel (France)	8.76 points
2. A. Famose (France)	35.16 points
3. H. Zimmermann (Austria)	62.92 points

British Placings

10. Divina Galica	163.63 points
12. Gina Hathorn	184.49 points
14. Diana Tomkinson	268.53 points

MEN'S COMBINED

1. J. Claude Killy (France)	20.92 points
2. Leo Lacroix (France)	42.13 points
3. L. Leitner (West Germany)	54.95 points

British Placings

24. Jeremy Palmer-Tomkinson	273.75 points
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THE ARLBERG KANDAHAR, 1966 MURREN, MARCH 4th, 5th and 6th

BY ETHEL LEVERSON

I had been looking forward all the season to going to the Arlberg Kandahar, first because I have always enjoyed it so much, second because I had not been to Murren since 1939 and third because I was sure to meet a lot of friends.

After a day of glorious sun and spring snow I left Villars on the Thursday evening, imagining that we should enjoy real "A. K. weather." Having stayed the night at the Hotel du Lac in Interlaken I woke up in the morning to find it pouring with rain. I hoped it would be better in Murren, but I was disappointed; on arrival at about 9-30 a.m. it was snowing very hard and the visibility was practically nil.

On going to the Race Office, where I was to be a helper, I was told that they hoped to run the Ladies' Downhill in the afternoon and that officials would inspect the course during the morning.

When afternoon came it was still snowing hard; however, the Ladies' Downhill was to take place in spite of this. I went up the Schilgrat ski lift at the top of which I could see nothing and although there were crowds of people I had difficulty in finding the course. I worked my way down and watched the girls racing. How they did it I really do not know. Although the course was very well marked one could hardly see from one control to the next.

Everyone got down in one piece and three of our girls—Divina Galica, Gina Hathorn and Di Tomkinson—qualified for the Slalom.

After this there was a great deal of discussion as to whether the Men's Downhill could be run or not, and if not, what else to do. It was decided to make the draw that evening and to make the final decision in the morning.

When Saturday morning came it was still snowing—if anything, even harder than the day before—so it was decided to postpone the Men's Downhill and to run the Slalom.

The Ladies' Slalom started at 12 noon and the visibility was awful. The first course was quite good, but the second course set by the French Ladies' Trainer proved too difficult and over half the competitors were disqualified including Marielle Goitschel, the Olympic Gold Medalist (who incidentally is the future sister in law of the French Trainer). Di Tomkinson also succumbed to the second course but Gina and Divina managed to survive.

Although the visibility was still bad the Men's Slalom was held immediately after the Ladies' Slalom.

On Sunday the weather was no better and, as the Men's Downhill was cancelled completely, a second Slalom was held in its place.

It was all a sad disappointment. I did feel sorry for the organisers and the people of Murren who had worked so hard preparing the Downhill course.

In a field including all the top class lady skiers it was a great achievement that the British girls qualified for the Slalom. The Ladies' A.K. was won by Christl Haas of Austria and the Men's A.K. was won by Jean-Claud Killy of France.

Although I thoroughly enjoyed my stay at Murren, only one of my hopes was realised, I did not see a real A.K., I did not see Murren because the visibility was so poor but I DID see a lot of friends, some of whom I had not met for over 20 years.

LADIES' SKI CLUB SALVER

BY ROS HEPWORTH

QUALIFICATION: Kent class girls under 19 years.

COURSE: Giant Slalom set on Eigergletcher to Salzegg by Ueli Gertsch.

35 GATES

CONDITIONS: Sunshine and powder snow.

1. Linden Carr	54.6 secs.	8. Edith Shearing	64.6 secs.
2. Maud Illingworth	55.6 "	9. Susan Bloom	66.2 "
3. Pamela King	56.8 "	10. Evelyn Carmichael	66.7 "
4. Karin Winkler	56.9 "	11. Helen Carmichael	69.8 "
5. Isobel Mabey	57.7 "	12. Beverley Stace	73.5 "
6. Linda Ballantyne	59.5 "	13. Tina Mabey	75.8 "
7. Sally James	63.1 "	14. Linda King	90.0 "

Hors Concours: Chloe Varley 54.1 (best time of day).

THE L.S.C. Salver has become almost a preview of the British Junior Girls' Championship with so many of the younger racers doing their training in the Lauterbrunnen valley. This year was no exception, and Chloe Varley, racing *hors concours*, set the pace with a smooth style lovely to watch. The winner, Linden Carr, was training with the D.H.O. as were all the girls in the race. She is to be congratulated on her progress this year, and on beating the runner-up, Maud Illingworth, who later won the Junior Championship. Splitting Maud and Karin Winkler's results is a new name, Pamela, 14 year old sister of Barbara King who would have been racing but for an injured shoulder. Another absentee was Sally Ireland, who later won the Hew Trophy for the

best junior in the Ladies' Championship. Linda Ballantyne is the young Canadian who won the Under Fifteen Cup in the British Junior Championship. Isobel and Tina are two of L.S.C. Member "Bunty" Mabey's four ski-ing daughters, and Tina, aged 10 years was the youngest in the race. Edith Shearing, Joan's youngest daughter, needs no introduction to the L.S.C. except to say that she is coming up rapidly and is now 12 years old.

For the record this Giant Slalom, which was rather short but very testing, was entirely organised by parents and by members of the L.S.C. under the expert guidance of the Swiss trainers. The course setter was Ueli Gertsch.

Next year's race is on 29th December. Entries to the D.H.O. Office, Wengen (036) 3.46.17. by 6 p.m. on 28th December.

BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIPS, RESULTS

As articles were not forthcoming on the British Championships held at Andermatt this year the results will no doubt be of interest:

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

GIRLS' SLALOM

1. C. Varley
2. M. Illingworth
3. L. Carr

76.67"
79.67"
81.87"

GIRLS' DOWNHILL

1. M. Illingworth
2. S. Ireland
3. C. Varley

1' 28.5"
1' 29.5"
1' 33.3"

GIRLS COMBINED RESULTS

1. M. Illingworth
2. C. Varley
3. L. Carr

LADIES' CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

LADIES' SLALOM

1. G. Hathorn
2. F. Field
3. B. Newall

70.64"
75.88"
76.05"

LADIES' DOWNHILL

1. F. Field
2. P. Murphy
3. D. Galica

1' 57.78"
1' 58.42"
1' 58.79"

COMBINED RESULTS

1. G. Hathorn
2. F. Field
3. P. Murphy

The LADIES' SKI CLUB TROPHY and the LADIES' SKI CLUB OPEN CUP were won by Gina Hathorn.

THE ANGLO SWISS M.Ps'. RACE

(From our Parliamentary correspondent)

THE 10th Anglo-Swiss Inter-Parliamentary Ski Races were held at Davos during the weekend of 15th and 16th January. This friendly and informal meeting has become a hardy annual in the Davos calendar and is the culmination of nearly a week of social and sporting activities during which the teams train together and become "acclimatised" in every sense of the word!

Despite a Centigrade reading of 24 degrees below zero during the training period, means were found of keeping temperatures up and spirits down!

The races this year consisted of a long Giant Slalom set on a course specially prepared by a Snowcat from the Weissfluh to the Parsennhut followed in the afternoon by a hard snow Slalom on the new piste that has been cleared on the Bunda slopes at Davos Dorf.

Each team consisted of 14 runners and the top six in each team were to count.

Last year the Swiss won this event and they were again led by their fastest men: Dr. Florian Vetsch and Dr. Josias Grass. They were captained by the veteran Dr. Rene Buhler who was one of the originators of these meetings.

The British Team, captained by the Earl of Selkirk, was led by Sir Ian Orr-Ewing, M.P., Lord Sandford and James Batten.

The Giant Slalom was won by the Swiss who took the three first places, Jacques Glarner winning in 2 mins. 44.4 secs. closely followed by Eric Weisskopf and Florian Vetsch. James Batten came first for Britain in 2 mins. 52 secs. just one tenth of a second ahead of Sir Ian Orr-Ewing, and Lord Sandford came sixth in 2 mins. 57.7 secs. Britain had six runners in the first twelve but the Swiss won on points.

In the Slalom the Swiss again took the first three places, Florian Vetsch winning in 63 secs. followed by Rene Buhler and Jacques Glarner. For Britain Sir Ian Orr-Ewing came 4th closely followed by James Batten and Lord Sandford.

On the combined result of the two races Vetsch and Glarner finished first and second and Sir Ian Orr-Ewing and James Batten third and fourth.

The final result:

Switzerland 77,293 F.I.S. points
Britain 80,310 F.I.S. points.

At the prizегiving, which lasted for several most pleasant hours at Wolfgang, a suggestion was made that possibly for future races a yacht racing handicap formula might be evolved. Certainly on tonnage the Swiss had a big advantage this year apart from the excellence of their ski-ing!

Training, course setting and timekeeping were in the competent hands of Max Bertsch, head of the Davos Ski School, and the Kurverein excelled itself in its welcoming arrangements for competitors and their families.

THE NEW ZERMATT

BY ANNETTE BIRTS

WORKING as S.G.G.B. Representative for several seasons in Zermatt, I came to know the place and its people fairly well. It has always had a definite village atmosphere and even with the new chalets and hotels which have sprung up, it has managed to retain this.

The typhoid was a set-back, but for Zermatt ski-ing it was a blessing in disguise. There had been plans for years which had never come to fruition because of village politics and for one reason or another had merely remained as ideas.

The alterations are such that having been away for three seasons I hardly knew my way around.

The Gornergrat railway track has been doubled from Fiffelberg to the top and once at Riffelberg there are virtually no queues. One still has to wait in pairs down below, though not nearly as long as in the past, and I do not see how this problem will be completely overcome. Next year there will be a T-bar from Riffelberg threequarters of the way up to Gornergrat which should keep a lot of people happy. There is a new T-bar in the middle of the Rote Nase slope which can be reached from the bottom of the Stockhorn run. This enables one to stay on the slope as long as one likes, have refreshments at the small restaurant at the top of the T-bar or walk back along the ridge to Hohtalligrat and then back to Gornergrat instead of returning home via Findeln.

There is a new T-bar on Blauherd which starts at the junction of the National, Standard and Tuftern Pistes and takes one up about 200 yards higher than the top of the Sunnegga Blauhert T-bar. It is proposed to build a cable from here to the top of the Uber Rothorn this summer, which will open up the slopes above Tuftern and also some easier runs down the back to Findeln.

The Garten lift has been there some time now and already looks out of date. It is an uncomfortable plate and, after being shot into the air on take-off, one is quite likely to come across the fallen en route for the top. Near the bottom of this is the one way bubble to Schwartzee. From the restaurant one can ski to the new Stafel-Hirli lift. I did not visit it this time as I am not at all fond of the return trip along the never ending path, where one is likely to be torpedoed at the intersections of Mamatt and Tiefbach. These two runs and Aroleid remained sheet ice during our two weeks' stay which was a little odd as most of the other runs had continual powder pistes.

The biggest improvement is, I am sure, the Theodul Glacier area where one has the choice of two ski lifts and one cable car.

The village itself can go on growing and no doubt it will, but even if the cars come I do not think that Zermatt will lose its charm. Fortunately the streets are far too narrow to allow cars into the village itself, and personally I hope that they are left at St. Nicholas.

As a local said "Zermatt is becoming like Davos. Before, we knew everyone who lived here, now we don't know half". Some of that may be true but one has to move with the times and I am sure that Zermatt will never change for the worse to that extent.

THE CORVATSCH

BY BERYL SPENCE

WHERE in the whole wide world would you expect to find the most modern Loo with all taps and plugs replaced by foot-operated pedals including hot air to dry your hands and a heated panel in the wall against which to lean and dry out? Certainly not up at the top of a 10,000 foot mountain in Switzerland, but that is where the Corvatsch Bergstation is located. Inside, it is warm and comfortable with all mod. cons. and every patent and up to the minute item. There are several first class chefs with international cuisine to suit every taste from the ravenous ski sportsmen to the most fastidious film star and socialite. Externally it is a circular fort type building in concrete and steel to withstand all weather conditions with enormous picture windows, from which there is the most fabulous panorama all round of a complete circle of mountains and valleys.

The peaks to be seen include Piz Palü and Piz Bernina to the South East, Monte Rosa and the Matterhorn to the South West behind the valley to Maloja, then the Bernese Alps, and of course across the valley and above St. Moritz Piz Nair, with a superb view of the Silvretta, and turning towards Austria the Oetzaler Range.

The runs down to St. Moritz can be as fast and exciting as you wish, or at the top you can weave to and fro over a vast expanse of hard snow to admire the Piz Palü and Piz Roseg. Half-way down, from which point one can return to the restaurant, the route narrows and there are several pistes, either direct to the foot of the Teleferique, or up a hook and through the woods down to St. Moritz Bad. This magnificent terrain is reached by fast Luftseilbahn holding 100 people per cabin with only one change. There is a huge car park at the bottom for private cars and buses run regularly from both St. Moritz and St. Moritz Bad. Or it can be reached by helicopter. A chopper landed a pair of skiers just below the restaurant when we were there in January.

Being so high, the snow lasts well, and in the summer there is a Ski School right at the summit of Piz Corvatsch. There are glorious walks among all the Alpine flowers and sometimes chamois, marmots and squirrels to be seen. Truly a paradise for any age, not to be missed on any account.

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Way back in 1946 when we returned to Switzerland after the war all our Swiss friends were delighted to see us, but dumbfounded that we were not allowed to spend our own money. "But you won the War" they cried as we calculated whether to have a dry martini or a bath.

What have we won this time?

BON MOTS

By ISOBEL ROE

THE following appears in a brochure of a new self-service hotel.
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Party Member: 'I am thinking of going to Wigan when this is over.'

Me: 'Oh yes, have you friends there?'

Party Member: 'No, I am going to join the D.H.O.'

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