

LADIES' SKI CLUB BULLETIN

1976

THE LADIES' SKI CLUB

The Annual General Meeting will be held at 115 Eaton Square, London, S.W.1. on Wednesday, 27th October, 1976, at 5.30 p.m.

AGENDA

- 1. Apologies for Absence.
- 2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 15th October, 1975.
- 3. President's Report.
- 4. Hon. Treasurer's Report.
- 5. Report on Racing.
- 6. Election of Officers and Members of the Committee:
 - (a) The following are eligible and the Committee recommend their re-election -

President: Lady Elizabeth Greenacre

Vice-Presidents: Miss E. Hussey: Mrs. S. Copeland

Hon. Treaurer: Mrs. J.C.d'E.Coke

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. M. Topham

Committee: Miss F. Balme Miss J.Gladstone Mrs.J.Moncrieff Mrs. J. Boyagis Miss E.Leverson Miss S.Richards Miss A.Drummond Lady Lunn Mrs. M. Saw

Mrs. J. Riddell retires and is ineligible for re-election. The Committee recommends Mrs.J.Pettifer to fill the vacancy.

If Members have any other nominations, these should be sent, together with the written consent of the Candidate, and the names of the Proposer and Seconder, to the Hon. Secretary, Mrs. M. Topham, Royal Oak, High Hurstwood, Sussex, before 20th October, 1976.

- 7. Future Activities.
- 8. Any Other Business.

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		BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st JULY 1976		
	1975		1976	
	€	ASSETS	€	
£63	52 3 8	STOCKS OF BADGES at cost (50) Club Metal 48 (6) International Metal 6 (75) Club Cloth 74	50.40 2.70 8.14	£61 . 24
		STOCKS OF SWEATERS at valuation		
£35		(7) 6		€30.00
€553		CASH ON DEPOSIT		££532.39
<u>€.212</u>		CASH IN CURRENT ACCOUNT		£168.09
<u>£863</u>		NET ASSETS		£791.72
		REPRESENTED BY INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT		
£863		BALANCE AT 31st JULY, 1976		€791.72

In my opinion the above Balance Sheet and annexed Income and Expenditure Account give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Club at 31st July, 1976 and of the surplus of Expenditure over Income for the year ended on that date.

Sgd. C.N.Jones

Salisbury: 11th August, 1976

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		INCOME	AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE	YEAR ENDED 31st JULY,	, 1976
£429	1975 £357 2 22 37 1 8 2	INCOME	Subscriptions Entrance Fees A.G.M. Raffle Bank Deposit Interest Profit on Sale of Badges Insurance Commission Sundry Income	1976 £330.25 45 28.00 27.96 54 - 2.95	£390.15
£246 £133	173 10 13 5 7 30 3 5	EXPENDITION NET ADM	LSC Bulletin Sundries Affiliation Fees Change of Subscription A.G.M. Expenses Honorary Officers' Expenses Insurance of Cups Electoral College Expenses Income Tax INISTRATIVE SURPLUS	183.27 6.04 15.95 10.36 27.17 5.00 17.00 8.05	£272.64 £117.51
	205 53 - 91	ADD	Ski Kit Mart Profit Racing Fund Donations Received Anonymous Donation Received Tombola Profit	177.90 16.59 50.00	
£466_	117		Jumble Sale Profit		€244.49
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300		BEDUCT	Donations to Racing		433.38
349		SURPLUS	OF EXPENDITURE OVER INCOME FOR THE Y	YEAR	71.38
514		BALANCE	OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT BE	ROUGHT FORWARD 1st August,1975	€863.10
863			Carried For	rward 31st July,1976	<u>£791.72</u>

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President

The Lady Elizabeth Greenacre

Vice-Presidents

Mrs.S.Copeland

Miss E. Hussey

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1924-26 The Lady Denman, C.B.E.

1926-29 Dame Katherine Furse, G.B.E.

1929-31 The Lady Mabel Lunn

1931-33 Miss Olga Major

1933-35 Dr. Violet Rendall

1935-38 Miss Doreen Elliott

1938-45 Lady Raeburn

1945-48 Mrs. Lindsay

1948-51 Mrs.J.Riddell

1951-54 Mrs. W. R. Tomkinson

1954-57 Lady Chamier

1957-60 Miss Isobel Roe

1960-63 Lady Blane, O.B.E.

1963-66 Mrs.Raeburn

1966-68 Miss Fernandes, M.B.E., P.I.S.,

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1972-75 Mrs.D.Lewthwaite

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Committee (including dat	e of el	ection)
Miss F.Balme 1974	Lady Lu	nn 1974
Mrs.C.Boyagis 1974	Mrs. J.	Moncrieff 1975
	Miss S.	Richards 1975
Miss J. Gladstone 1975	Mrs.J.F	iddell 1973
Miss E. Leverson, M. B. E. 1975	Mrs. M.	Saw 1975

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I must admit I had a bad attack of the jitters taking over from Di who has done so much for the Club in the past three years and not the least because, at last year's A.G.M, our chief worry seemed to be how to produce a Bulletin in the future with the ever-increasing problem of spiralling costs.

Those of you who were at the A.G.M, will remember that, after a lot of discussion and with much regret, we decided to change the Bulletin to a Newsletter. Now I don't like odd bits of long paper, which is what a Newsletter always seems to look like, any more than any of you do, so your Hon. Treasurer and Committee have been working on ideas and estimates to try to produce the most presentable but economical solution. Finally, we have fallen back on good old compromise and produced a Club sandwich, i.e. a Newsletter wrapped up in a cover so that at least it still looks like the old Bulletin and can be kept on a bookshelf as easily as before. One economy we will make is to have the full Members' List printed only every three years. This seems to make sense as there are not that many alterations in a year and any that there are - new members, resignations, etc., along with the officers of the Club and the Committee will be announced each year under Club News so that you will still have a complete record of the Club's members.

I was looking through some back numbers of the Bulletin the other day, really hoping for inspiration as to what Presidents write about, and I found in the 1967 Bulletin an interesting paragraph in the Editorial which reads:- "At the last A.G.M. it was proposed to discontinue the Bulletin and in its place to have a Newsletter. This was vociferously opposed by many members and you will therefore notice that the Bulletin is changing. We are economising. In this present day and age it is essential to a Club to have a live, vigorous and interested membership." I had forgotten that this had ever been discussed before. Marion Spence (now Cummings) was Editor then and wrote that and she was absolutely right. And here we are, ten years later still very much alive and well and flourishing, still with a Bulletin but once again having to adapt to the times.

I know everyone will join me in congratulating Helen Tomkinson on her award of the M.B.E. No-one has done more in the cause of ski-ing than Helen and we are all delighted that she has received this Honour.

We sent a telegram to the Eagle Ski Club on the occasion of their 50th Anniversary Dinner at Quaglinos. Several LSC/Eagle members were there and reports are that, not surprisingly, it was a splendid evening.

The Ski Kit Mart last November was, as always, a very busy day, extremely efficiently organised by Di and perhaps I can thank, on her behalf, the many helpers who coped throughout. We again sold the better clothes, boots and skis on commission and made £177.90. Unfortunately, this was not as much as we have raised in the past but I think it is again a sign of the times that people are not selling their ski clothes as often as in the past. I would be very grateful for volunteers to help this year. We were particularly short of children's clothes and boots last year, so if you have any put away let's have them on November 10th please.

We passed the target set for the Club's contribution to the Olympic Appeal and gave a cheque for £530, raised from the Ski Kit Mart and various sources, to the N.S.F. for the Girls' Team. Maria has written an account of Innsbruck for us and we congratulate all the team in their performance and especially Valentina Iliffe and Fiona Easdale for finishing 8th and 10th respectively in the World Championships Combined. This year Maria gives up being Manager of the Team and during the ten years in which she was with the girls she worked non-stop, travelled many thousands of miles and saw racers through three Olympics. Maria, I think you deserve a well-earned rest!

Fenella Balme did all the organisation of the School-girl Races in Villars and ran them most efficiently. We were able to give £100 towards the costs and also provided some spoons for prizes which were much appreciated. Next year we will again give the races our financial support and look forward to the meeting being as successful as this year's.

Elizabeth Hussey has completed her two years as Chairman of the Electoral College on behalf of the L.S.C. She has been a marvellous Chairman and we thank her for doing so well the very great amount of work that it involved. Anne Drummond took over as Secretary and a very big thank-you to Anne for all that she has done too. The Chairmanship now goes to Alpbach Visitors.

Finally, all thanks to the Hon. Secretary, Ros Topham, the Hon. Treasurer, Jill Coke, the officers and Committee who do so much for the Club. I want especially to thank Jill who has done the accounts now for five years. This is really long enough for anyone to do and I know Jill would like to be replaced next year so, any aspiring Hon. Treasurer's please suggest yourselves for this job.

CLUB NOTICES AND NEWS

Wed. 27th Oct.1976 A.G.M. and Cocktail Party with raffle. 5.30 p.m. at 118 Eaton Square.

23rd-31st Oct.1976 Daily Mail Ski Exhibition at Olympia.

Wed. 10th Nov. 1976. Ski

Ski Kit Mart at the Ski Club, 118 Eaton Square (see notice below)

10th & 11th Jan.1977.

The Lowlanders Championships, Val d'Isere.

17th Feb. 1977.

British Schoolgirl Races, Villars.

Sat.11th June,1977.

Barbecue, swimming and croquet afternoon from 12 noon for Kandahar and L.S.C members at Valverde, St.George's Hill, Neybridge, Surrey.

SKI KIT MART

We have had to make a few changes in the running of the Ski Kit Mart this year. Could members please note the following:-

- l. Goods can be brought to the Ski Club on the day only. It is much regretted that it is impossible to receive anything before the day.
- 2. In order to make the times easier for everyone, we will start the sale at 12 noon and continue until 7 o'clock in the evening.
 - 3. Goods worth more than £10 will be sold on commission (25%). Please come with a tie-on label giving price required for sale, name and address, and a stamped-addressed envelope. Adult boots leather or plastic clip only please. Children's boots any boot accepted in reasonable condition. Skis not over 200 cms.
 - 4. If possible, please call in at the Ski Club in the evening to see if item has been sold. Any items remaining worth over £10 will be taken as follows:

Skis to Mrs. Boyagis, 72 Lansdowne Road, London, W.ll. Tel: 01 727-4542

Boots, anoraks, etc. to Lady E. Greenacre, Selby House, Ham Common, Richmond, Surrey. Tel: 01 940-8012

Please telephone above numbers to arrange collection. Anything remaining after three weeks from day of sale will be disposed of. Goods worth less than £10 cannot be kept after the day of sale. Nothing will be left in the Ski Club after the sale.

SUMMER EVENT! !

L.S.C. members please practise reading - don't say you haven't been invited!

Jean's parents, Mr. & Mrs.Gladstone, have very kindly lent their garden to the L.S.C. and the Kandahar for a barbecue, swimming and croquet afternoon on Sat. llth June, 1977 from 12 noon. Please be self-sufficient! i.e. bring what you want to barbecue (chops, sausages, etc.) and anything else you fancy eating and, of course, drinking; also plate, glass and any implements required.

Don't forget bathing things,

This is very much a family happening and everyone is welcome with kinder of any age.

No tennis BATS required this time but, Ladies, please practise your back, breast, crawl and butterfly in preparation for the LSC v. Kandahar Aquatic Sports.

We're open for business - rain or fine!

The address is:- Valverde, St.George's Hill,
Weybridge, Surrey.
Tel: Weybridge 47448.

SKI CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN - Young People's Parties

The Club is again organising parties both over the New Year and Easter holidays for 8-18 year olds. The cost of these parties all include many extras such as ski instruction, ski passes, ski and boot hire and one leader to 8/10 young members. Ski-ing is organised in small groups and is either with a local ski instructor or one of the group leaders.

A Family Party is again organised at Flaine where ski-ing with instruction for the children will be arranged in small groups. In addition, the Club organises s number of parties for adults at all skiing standards. For further details please send s.a.e. to Fenella Balme, SCGB.

Ski-ing Parties with a Purpose 1976/1977

Ref. No. Resort. Dates Age/Purpose Approx.

YOUNG MEMBERS - Prices include full board and travel, supervision by leaders (1-10 members). Ski instruction, ski passes, ski and boot hire.

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	SCGB	1	San Sicario 27	Dec-7	Jan. 8-15 yrs.	£180
	SCGB	2	Cavalese 28	Dec-9	Jan. 15-18 "	£176
*	SCGB	3	Santa Christina 28	Dec-9	Jan.15-18 "	£127
					Jan.15-18 "	£220
	SCGB	5	San Sicario 29	Mar-7	Apr. 8-15 "	omo Iqi
	SCGB	6	Cavalese 27	Mar-7	Apr.15-18 "	£150
*	SCGB	7	Santa Christina27	Mar-7	Apr.15-18"	€193
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*An advanced ski instruction group will be included on both Santa Christina parties.

FAMILIES - Price includes full board and travel, the services of leaders and ski instruction.

SCGB 9 Flaine 27 Dec-7 Jan. Parents & £154 (c) *

*(a) adults (c) children

ADULT PARTIES - Prices include accommodation (full or half board) and all travel as well as the help of Club leaders.

SCGB 10 St.Anton 11-19 Dec Pre-Season £106.50 wedel course

SCGB 11	Mallesine	11-18 Jan.		£68
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SUGB 12	Hinterthal	23 Jan-2 Feb.	Learn to ski	
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SCGB 13	La Plagne	23-30 Jan.	Improve your	
- 2	(bed and b	reakfast)		€99
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SCGB 14	Courmayeur	6-20 Feb.	Intermediate €1	42.50
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SCGB 15	Val d'Isere	26 Feb-12 Mar	Advanced - £1	75
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	ion for 60.	reda to setas	take gold test.	
SCGB 16	Flaine	12-19 Mar	Over 30's - 1	36.50
			beginners and	
		10	bronze standard.	
SCGB 17	Voss	13-27 Mar	Cross-country	
		and won more	and downhill	
SCGB 18	Courmayeur	27 Mar-7 Apr	Students - over	IN OLD
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*Included in the above groups is ski-ing in small groups with experienced Club leaders. Ski instruction will also be organised.

# THE LADIES' SKI CLUB BADGE AND SWEATER

These are priced at £1.25 and £5 respectively and can be obtained from the Hon.Treasurer, Mrs.J.C.d' E.Coke, Brookhill, Fryern Court Road, Burgate, Fordingbridge, SP6 1NG, Hants.

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We warmly welcome a new member to the Club - MRS. E. NISHKIAN - who lives in San Francisco and who very kindly writes:-

"I would like to extend an invitation to any member of the Club who plans to visit San Francisco to be in touch with me. It will give me a great deal of pleasure to be able to entertain them. Please do consider me the San Francisco branch of the Ladies Ski Club."

Mrs. E. Nishkian's address is:-

65 St. Germain Street, SAN FRANCISCO, California 94114. U.S.A.

and her telephone number is available from Mrs.

J.Coke. We are very grateful for this extremely generous open invitation and are delighted to think of Mrs.Nishkian as our representative on the West coast of the United States of America.

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Our congratulations to:

Miss Valerie Storey now Mrs. Henry Wilson Miss D.K.O'Neil Pearson now Mrs. Gamble Miss M. Watson now Mrs. Luboschik

and to the following new arrivals:-

Tess Hampton - a son Jeannie Tapp - a son
Mary von Westenholz - a son Sue Scott - a son
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We are very sad to record the deaths of the following:-

Mrs.Duke-Woolley Had already resigned the previous year owing to ill-health, she was a member from 1937.

Mrs. Betty Fripp, O.B.E. - 1935

Miss Olga Major - 1923

Lady Lunn writes: -

Olga Major was President of the LSC from 1931 to 1933 and won the first British Ladies' Ski Championship in 1921. In his <u>History of Ski-ing</u> (1927), Arnold Lunn wrote, "Of all the lady runners whom I have seen on the snows - and I have seen many of the

crack performers of other countries - I am inclined to think that Miss Olga Major is perhaps the best... Her linked Open Christianias are about as pretty as that prettiest of all turns can be, and as for speed, her record in races is all the evidence that one needs".

Olga had ceased to race when I first met her, but her tall stately figure was part of the Murren landscape every season until the 1939 Mar. She had a delightful sense of humour, puncturing any form of boasting or pretentiousness in her soft voice which she used sometimes to deflate the Sinister Father's enthusiasm for faces whose ski-ing qualifications were considered unacceptable by the Kandahar Committee.

Some people may remember seeing Olga a few years' ago on a television programme on early ski-ing which formed part of the series "Yesterday's Witness", and included Arnold Lunn, Walter Amstutz and Mrs.Malcolm Muggeridge. In her detached, amused way, Olga was able to revive some of the fun and pleasure of those golden days.

#### Lady Raeburn - 1924

When Greta died last Autumn, the Club lost not only a founder member but a person whose loyalty and devotion to the LSC lasted right up to the time of her death. I cannot remember an AGM and cocktail party without Greta being there, always so happy to talk to everyone, young and old alike. Greta was President of the Club from 1938 and kept it going through the difficult war years until 1945.

A great lover and devotee of Murren, she skied beautifully and was a member of the British Ladies' Team that beat the Swiss Ladies of the SDS in the late twenties.

Ethel Leverson represented the Club at her Memorial Service at the Tower of London. I sent our sympathies to Digby and I am sure he will forgive me if I quote a paragraph from his letter back: ...."I think that my mother was even fonder of the LSC than the Kandahar. In early days she regarded it as a feminine bastion against the wiles of Arnold!"

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### HONORARY TREASURER'S REPORT

The running costs of the Club this year have increased - surprise, surprise! This is accounted for in the main by a fall in subscription revenue, no insurance commission, less profit from the AGM raffle, increased bulletin costs, the expenses incurred by the LSC chairing the Electoral College and the payment of income tax for the first time. We are, however, still keeping our heads above water though a few new members would be no bad thing. It is hoped that we will save about £70 by having a newsletter instead of a bulletin.

As our deposit account interest has increased so much over the past year or so, we became liable for income tax. Until now our interest has been too small to bother about.

Over all, we have had an excess of expenditure over income for the year, as you will see, due not only to the reduced administrative surplus and smaller profits from the Ski Kit Mart but also to the large donations given towards racing - £330 of the Olympic Appeal and £100 to the Atlanta Races. You may be interested to know that, in all, we gave £530 towards the Olympics - £30 in excess of what we ware asked for which is not bad since we have only just over 200 members.

We would very much like to thank the anonymous donor of £50 who has agreed this money should go towards producing the newsletter. Our thanks also to Cliff Jones who has audited the accounts this year and to Russ Tapp who has done so in the past and who is now leaving for Australia, along with Jeannie and their

three young children. May we take this opportunity of wishing them all Bon Voyage and the best of luck for their future life "down under".

SKI-ING NEWS

## DAILY MAIL SKI EXHIBITION

When Maria asked the LSC to help "man" the Women's Team Stand, we were only too pleased to be able to do this. A rota of willing helpers were there during the whole time and my very grateful thanks to all who went. Far from being a chore, everyone enjoyed their time there and were kept very busy on the stand selling the Tricentrol polonecks, Inghams T-shirts and tickets for the raffle which included amongst many other marvellous prizes, a Supertravel holiday, skis and a bicyde. The eye-catching way in which the stand was set up attracted the many visitors to the exhibition and at the end of the very busy and successful week, £1,200 was raised for the Women's Team.

## THE LOWLANDERS' CHAMPIONSHIPS

# The Arnold Lunn Lowlanders' Trophy

Not everyone may know that the LSC have presented the above-mamed Cup to the Lowlanders, nor indeed how this came about. So, to fill in the gaps this is what happened:-

Last year, Joan Raynsford and Elizabeth Hussey, with the Committee's approval, took the Ladies' Ski Club cup (which had not been raced for for at least twenty years) out to Val d'Isere to present to the Ladies, their own cup having got mysteriously lost.

On arrival, the missing cup turned up all polished and beautiful with the Dutch Team so our cup returned sadly to London.

For some reason better known to themselves, the men had no cup for the Combined, so we decided in

the name of Women's Lib. and all, to give our cup to the men and to call it the Arnold Lunn Trophy in happy memory of our Sinister Father.

So our cup returned this year to Val d'Isere and was won by Per-Bo Mahler from Denmark who had trained as a Junior with the D.H.O.

# THE OLYMPICS THAT THE DESIGN BOTTON BY

The LSC were able to donate £530 to the NSFGB for the Women's Olympic Team which came from money raised by the Club through the Ski Kit Mart and other means. We were delighted to receive our Postcard from Innsbruck, and now over to Maria for her account of the Olympics:

"The selection of the Women's Team for the Olympic Games in Innsbruck was fixed for December to enable the young talent squad to prove themselves in the first international races of the season. Only Valentina Iliffe had several years of racing experience behind her. The other girls in the squad had shown their dedication to ski racing by attending regularly the Espoir training programme while still at school. The 1975/76 training schedules had to be intensive to make up as much leeway as possible.

The six selected were: Valentina Iliffe (1956), Fiona Easdale (1959), Hazel Hutcheon (1960), Serena Iliffe (1960), Anne Robb (1959) and Theresa Wallis (1957).

#### The Races

The first women's event was the downhill on Sunday, 8th February, 2515 m. long, with a vertical drop of 700 m. and 23 gates. The course was technical but not dangerous. All the 38 racers who started, finished. Rosi Mittermaier of Germany was the winner in the time of 1.46, 16 min. and was 0.52 secs. ahead of the local favourite, Brigitte Totschnig. Valentina Iliffe was 29th in 1.53,31 min.-7.15 secs. behind the best time (FIS points 31.03)

Fifi Easdale was 34th in 1.57,66 min. (FIS points 64.75); Hazel Hutcheon 35th in 1.58,33 min.(FIS points 68.32); Theresa Wallis 37th in 1.59,77 min. (FIS points 75.94); Serena Iliffe was reserve. For the younger girls in their first downhill racing season these were encouraging results. Valentina now prefers slalom to downhill.

The women's slalom was held on Wednesday, 11th February. The course was extremely steep and icy, the ice breaking up for the later start numbers, producing an unpredictable surface. It was not surprising that out of 42 only 19 finished, 23 being disqualified, among them the whole Austrian team of four, 3 French, 2 Swiss, Italians and Canadians. It was an achievement to have come through and Valentina's 15th place had merit and Fifi's 18th place was a creditable performance. Rosi Mittermaier collected her second Gold medal, her total time for both runs being 1.30,54 (46.77 and 43.77). Valentina's time was 1.40.14 min. (51.65 and 48.49) and Fifi's 1.47,00 min. (54.12 and 52.88). Hazel Hutcheon had 54.62 in the first run but unluckily fell in the lower part of the second run. Anne Robb missed a gate in the first run, climbed bravely back but not sufficiently high and, while allowed a provisional second run, was eventually disqualified.

The giant slalom was on Friday, 13th. It was important for Valentina and Fifi to finish as they were well placed in the Combined. The giant slalom 1225m long, with a vertical drop of 385m and 49 gates, was an exacting course. Starting first, Kathy Kreiner of Canada set a time of 1.29,13 min. which, as it turned out, remained unbeaten. Rosi Mittermaier failed to land the triple crown by 0.12 sec. and was second. Valentina was 30th in 1.35,48; Fifi 37th in 1.41,09 min; Theresa 38th in 1.41,66 and Serena 39th in 1.45,09 min. 45 girls started and 43 finished.

In the World Championships Combined, Valentina

finished 8th and Fifi 10th, only 11 girls having completed all three events but many more had tried and failed. The good placings of Valentina and Fifi as all-rounders brought them credit. It was a valuable experience for the British girls to have competed in the Olympic Games as they are going to form the backbone of our teams for the next World Champinship in Garmischpartenkirchen in 1978 and the Olympic Games in 1980. Having retired now after ten exciting years of managing the Women's Team, I am very glad that there is such a promising team for the future.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking the Ladies' Ski Club for their unfailing and enthusiastic support of the Women's Team over the years. When I asked the President, Lady Elizabeth Greenacre, rather at short notice, for help to man the Women's Team Appeal at the Daily Mail Ski Show, the response was magnificent - nobody works harder than dedicated volunteers and together we raised some £1,300, a hand-some contribution to the Team's funds."

## BRITISH SCHOOLGIRLS' RACES - VILLARS by Fenella Balme

I am very grateful for all the help in the running of these races given by the following people:-

Michel Datwyler
Roger Geysin
The Hon.Mrs.Raynsford
Peter Reid
David Metherel
Davis Lees
Linda Coulthard
Zoltan Szekely
Scan Instructor - set course
President, V.V.S.C.
Sports Master, Aiglon College
SCGB Rep. Villars
SCGB Rep. Champery
SCGB Rep. Crans Montana

and everybody accompanying the schools who helped gate-keep.

Following the uncertainty of whether these races were to continue during the Autumn, there was little time left to get the basic organisation done. In fact the final desails were not circulated until

the end of January: so it was therefore very encouraging to see four schools entering with 42 competitors for the Slalom Special for the Atlanta Cup, Viper Trophy and Lillywhites Cup.

Villars is a very convenient centre for these races being in reasonable reach of most of the schools, having a slalom stade permanently reserved for racing and also having a resident SCGB Rep. For the first year, we held these races on a Wednesday in conjunction with the V.V.S.C. who run races every Wednesday but, with the numbers that could be involved in the future, we would hope to hold them separately. Suggested date for 1977 is Thursday, 17th February.

The Parallel Slalom in the morning was a great success but it was difficult to set a course which was suitable to be raced by both beginners and advanced skiers and after discussion it was decided the schools would race this event with teams of three of their best skiers.

Novices Cup - there were only five entries from one school for this event so it was therefore cancelled and the general feeling was that the schools were not very keen to race beginners.

The Hotel Du Parc, in its usual style, gave a very good reception for the prize giving and we are most grateful to them for this.

Next year I would hope someone could visit all the schools in the area at the beginning of the ski-ing season and take some tests at the same time, which should produce a large entry.

I am very grateful for the support given by the Ladies' Ski Club and Kandahar Ski Club and hope these Clubs will be able to continue their support.

Results of British Schoolgirls' Championships - 24th February, 1976

Atlanta Cup/Viper Trophy - Slalom Special 26 gates

Atlanta Cup competed for by British and Commonwealth Students; Viper Trophy competed for by foreign students:

lst	Stephanie Hall A	Aiglon (combined time Atlanta 1) Aiglon (8.08
2nd	Rose Anne Hall A	Aiglon 68.08
3rd	Dorothy Stolzlechner V	Aiglon (Atlanta 2) 73.01 (Viper 1)
4th	Imoga de Selincourt A	Vieux Chalet 75.00 (Atlanta 3)
5th	Marinda Lui V	Aiglon 75.02 (Viper 2)
6th	Charlotte Bory V	St.George's 80.02 (Viper 3)
7th	Barbara Boogh V	Ecole Int. 80.05
8th	Sue Unitt A	Ecole Int. 80.08
9th	Zeyned Serim V	St.George's 81.00
*10th	Jackie Gasrtang A	Ecole Int. 82.04
*(Li	llywhite's Cup for best Br:	itish under 15)
llth		Vieux Chalet 83.05
12th	Mimi Dimond V	Ecole Int. 83.07
13th		Vieux Chalet 85.00
14th		Vieux Chalet 87.05
*15th		St.George's 88.02
16th	9	Vieux Chalet 88.05
17th	Jennifer Jewison A	Aiglon 90.04
18th		Vieux Chalet 91.05
19th		Vieux Chalet 92.06
20th	The state of the s	Ecole Int. 97.04
21st		Ecole Int. 98.00
22nd		Aiglon 105.08
*23rd	Jennie Garstang A	Ecole Int. 106.06
11		Vieux Chalet/106.06
	Nadia Czaikowsky A	St.George's 119.09
	Nicola Alsen A	St.George's 127.02
*26th	Helen McArdlea	Ecole Int. 130.00

Disqualified: - Wendy Ingenhousz, Christina Stolzechner, Juliet Bory, Virginia Bertran, Caroline White, Jennifer Winch, Marlene Dentes, *Alessandra Burke, Sizi Azadi, Marion Brunschwig, *Petra French. Qualifying Time for Silver Times Test: 100 secs.

(* under 15 years)

## Parallel Slalom

lst	Penelope Twiston-Davies ) Caroline White ) Marianne Gonzales )	Vieux Chalet
2nd	Barbara Bough ) Pauline de Lotbiniere ) Helen McArdle )	Ecole International
3rd	Mimi Dimond ) Debbie Cooper ) Petra French )	Ecole International
4th	Zara Digby Anne Vlasto Anne Tellwright	Vieux Chalet
	Imogen de Selincart ) Amanda Catchpole ) Anna Tellwright )	Vieux Chalet
o - ve	Anna Edmunds ) Jennifer Winch ) Pamela Whitley )	Vieux Chalet
	Alex Berril Lucy Mackintosh Virginia Bertran	Vieux Chalet
	Sue Unitt  Jackie Garstang  Jeannie Garstang  )	Ecole International

TENNIS MATCH - LSC v Kandahar, Saturday, 12th June,

When Di threw down the gauntlet last year and challenged the Kandahar to the first, and we hope not the last, tennis match, I doubt that even she had envisaged the really super fun it turned out to be.

It all started as a very informal affair and

remained delightfully so, enhanced by the kindness of the weather and the perfection of the Hussey's beautiful garden. At 2 o'clock, the first participants started to arrive and were rapidly joined by more players, spectators, and an everyincreasing collection of Kinderhars, Mini-Kinderhars, aspiring LSC maidens and a good cross-section of Club mascots!

There were plenty of LSC and K members to cheer their respective sides on - Ali Riddell, Jill Coke, Anne Drummond, Ethel Leverson and Helen, John and Sue Moncrieff, Sheila Hensman and Antoinette Gordon to name but a few. It is hard to say who had the better time, players, spectators, children or dogs, but one of the more splendid sights was that of the two little Lewthwaite girls rapidly divesting Andrew Greenacre's Action Men of their soldier uniforms (much to his fury), but a promise to iron later the rumpled and removed clothing soon restored tempers.

Soon the tennis was well and truly under way - couples sorted themselves out and the Battle was on. The Kandahar put up some very touch action with the combinations of Jimmy and Andrew Morgan, David Lewthwaite and Edmund Goldberger, Peter Forbes and Andrew Gordon (Carmen encouraging from the side-lines), Johnny Coke (in splendid baggy shorts and a staw hat) with Penny Hobson, Alan Stone and a friend, and Jeremy Buckwell with Gilda Saw.

We replied with Sonia Copeland and Madeleine Marx, Roddie Warren-Pearl and Di, Sarah Richards with David Tomkinson (who very nobly, to make up a pair, agreed through strong female family connections to become LSC for the afternoon), Maria Goldberger and myself. However, our real piēce de rēsistance was our undisputed first couple, in the shape of Jean Gladstone and Martha Mainwaring, resurrected from Mirren after all these years. Martha locked a real dish in a full, calf-length skirt, and appropriately, the All-England Lawn Tennis Club colours crowned by a flower-bedecked straw hat. An outfit, I might add, last

worn by your President, heavily pregnant, dressed as a Mexican lady at a fancy-dress party. Martha played superb tennis; she is just as good at that as she/he is at ski-ing and very few people recognised Eric Warburg who very enthusiastically took on the role of the Modern Martha.

At the end of the afternoon, with a halt for the delicious and massive amount of tea that everyone produced, the final tally was a win to the Kandahar by 9 matches to 6. This, in true spirit, didnt seem to be too much of a blow to the LSC and we then all gathered round for a short prize-giving ceremony.

Jimmy very generously produced prizes which we gave to the two LSC couples winning the most number of games - we did likewise to the Kandahar. Jeremy and Gilda get a special prize as they only played one set; this was a bottle of Holy Water flown in, of course, especially by the LSC from Kandahar for the occasion. Jimmy presented two mini-cups. The Kandahar one to Philippa as Custodian of the Courts, and the LSC one to Di for being the originator of the whole idea.

Nat Garrett very generously gave a Lillywhites Voucher which we raffled and made nearly £10. This we split between the two clubs, the proceeds to be given to racing.

Thank you Kandahar, for taking up our challenge, and many, many thanks to Philippa and Elizabeth for providing the setting for a perfect afternoon.

## STOP PRESS

At the time of writing, I have just learned of David Tomkinson's engagement to Jane Knight and they will, in fact, be married by the time this comes out. The LSC naturally sends many congratulations to its Hon. Adopted Temp. Member and we wish David and Jane every possible happiness.

# MEMBERS! NEWS

It is always nice to have news of members, and, what with the art of letter-writing being almost extinct, it was a joy to receive two extremely amusing letters from Mrs. du Boulay who lives at Forres, Morayshire. The first was addressed to Ros Berham, the second to me, and both contain enough material for a really funny article but I would much prefer to quote direct from the letters. Firstly, from the letter to Ros:-

.... What a gergeous address you have in London but perhaps you have not noticed daisies and other weeds are growing in the Post Office. No doubt, by the time you get this, after it has tripped over the heather and gorse at this end, it will be too late to say how somy I am that I cannot be at the October meeting".

"I am a very odd member of your Club - Greta
Raeburn passed me in Telemarks and Jump Turns I had never completed by 2nd Class SCGB Test.
I started again after the war and did my difficult
snow with Tom Greenwood in St.Anton".

Mrs.du Boulay then goes on to describe her first time there:

"I went to St Anton for the first time, I suppose about '36 or 37. I was in Class 1 and horrified the Marchesas and the Contesses by my methods learnt in the Kandahar - do or die - when in a jam, I simply fell down in a cloud of snow".

"Luckily, it did not dismay my instructor who called me "Rubber Legs" and did not sack me - no doubt to the intense annoyance of the rest of my class - what a bore I was but what fun I had".

"Years Later in St.Anton, I tore my Achilles tendon, beautifully mended by Dr.Murr. About two years later I cracked by back falling of a meat-

hook, again in St.Anton. I do not believe any other member of your illustrious Club has ever ended her career in such an undignified manner - luckily not wearing your jersey. I thought it was time to call a halt".

The last paragraph of her letter is a Kandahar story, as she says:-

"How I won my one and only Kandahar spoon - you see I am very old - to beat the Men's Team, Peter Lunn and his boys who were all my friends, I only had to stand up to the finish - I did, and they had not a hope". (Ed.'s comment - well done!)

I would like to quote one paragraph from Mrs. du Boulay's letter to me as I feel it is coincidentally a very nice tribute to Greta.

"I wouldn't be a member of any Club if it had not been for Greta. She had to look after me at Murren (my mother died when I was 17). Sometimes I think she found me a bore when I was not back on time, but she was a very good friend".

"It makes me sad that I could not say "Thank You".

Thank you Mrs. du Boulay for a splendid letter and please may this be an incentive to members for next year. If you don't want to write an article, write me a letter about your early ski-ing days, or about interesting and unusual places visited now, or any tours or climbs accomplished and I will be very happy to adapt it for this magazine.

Whether we call this a magazine, journal or newsletter, I don't think it matters too much. What really matters is to try, in these very difficult times, to keep the LSC amongst the other individual clubs going in the most economic way, and to keep in touch with each other through whatever you now like to call this! So please, for next year, any news, views, comments and criticisms would be much appreciated. I am writing in the garden during the June head-wave, which by the time you get this will be past history. But now, with the temperature about 100°, I wish everyone a happy ski-ing season and hope that, despite ever-shrinking francs. schillings or whatever, we will all find some snow somethere.

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NOTE BY HON. TREASURER - As members may be aware, there is no Editor for this Newsletter and you may be interested to know that Libby Greenacre has been entirely responsible for undertaking this timeconsuming and onerous task. I know we would all like to thank her for doing this and for helping to keep us all in touch.

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