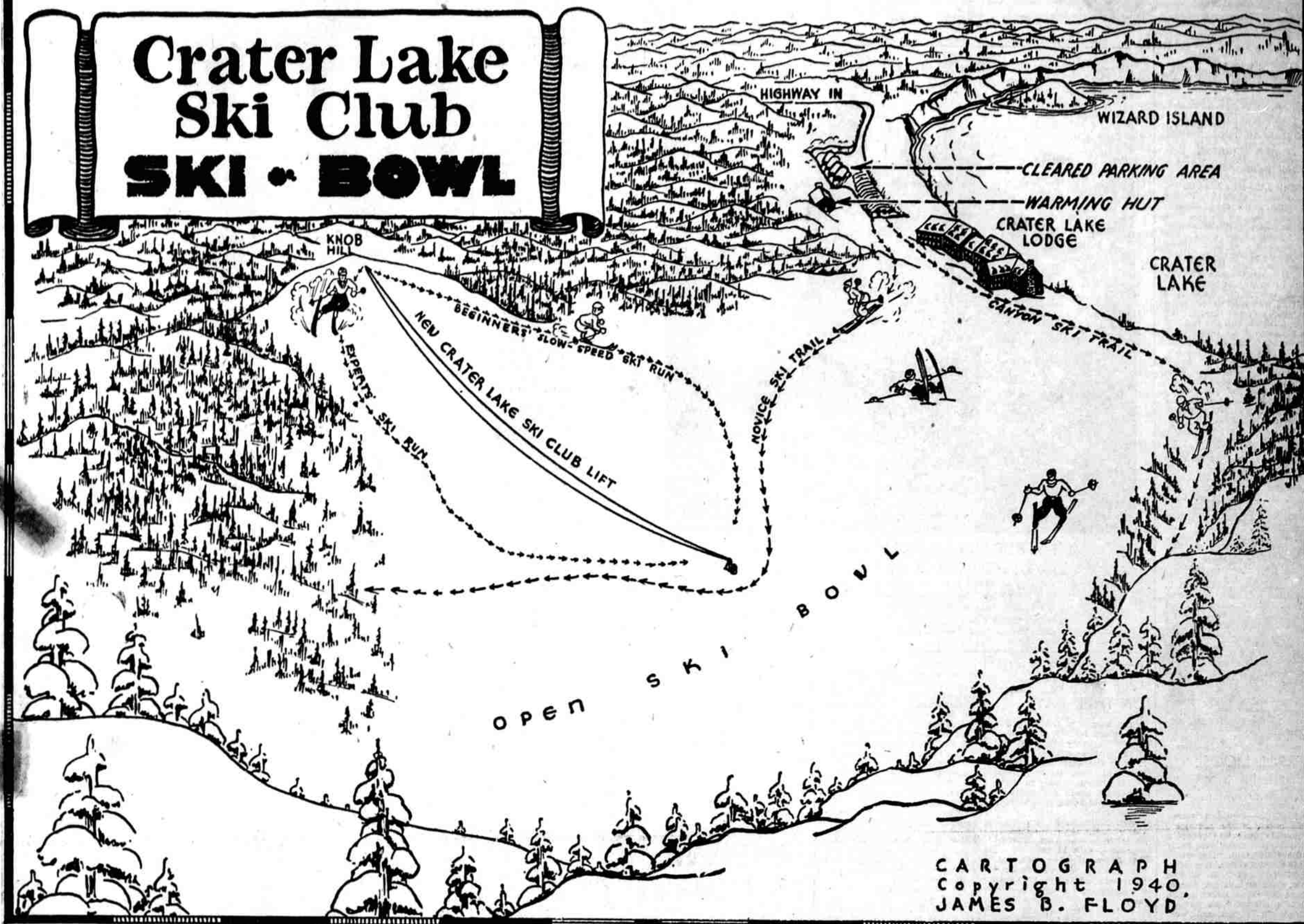


Crater Lake Ski Club SKI • BOWL



Choice of Slopes Available at Top Of Ski Club Lift

Sunday's record-breaking attendance of 1148 snow fans at Crater Lake national park offers living, ski-riding proof that before the melting of many more winters' snows the Crater Lake rim area will be developed into one of the major winter sports centers of the coast.

"Ski-riders" crowded into the park over the weekend in 289 cars, filling the accommodations at Government Camp and leaving a hodge-podge of ski trails and countless webbed ski pole prints as evidence of a weekend crammed with the enjoyment of one of the world's fastest growing sports.

Easy slides for the beginner and steep slopes for the most expert downhill and slalom skier can be found at the "ski bowl" near Crater Lake lodge, pictured in the cartograph on this page. The beginnings of three trails offering long downhill and cross-country runs are also centered at the ski bowl—now blanketed by 68 inches of snow.

Crater Lake is noted for fast, powder flakes which many contend provide skiing conditions unparalleled in the Pacific Northwest. Although conditions vary somewhat from weekend to weekend, skiing is nearly always classified as "good," and on very few days are winter sports fans kept away from the park by adverse weather.

The scenic attractiveness of the lake in itself is an important factor in drawing visitors.

Campaign Launched

Tuesday morning officers of the Crater Lake Ski club and a few of the many citizens interested in the promotion of the playground will hold a breakfast meeting for the purpose of launching a drive designed to bring the united support of Klamath Falls behind a development program. Funds for the installation of equipment and the maintenance of the ski bowl will be raised by the sale of membership cards at \$1 apiece.

An electric ski lift, recently sanctioned by the national park service, is being rushed to completion at Klamath Falls and is to be installed at Knob Hill, on

the edge of the ski bowl, in the very near future. As is shown in the cartograph the lift will extend from the center of the bowl to the top of Knob Hill, making available some of the finest skiing slopes in the northwest. The terrain on and around Knob Hill has been reported by experts as being unusually favorable for the installation of a lift.

The apparatus will be 1000 feet in length and will carry skiers for a gain in altitude of approximately 500 feet. The rope for the lift, specially manufactured by the Columbia Rope company and shipped from New Hampshire, is one inch in diameter to permit an easy grip.

Electrically Powered

The lift will be powered by a 15 horsepower electric motor situated at the lower end. The motor, specially built because of unusual moisture and climatic conditions under which it will operate, is equipped with enclosed gear units running in oil and specially constructed for the job.

Cost of the lift is \$1000. The project is being financed entirely by the Crater Lake Ski club, separate chapters of which exist at Klamath Falls, Chiloquin and Fort Klamath.

From the top of Knob Hill the skier finds available a variety of runs, varying from very slow speed trails to high speed runs taxing the ability of the most expert skiers.

At the foot of the lift, where skiers start the trip up the hill, special care is being taken that the novice skier will find it easy to start the ride. Every consideration is being given women and children in the use of the lift, officers of the Crater Lake Ski club pointed out, and to the amateur skier, as in point of numbers he far outtranks the average expert type.

Safety Assured

Safety and convenience of the lift is assured by the electric power plant at which various speeds for the rope can be selected. The lift makes its start on a section of level snow, facilitating the

hardest part in riding a lift—getting the first grip.

Mechanical construction of the lift is being handled by the Klamath Iron Works under the supervision of Innis Roberts, well known local skier and merchant.

Ed Bell, chairman of the Crater Lake Ski club membership drive, made the following statement regarding cooperation of national park officials:

"Unusually fine cooperation has been extended by officials of Crater Lake national park. E. P. Leavitt, park superintendent, and Chief Ranger Carlisle Crouch have been extremely helpful in assisting the ski club in its program for the greater development of winter sports in the Crater Lake area."

Installation of the ski lift will be made under the supervision of park officials, Bell stated, and it is expected that the lift will make it possible for park rangers to better handle the weekend crowds, as skiers will be concentrated in a comparatively small area near the lift.

Development Traced

Rapid progress is reported by the Crater Lake Ski club during the past few years in promoting winter sports in the Klamath basin.

President of the club is Ernel Hoesley of Chiloquin, who has been largely responsible for the cooperative advancement of the three chapters of the organization. The local chapter is headed by Embert Fossum.

"A great deal of credit is due members of the Snow Club for the development of winter sports in this area," according to Chairman Bell. "For years the members of this organization carried out the work of promoting winter sports before widespread public interest in skiing was aroused."

It was recently voted by members of the Snow Club to turn money in their treasury over to the Crater Lake Ski club for installation of the new lift.

Old Races Recalled

A number of years ago winter sports activity was centered in the Fort Klamath area, where famed ski jumping contests and ski races were annual events. Cross country races from Fort Klamath to Crater Lake and return attracted expert skiers from all parts of the coast. Outstanding among the many familiar figures of the community to winter sports followers is Tony Castel, whose Alaska husky dog team is well known throughout the northwest. Others who have taken a lead in the development of skiing in the basin are Mr.

and Mrs. C. J. Gruberman of Chiloquin.

With public interest in the sport steadily mounting, the current development program promises to open a new era in skiing at Crater Lake.

The intensive membership drive of the Crater Lake Ski club represents an unusual opportunity, according to Chairman Bell. "The purchase of a \$1 membership will entitle the buyer to ride on the ski lift for the entire season without further charges," he said. We expect that a great many skiers will take advantage of the offer and also that many non-skiers will lend their support to the project by purchasing tickets.

City to Be Canvassed

The membership drive will start with a breakfast meeting, followed by a canvassing of the city. Plans for the allotment of districts and a discussion of the drive will be the business taken up at the meeting.

Persons not contacted by members of the committee may buy membership cards at the \$1 rate at any of the following:

Rudy's Men's shop, The Town shop, Drew's Men's store, Roberts and Peak hardware, Southern Oregon hardware, The Gun store, Matt Finnegan's and Ray Telford's.

Increased membership is expected to greatly increase the attendance at the park. The road to the rim is kept open at all times and a large parking area has been plowed out at the rim, where parking is supervised by rangers.

Modern comfort stations are maintained at the rim area and a building used as a community hall during the summer months is now in use as a warming room, where skiers may gather before a fireplace fire.

From the parking area three marked ski trails, varying in length from one and a half to four and a half miles, extend from the rim. One terminates at Annie Springs checking station and the other two at government camp.

At government camp a large parking area is available with a restaurant offering service at standard prices. In the upper floor of the same building are accommodations for both men and women skiers who care to visit the park for weekend stays.

During the first seven months of 1939 the airlines of the United States flew 52,000,000 miles, carrying about one and a half million people without a serious accident or a forced landing.

WRESTLER'S FAMED 'COON ASTRAY HERE

If you see a stray 'coon sitting in your living room—don't shoot but call police!

Pete Stocklein, who wrestled in these parts under the name of Pete Becker, has lost his pet raccoon. The little animal wandered away from the Stocklein place in Altamont and Pete wants him to come back.

Old-time wrestling fans will remember when Pete was in the ring, the 'coon sitting on a pole watching the match. When Pete and his opponent would work to the limit, the little animal would jump on the enemy to aid his master. Down south they say they suspended Oscar for life because he used unfair tactics while wrestling.

"Oscar is very gentle, he had his chain around his neck, and if anyone finds him and calls him by name, he'll come to them," Stocklein told Police Judge Cook.

The judge asked that persons finding Oscar call him if they can't get in touch with Stocklein.

TULELAKE BRIEFS

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Gresham and family plan to leave in the next few days by motor for Platte City, Mo., to visit Mr. Gresham's aged father who is in ill health.

Mrs. Frances Hannon was hostess Wednesday to the Tulelake group of the Holy Cross Altar society. Mrs. Henry Fallers was elected to the chairmanship of the group for the coming year. A food sale is planned for Saturday, February 3, at Earl's grocery.

C. C. Chamberlain is building a small frame house on the Hans Nelson place to be occupied next summer by Mexican beet workers. Work on the Presbyterian church manse got under way Thursday with a room and other improvements on the program. A bathroom is planned, the kitchen is to be modernized and the interior repaired. All work is to be done with supervision by Clark Gentry.

'Grandma' Weed, Pioneer of Northern California, Dies

WEED—The people of Weed have lost a valuable friend in the passing of "Grandma" Weed. For many years she has been known as a true friend to many who have had the privilege of knowing her. She came to this locality as a pioneer with her husband and children and saw the possibility of developing Weed into the fine community that it is now. Their lumber mill stood on the location of the present fire department and the old mill pond and the many stolen swim on the warm summer days.

Grandma Weed was born in the state of Maine 97 years ago—that was seven years before postage stamps were used on letters.

It was before the Civil war, for Grandma was just in her 20's when the war was at its height. She was 56 when the battleship Maine was sunk.

With all her many years her mind was as clear as a bell and she loved to have her friends drop in for a visit.

Mrs. Weed was born in Belfast, Maine on December 11, 1842. She and her husband, Abner, came to California and settled in Truckee in 1869. They later moved to Sierra Valley and 40 years ago came to Siskiyou county. The Southern Pacific located through here because of the lumber mill but Mr. Weed built and maintained the railroad north to Klamath Falls around Grass Lake. The S. P. later bought this section of the road from the Weeds.

Mrs. Weed took an active part in community affairs. She taught for many years in the Sunday school in Mt. Shasta and was a member of the Rebekah lodge and the Eastern Star lodge.

She leaves behind her many memories of a grand old lady who spent her life in service to others.

Funeral services for the late Mrs. Weed will be held at the home of Zella High, February 27. Everyone is welcome.

HIGHWAYS OPEN IN THIS AREA

All paved highways in this section are clear of snow and in good condition, but trouble is encountered on some of the back roads.

County Engineer Frank Z. Howard said that a number of the county roads are muddy and slick. While there have been no recent rains or snows, the road surfaces are full of moisture and high temperatures have removed the frost from the ground.

On the highway between here and Bend the snow depth is 42 inches. There is packed snow in patches for five miles over the summit of Sun mountain. Chains are not necessary.

POE VALLEY

POE VALLEY—The Lapenafia discussion club met at the home of Mrs. Margaret Freuer Tuesday. About 10 ladies attended. Character discussion was held by Mrs. Stover and Mrs. Tubak. Mrs. Stover was elected chairman. Mrs. Jack Holzhauer was elected secretary and Margaret Freuer, leader. Refreshments were served by the hostess and a good interesting

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THREATENER GETS 1-YEAR SENTENCE

Claude Fray, who pleaded guilty to sending "poison pencil" letters to relatives of his wife, was sentenced to a year in the county jail by Circuit Judge Edward B. Ashurst Monday.

Fray wrote threatening letters to Monroe and Ethel North of Cave Junction, Josephine county. The Norths are related to Mrs. Fray.

MERRILL SEARCHES FOR SHEEP OWNER

MERRILL—Ownership of several sheep killed by a Great Northern freight train Wednesday night near the Adams Point landing station has not been established, according to R. G. Thompson, Marin agent, to whom the report was made by trainmen. Several ewes with new born lambs have grazed for the past several days on the railroad right-of-way in that vicinity.

APPEAL MADE FOR AID BY RED CROSS

An appeal is being made once more to the women of Klamath Falls to come to the Red Cross rooms at 420 Main street to help with the sewing the local unit has on hand.

The barracks hospital at Vancouver, Wash., has sent out requests for layettes to be supplied to the army and navy hospitals. These layettes have all been cut out by the production unit and ready to be made up. The sewing rooms are open from 1 p. m. to 5 p. m. with supervised sewing from 2 o'clock until closing time every day except Saturday.

It is hoped women's clubs, auxiliaries and church groups will respond to this worthy appeal. Of course, sewing may also be taken out by individuals.

It is estimated the sewing could be completed in two weeks if enough volunteers could be found to work. Further information may be had by calling 1187-W.

OBITUARY

JOHN ELLIOTT TAYLOR

John Elliott Taylor, a resident for the past 10 years, passed away in this city Monday morning, January 29. The deceased was a native of LeClair, Iowa, and was aged 66 years 5 months and 26 days when called. He is survived by a brother, Howard of Des Moines, Iowa. The remains rest in Ward's Klamath Funeral Home, 925 High street. Notice of the funeral arrangements will appear in this paper later.

FUNERAL NOTICE

WILLIS ORSON HOLMES

Funeral services for the late Willis Orson Holmes, who passed away in this city Saturday, January 27, 1940, following an illness of two weeks, will be held in LaGrande, Ore., on Wednesday, January 31, 1940, at 2 p. m. The remains will be forwarded to LaGrande, Oregon, on Monday evening, January 29, 1940, at 8:40 p. m. via Southern Pacific. Arrangements are under the direction of the Earl Whitlock Funeral Home of this city.

Tough day—tired? Relax—Joy Wieland's Ale!