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EDITORIAL.

THIS year we go to press with the tenth number of the L.S.C. BULLETIN, a fitting occasion for a short review of the Club and its activities. The Club was founded in 1923 with a membership of fourteen; our annual luncheon came into being two years later, to be followed in 1926 by the birth of the BULLETIN and our first annual ski race. After that praiseworthy effort the Club continued quietly increasing its membership until it has now reached 114.

This year an attempt was made to increase the activities of the Club. So far the Club has concentrated principally on racing, and it was thought that some of the members would appreciate an organized meet to give them an opportunity of a little skimountaineering. Special reduced terms were arranged for them at Zermatt for Easter, including the services of guides, but only the President, Dr. Rendall and Miss B. Walters turned up. This was very disappointing to those responsible for the organization.

Far more important, a real if unsuccessful effort has been made this year to obtain representation on the Council. Our membership of 114 includes all Britain's lady racers, and it must be admitted that they have kept their end up in the International ski-racing field quite as well as the men, and it would seem therefore that we have a good case for representation on our racing reputation alone, not to mention that the S.C.G.B. contains quite as many women members as men. Out of 114 members, only eleven took the trouble to attend the General Meeting of the S.C.G.B. to vote for the candidate, Miss J. Heaver, and she was defeated by one vote. This was again disappointing. Whether we should improve the S.C.G.B. by representation is another matter, but we would like to try, thereby fulfilling the second object of the Club, as stated in the Rules.

The L.S.C. is glad to welcome eight new members: Mrs. R. C. Parr, Miss M. Miller, Miss Paterson Brown, Miss Cambie, Miss S. Wilson, Mrs. Burt, Miss Bruce, and Miss Albrecht.

We are very proud to record that during last season two of our members won their Gold: Miss E. S. Macfie and Miss E. Pinching.

We offer Miss Kessler our condolences for the accident which broke her leg and robbed her of the chance of another great victory in the FIS.

Through the mediumship of these pages the Schweizerischer Damen-Skiklub issued an invitation to members of the L.S.C. to compete in the International Ladies' Championship at Wengen. Miss E. Macfie was the only English competitor to race in this event. We congratulate her.

The Schweizerischer Damen-Skiklub again offers a cordial invitation to members of the L.S.C. to race in their Championship at Grindelwald on January 18th and 19th, 1936, and it is hoped that many members will compete.

Our advertisers constitute a comprehensive selection of the best winter sport specialists, and it is hoped that members will help the Club by supporting our advertisers and advising their friends to do the same.

We hope that many more members will write articles for the BULLETIN next year.

The L.S.C. Challenge Cup Race will be held at Mürren on January 14th, 1936.

It is hoped that ALL racing members will compete, and other members are asked to offer their assistance in helping with the organization.

L.S.C. SWEATERS.

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THE GENERAL MEETING.

THE Annual General Meeting of the L.S.C. was held at the Florence Restaurant, Rupert Street, on Wednesday, November 21st, 1934, at 12.45 p.m., followed by the annual lunch.

Dr. Rendall was in the chair.

There were thirty-one members present.

The Minutes of the last General Meeting were read and signed. Miss Collins was elected Treasurer, Mrs. Robertson retiring. Miss Fripp was elected Secretary, Miss Carroll retiring.

The following members of the Committee were elected: Miss Duthie and Miss Vansittart Neale; Mrs. Puxley and Mrs. Gilligan retiring in accordance with the rules.

The accounts were read and approved, the President saying that they had been audited by Mr. C. E. Elliott who in his report

congratulated the Treasurer.

It was put to the meeting that as Mrs. Greenland had some money over from editing the Bulletin, she proposed to pay it into the Club Account, but should be allowed free use of the exact amount that she paid in to spend on future Bulletins. The decision was approved. The President congratulated the Editor on this year's Bulletin, and suggested that Mrs. Greenland should be asked to continue to edit the Bulletin for a longer period than the usual two years.

The suggestion made by the President that a replica of the L.S.C. Challenge Cup should be given to the winner in future was carried unanimously. It was agreed that the sum of £2 should be

spent on it each year.

The question of L.S.C. sweaters was discussed. Dr. Rendall explained that the L.S.C. had given no monopoly for their manufacture. It was suggested that in future the Secretary should keep a pattern of the monogram, which members could get from her to copy for their own sweaters. The suggestion was approved by the meeting.

The question of the use of the surplus money in the bank was discussed. Mrs. Harvey made the suggestion that a good balance should always be kept in the bank in case of emergency, and a resolution that a balance of no less than £30 should always be kept in hand was carried.

A letter was read from the President of the Swiss Ladies' Ski Club inviting the members of the L.S.C. to enter for the Swiss Ladies' Championship at Grindelwald on January 12th and 13th, 1935.

The President introduced Mrs. Merrivale, a guest of the Club, and a member of the Australian Ski Club, who said that the Australian Club would be very pleased to welcome and help any members of the L.S.C. who went out to Australia to ski.

The Challenge Cup was presented to Miss Beryl Walter, the winner for 1934.

THE L.S.C. CHALLENGE CUP RACE.

SCHEIDEGG. JANUARY 20TH, 1935.

By K. M. GILLIGAN.

THE Ladies' Ski Club Championship was held on Sunday, January 20th, at Scheidegg. The weather was fine, and conditions were good. There were six entries.

The Slalom was held in the morning in perfect conditions on the Lauberhorn slopes near the Scheidegg Hotel, and an excellent course was set by Captain Boughton-Leigh. Miss Macfie was first, and Miss Crewdson second. The high standard of the racers was shown by the fact that there were no penalties.

The Straight Race was from Plum Pudding to Inner Wengen via the Saw Mill fields. The course was hard snow from the top to Saw Mills, and from there down good soft snow with just sufficient tracks to make it fast and difficult. Miss Macfie was again first, and Miss Duthie second, both doing no-fall runs.

Miss Elliott and Miss Sale Barker very kindly assisted with the organisation.

				SLAL	OM.				
		Name.			Pt. I.	Pt.	II.	T	otal.
					5.		s.	m.	s.
ıst.	Miss	Macfie			45.4	45	.8	I	31.2
and.	Miss	Crewdson	ı		48.6	53	3.5	1	41.8
3rd.	Miss	Duthie			57.3	50	0.8	1	48.1
4th.	Miss	Deane			56.1	52	2.2	I	48.3
5th.	Miss	Dobson			56.6	60	0.8	I	57.4
6th.	Miss	Miller			66.2	57	7.3	2	03.2
			Sa	RAIGH	T RACE.			171.	5.
ıst.	Miss	Macfie						5	41
and.	Miss	Duthie						5	47.2
3rd.	Miss	Dobson						5	55.6
4th.	Miss	Deane						6	05.3
5th.	Miss	Miller						6	23.8
6th.	Miss	Crewdson	1					6	33
			Con	MBINED	RESULT.			Poin	nts.
ıst.	Miss	Macfie						10	0
2nd.	Miss	Duthie						91	.26
3rd.	Miss	Deane						88	.76
4th.	Miss	Crewdson	1					88	.16
5th.	Miss	Dobson						86	.66
6th.	Miss	Miller						81	.33

IMPRESSIONS OF THE L.S.C. CHALLENGE CUP RACE BY THE CANDIDATES.

CAPTAIN BOUGHTON-LEIGH used every blind corner on the slope to hide a pair of flags. This made the course very interesting. Near the start he had placed two pairs of closed flags necessitating, as he thought, a sharp turn half way down a short schuss to open them out. He had not, however, allowed for the extreme slimness of the members of the L.S.C. for the flags actually were open about four inches in a straight line from the top. Therefore the L.S.C. took a straight line. For the second run these pairs of flags were altered.

At this pleasant and informal race meeting the competitors, having finished the Slalom, were then consulted as to what time they would like to start straight racing, so officials and competitors alike gathered together over lunch and champagne cocktails, kindly provided by Herr von Almen, in the Scheidegg Hotel, to discuss the matter. Consequently the suggestions for a starting time were for a moment as distant as possible. At the appointed time a very cheerful party complete with starter assembled on the top of Plum Pudding Hill. Before the start one competitor who had not taken advantage of Mr. von Almen's hospitality was heard to say she didn't like the look of the Bumps. Whereupon another who had, remarked that she saw no bumps.

At this point the organisation, which up till now had run on oiled wheels, very nearly broke down; for, with only sixty seconds to go before the start there suddenly appeared a wild horde of Sunday skiers, unsteady with lunch, from the Wengernalp Hotel. These, in spite of fierce "Bahnfrei" and other words from our starter, were rapidly bearing down on the junction of the direct route with the race course. Nevertheless the L.S.C. undaunted simply raced through them, arriving completely hoarse at the finish and leaving a trail of other people's bodies strewn along the course.

Everyone took Johan's Hole. Those who had trouble met it in the wood below Saw Mills. The bolder competitors were heavily penalised if they fell on their chosen routes as on many of the short cuts a fall necessitated an uphill walk. Miss Crewdson particularly suffered from this.

The Club is extremely grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Gilligan for all their hard work which ensured the success of the meeting, and to Captain Boughton-Leigh for setting the Slalom. Non-racing members of the Club also gave every assistance. Only six competitors took part, two of them, Miss Miller and Miss Deane racing as candidates.

It is a pity that the entry was so small. Many of the first class members of the Club were prevented from racing by injuries, illness, or continental fixtures, but with a membership of over a hundred which we now have, there are surely many who, though too shy for open events, would thoroughly enjoy this, the Club's annual race meeting.

E. MACFIE.

I cracked my head near the beginning and as far as I know fell all the way down. I honestly have very little recollection of the race. I certainly did not ski down! I remember at one point Durell suggesting that I might try and hurry a bit! I also vaguely remember standing gloomily at the finish and seeing hordes of women, who had started hours after me, finishing roughly at the same time as I did!

I thought quite the best part of the race were the excellent champagne cocktails we had at lunch, and I have a creepy feeling that the subsequent winner exercised great restraint at that period of the day. I only hope she made up for it later on. She certainly deserved to. Any way it was all good fun (if a race can ever be described in those words) and marvellously organised.

DI CREWDSON.

I enjoyed the race. The Slalom had an exciting snag in the middle. On reaching this snag I decided to ski on my face. This was uncomfortable so I rose, only to find I was yards below the flags. After much stertorous breathing I got through and finished. The next run was uninteresting.

Then everyone had lunch and Mr. von Almen kindly stood us champagne cocktails. With the Straight Race to come I could not do full justice to mine, then I had a brilliant inspiration and gave half to a race official.

On arriving at the finish, no fall, my race official told me I was second. Next time it shall be a full glass and perhaps I shall be first.

BIRNIE DUTHIE.

My impression of the L.S.C. Slalom is bouncing from crag to crag on a pair of very small ski, and consequently getting in many strange positions on the wrong side of flags. In the Straight Race all went well, if not brilliantly, until I got to the Knife Edge, where

I thought I did a lovely check christie, but the Knife Edge evidently disagreed as it came up and hit me, very hard.

Up I got and plodded on, thinking bad thoughts, till I got in the Saw Mills fields where I just sat down, in soft snow. I finished without glory but plenty of snow in the wrong places.

ELIZABETH DOBSON.

On the day of the race the weather was fine and clear, the snow in splendid condition. We reached the starting post and after a short delay caused by some spectators who got in the way, I was off. Leaving the top of Plum Pudding Hill and flying over the Bumps, past Slip-Cartilage Corner and Johan's Gap, which was bare, I soon reached Knife Edge. At Saw Mills the snow was rather sticky and I had to slacken my speed. A large crowd, looking like ants against the white snow, waited at the finish. At last the race was over. It had been a good one and I enjoyed running in it very much.

DIANA DEANE.

WENGEN. MARCH 1ST-3RD.

By Our Special Correspondent.

This year's meeting was noteworthy for the fact that for the first time the entry was thrown open to foreign ski-runners of amateur status. This resulted in bigger fields and keener competition than before.

The course chosen at Wengen for the Straight race was from Wengernalp down the left of the Bumps, through D.H.O. opening, left of the Knife Edge, finishing at Staubbackbänkli. Unfortunately, the weather broke on the night of February 28th, and as it snowed heavily all March 1st, the race had to be postponed. Next day the weather was no better but time pressed and it was decided to run the men's and ladies' race over the same course, owing to the fact that the upper part of the men's course on the Lauberhorn had to be cancelled on account of the weather conditions. If the courtesy of women first had been granted, it would have made conditions much easier for them. As it was it would be hard to imagine more difficult conditions for a ladies' race. A snowstorm blew snow in the faces of the competitors and their visibility was reduced to a few yards. The snow was heavy and difficult and it was necessary to follow the single track cut by the ski of the men who had gone down before. This hard but invisible bobtrack led the women at an everincreasing pace to a series of ever-increasing bumps, the largest of which proved fatal to nearly every runner. It was impossible to swing or check speed and all the women, except Miss Dobson, fell at these bumps. Miss Sherer did very well to finish the race after sustaining a bad fall which gave her a slight concussion. Miss Pinching fulfilled the hopes of her record good running by winning in the time of 5 min. 09 sec. Miss Dobson was a well deserved second as she ran with a great deal of control and judgment.

The Slalom for men and women was held on March 3rd down the same course on the Brunner slopes. It had been snowing heavily but it held up during the day sufficiently for the flags to be seen. The organization was excellent, as indeed one expects at Wengen, and a full dress rehearsal for all Slalom officials and flagmen had been held a few days previously. The result was that everything worked without a hitch, the course was clear of all new fallen snow and even a gluhwein travelling canteen revived the cold flagmen at intervals during the day.

The ladies did their Slalom in the morning. Miss Sherer came down first and gave an excellent display of good ski-ng. Miss Pinching spoilt her time by a fall in the second run, and Miss Dobson ran very steadily doing regular times on both runs. Most of the competitors were feeling the effects either of 'flu or of the day before. Miss Sherer had hardly recovered from her concussion and Miss Pinching had a cold and a high temperature.

BRITISH OPEN SKI RUNNING CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS.

LADIES' STRAIGHT RACE.

	Name.	Country.	Ti.	me.	
ıst.	Miss Evelyn Pinching	 Great Britain		5	09.2
2nd.	Miss Elisabeth Dobson	 Great Britain		5	35.8
3rd.	Miss Durell Sale-Barker	 Great Britain		5	46.2
4th.	Baroness Schimmelpenninck	 Holland		5	47.4
5th.	Baroness v. Stumm	 Germany		5	50.4
6th.	Kathe Lettner	 Austria		6	05.0
7th.	Miss E. Macfie	 Great Britain		6	29.6
8th.	Miss Marion Miller	 Great Britain		6	43.0
9th.	Miss Evelyn Perry	 Great Britain		6	48.6
10th.	Miss Bunty Stockwell	 Great Britain		7	04.0
11th.	Miss Beryl Walter	 Great Britain		7	05.0
12th.	Mrs. E. Chamier	 Great Britain		7	34.6
13th.	Miss M. C. Sherer	 Great Britain		8	28.2

LADIES' SLALOM.

	Name.		Country.	Tim	es.	Total.
				5.	5.	S.
ıst.	Miss M. C. Sherer .		Great Britain	 81.4	81.2	162.6
and.	Miss E. Pinching		Great Britain	 75.6	87.6	163.2
3rd.	Miss E. Dobson		Great Britain	 82.4	82.8	165.2
4th.	Baroness Schimmelpenninc	k	Holland	 80.0	97.0	177.0
5th.	Miss E. Macfie		Great Britain	 99.8	84.0	183.8
6th.	Miss D. Sale-Barker		Great Britain	 104.0	93.6	197.6
7th.	Miss Marion Miller .		Great Britain	 104.0	98.2	202.2
8th.	Miss Beryl Walter		Great Britain	 92.4	130.2	222.6
9th.	Baroness v. Stumm		Germany	 100.0*	127.2*	239.2
	*1	Pen	alty of 6 sec.			

COMBINED RESULT.

				Points.	
	Name.	Country.	Straight.	Slalom. C	Comb'd.
ıst.	Miss E. Pinching	Great Britain .	100.00	99.63	99.82
and.	Miss E. Dobson	Great Britain .	92.08	98.42	95.25
3rd.	Baroness Schimmelpenninck	Holland	89.00	91.85	90.43
4th.	Miss Sale Barker	Great Britain .	89.32	82.28	85.80
5th.	Miss E. Macfie	Great Britain .	79.38	88.45	83.92
6th.	Miss M. C. Sherer	Great Britain .	60.84	100.00	80.42
7th.	Miss M. Miller	Great Britain .	76.72	80.41	78.57
8th.	Baroness v. Stumm	Germany .	88.24	67.97	78.11
9th.	Miss B. Walter	Great Britain .	72.76	73.03	72.90

THE FIS AT MURREN.

BY OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

Every year the FIS becomes more of a burden. The whole winter's ski-ing, prior to this event, is coloured by the shadow which it casts before it.

I should like to suggest that the FIS should be held in alternate years and so leave a breathing space for the unfortunate competitors who scramble breathlessly to get a footing in the team.

It has been said before—though some will deny the truth of this statement—that team races are a tremendous strain on the competitors. I cannot say that I have always found that the team spirit brings out the best qualities in the racers. Like war, to make an analogy, racing can bring out the worst as well as the best in human nature. It is the incubation, or training stage, which shows them to the least advantage, of course, and when the day of the race comes private feelings and prejudices are forgotten and laid aside in favour of the team spirit. But—and this is my contention—this unity comes too late. The seed of discord has been sown and cannot be eradicated in a single day.

This winter we suffered from a surfeit of snow, which increased in intensity at the advent of the FIS.

The Slalom was held in uneven weather and the course was constantly blotted out by mist and snow. As is always the case, some competitors had a clearer run than others and benefited accordingly.

Miss Pinching was the first of our team in the Slalom, securing fifth place. Miss Kessler was expected to do better and gave a disappointing performance, for in my opinion she is our best racer to-day. Miss Mackinnon had missed a year's ski-ing and did not have sufficient time in which to make up leeway. Few people would have done as well as she in the circumstances.

It was a disappointing Slalom from our point of view, because our slaloming was supposed to be our strongest point.

What, gloomed the British supporters, is going to become of us now?

The blizzard was so severe on the day of the Downhill race that the course on the Schilthorn could not be used. Good visibility is necessary in the Schilthorn gully, owing to the rocks which lie in wait for anyone who goes off the course. So it was decided to start the race on the top of the Hog's Back and take the finish down to the edge of the precipice, not far from Gimmelwald.

It was disappointing that such an important event had to be held on a shortened course, but there was no alternative and second best was better than nothing. Miss Kessler skied in the way which we have learnt to expect from her. Of all the women ski-ing past me she looked the least concerned and the fastest. It was with dismay that we heard that she had taken an awkward fall above the finish and broken her leg. That was a severe blow, for it was expected that she would have had one of the best times, and it might have brought the team up one place.

Miss Pinching was again the first British lady, seven seconds behind the winning time. Mrs. Butler was our second, having skied remarkably well.

In the Combined results the Germans swept the board and no one, after having watched them ski, will grudge them their victory.

Great Britain maintained the balance of power, keeping the middle and third place.

Miss Sale-Barker was not well most of the winter and owing to ill health she had to resign her captaincy at the last moment. She had the sympathy of all in her disappointment.

Miss Duthie, as reserve, raced in her place and beat two members of the team, while Miss Sherer was the second reserve.

FIS RESULTS.

LADIES' SLALOM.

					I	ime.
	Name.		Country	y.	m.	s.
ist.	Frl. Anny Rüegg	 	Switzerland		 2	23.2
2nd.	Frl. Christel Cranz	 	Germany		 2	25.5
3rd.	Frl. Käthe Grasegger	 	Germany		 2	26.7
4th.	Frl. Elvira Osirnig	 	Switzerland		 2	29.8
5th.	Miss Evelyn Pinching	 	Great Britain		 2	30.4
6th.	Frl. Rosly Streiff	 	Switzerland		 2	34.9

The other British competitors finished as follows:-

9th J. Kessler; 10th, E. Mackinnon; 13th, E. Macfie; 14th, L. Butler; 16th, B. Duthie.

LADIES' STRAIGHT RACE.

	Name.			Country	у.		Time.
ıst.	Frl. Christel Cranz			Germany		 3	27.2
2nd.	Frau Hady Pfeiffer			Germany		 3	28
3rd.	Frl. Anny Rüegg			Switzerland		 3	31.2
4th.	Miss Evelyn Pinching			Great Britain		 3	34.6
5th.	Frl. Käte Grasegger			Germany		 3	36
6th.	Baronin Schimmelpennin Oye	ck van	der	Holland		 3	49

The other British competitors finished as follows:-

9th, L. Butler; 19th, B. Duthie; 20th, E. Mackinnon; 27th, E. Macfie.

Miss Jannette Kessler broke her leg within 50 yards of the winning post. Only four seconds separated the first three racers, but when Miss Kessler met with her accident she had gained 20 seconds on Frl. Christel Cranz, the winner.

COMBINED RESULT. Points.									
	Name.	Country.		Straight.	Slalom.				
ıst.	Frl. Christel Cranz	Germany		100	98.43	198.43			
and	Frl Anny Rüegg	Switzerland		98.09	100	198.09			
3rd.	Fr. Käte Grasegger	Germany		95.91	97.62	193.53			
4th.	Miss Evelyn Pinching	Great Britain		96.53	95.21	191.74			
5th.	Frau Hady Pfeiffer	Germany		99.59	89.97	189.56			
6th.	Frl. Elvira Osirnig	Switzerland		90.32	95.59	185.91			
7th.	Mrs. H. Boughton-Leigh	U.S.A		87.86	84.43	172.29			
8th.	Mrs. Lois Butler	Great Britain		88.92	83.17	172.09			
9th.	Frl. Liesl Schwarz	Germany		83.95	86.17	170.15			
10th.	Frau Elly Löri-Stiller	Austria		86.54	80.77	167.31			
11th.	Frl. Niny Suter	Switzerland		87.48	78.85	166.33			
12th.	Frl. Lisa Resch	Germany		89.99	75.28	165.57			
13th.	Miss Esme Mackinnon	Great Britain		77.12	87.85	164.97			
14th.	Frl. Turid Jespersen	Norway		71.09	90.88	161.97			
15th.	Miss B. Duthie	Great Britain		77.82	82.82	160.64			
16th.	Frl. Rosly Streiff	Switzerland		66.66	92.44	159.10			
17th.	Frl. Grete Weickert	Austria		74.90	83.11	128.01			
18th.	Frl. Käte Lettner	Austria		81.49	75.70	157.19			
19th.	Frl. Marcelle Buhler	Switzerland		79.61	76.70	156.31			
20th.	Baronin G. M. M. Schim-	TT 11. 1		6	62.00	154.36			
	melpenninck van der Oye	Holland	•••	90.46	63.90	152.65			
21st.	Miss E. Macfie	Great Britain		69.19	83.46	145.68			
22nd.	Miss Elizabeth Woolsey	U.S.A	•••	82.74		143.04			
23rd.	Miss Faith Donaldson	U.S.A		74.41 68.82	69.63	144 04			
24th.	Frau Grete Alt-Lantschner	Austria			73°55 68°53	142.37			
25th.	Grafin M. Szapary	Hungary	•••	72.38	69.08	140.86			
26th.	Miss Lilo Schwarzenbach	U.S.A		71.78		140.50			
27th.	Frl. Liesl Windischbauer			75.22	64.98	139.60			
28th.	Frau Dr. E. Ripper	Austria	•••	64.82	74.78	131.07			
29th.	Miss Mary Bird	U.S.A	•••	65.89	65.18	1310/			

īst.	Germany	TEAM RESULTS. Frl. Christel Cranz Frau Hady Pfeiffer Frl. Käte Grasegger Frl. Lisa Resch	Poi Straight.	ints. Slalom.	Total.
2nd.	Switzerland	Frau Lotte Baader Frl. Anny Rüegg Frl. Elvira Osirnig	100	100	200
2 rd	Great Britain	Frl. Niny Suter Frau Anny Hort-Hiestand Frl. Marcelle Bühler	92.37	98.88	191.25
siu.	Great Britain	Miss Evelyn Pinching Mrs. Lois Butler Miss Birnie Duthie Miss Esme Mackinnon Miss Elizabeth Macfie	85.80	98.77	184.57
4th.	Austria	Frau Elly Löri Stiller Frl. Käte Lettner Frl. Liesl Windischbauer Frl. Grete Weickert Frau Alt-Lantschner	81-67	9	
5th.	U.S.A	Mrs. Helen Boughton-Leigh Miss Elizabeth Woolsey Miss Faith Donaldson Miss Lilo Schwarzenbach		87.25	168-92
		Miss Mary Bird	80.42	78.38	158.80

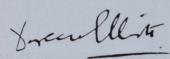


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ARLBERG-KANDAHAR MEETING, MÜRREN, 1935.

By EVELYN PINCHING.

THE Arlberg-Kandahar took place at Mürren on March 9th and 10th, and as usual was run in fine weather, which was fortunate as it had been snowing hard up till the day of the race. The snow conditions, however, were almost perfect. The men had started first so the course was fairly well beaten down. The Straight race was held from the top of Broodie Bump to FIS finish. The most difficult part was on the face below Broodie Bump, where high speed turns had to be made through two controls that had been placed there.

Anny Rüegg put up the finest performance of the day, which was to be expected after her success in the FIS. She skied magnificently, and won with a very comfortable margin, and in the surprising time of 2 min. 5.2 sec. Durell Sale-Barker and Elizabeth Macfie were second and third respectively. Elizabeth Dobson showed by finishing sixth, that she was as good a skier on hard snow as on the soft snow of the British Championships. Another outstanding performance was that of Mrs. Chamier, who was placed twelfth.

The weather was not so kind for the Slalom, but no snow fell during the day. The course lay alongside the Bubble from the tunnel down to the bottom of the nursery slopes.

The upper part of the course spelt disaster for several of the competitors, who having fallen on the icy surface slithered down too far to climb up again.

Anny Rüegg again skied without a mistake making the best time of the day, and winning the Slalom comfortably. D. Sale-Barker did the second best time in her first run, but was unfortunate enough to fall on the fatal top slope and by so doing forfeited her chances of getting an A.K. badge for the fourth time. It was a great pity that after having been so well placed in the downhill, Elizabeth Macfie should have come to grief at the top of the Slalom and fell too low to be worth while climbing up.

In the combined results, Switzerland took first and third positions and England second, thus reversing last year's placings. Anny Rüegg's win makes her the first Swiss lady to win the Arlberg-Kandahar.

ARLBERG-KANDAHAR RESULTS.

LADIES' STRAIGHT RACE.

	Name.		Club.			Time.
	Frl. Anny Rüegg		S.D.S. Chur	 		05.5
	Miss D. Sale-Barker		Kandahar			
	Miss E. Macfie		Kandahar	 	 2	36.2
4th.	Miss E. Pinching	 	Kandahar	 	 2	37.4

									T	ime.
	Name.			Cla					m.	5.
5th.	Frl. E. Osirnig			S.C.A.	St. N	Ioritz			2	42.4
6th.	Miss E. Dobson			Kanda	har				2	48.8
7th.	Mme. G. Galtier			Paris					2	56.4
8th.	Miss B. Duthie			Kanda	har				2	58.4
9th.	Baronin Schimmelpenn	inck	van	~~	,					
				Hollan					2	59.8
10th.			•••	S.D.S.		1S			3	05.8
11th				Kanda					3	07.6
12th.				Marde		ub K	losters	***	3	08.0
13th.				Kanda					3	13.6
14th.				S.C. d	es Da	mes (Geneve		3	14.4
15th.	Mlle. D. Martineau			Paris					3	21.2
16th.	Miss H. Blane			Kanda	har				3	22.8
17th.	Miss F. Donaldson .			White			S.C.		3	24.4
18th.	Frl. H. Schaffner			S.D.S.	Bern				3	30.6
19th.	Mlle. L. Durand			S.C.A.	Paris	ien			3	32.2
20th.	Frau L. Michel-Schaff			S.D.S.	Bern				3	46.6
21st.	Miss L. Schwarzenbac	h		A.S.C.					3	39.0
22nd.	Mme. L. Roch			C.S.A.	Chan	nonix			3	55.4
23rd.	Frl. H. von Allmen			Mürre	n				4	39.0
		T.A	DIES'	SLALO	м.					
		2311	DILU	CLILLO			Pt. I.	Pt. II.	7	otal.
	Name.			Club.					m.	s.
ıst.	Frl. A. Rüegg		S.D	.S. Chu	ır		41.3	42.0	I	23.3
2nd.	Miss E. Pinching		Kar	ndahar			47.8	44.8	1	32.6
3rd.	Frl. E. Osirnig		S.C	.A. St.	Morit	z	47.7	61.4	I	49.1
4th.	Miss B. Duthie		Kar	ndahar			21.8	54.7	I	21.0
5th.	Frl. R. Streiff		S.D	.S. Gla	rus		59.7	56.5	I	56.5
6th.	Baronin Schimmelpenn	inck								,
1995	van der Oye			land			59.4	57.1	I	56.5
7th.	Mrs. L. Butler			ndahar			58.7	58.8	I	57.6
8th.	Miss Sale-Barker			ndahar			44.0	71.9	2	00.4
9th.	Miss M. C. Sherer			dahar			64.5	58.7	2	03.5
10th.	Miss E. Dobson	•••	Kar	ndahar			76.0	56.2	2	12.2
		Com	BINE	D RESU	LT.					
				<i>a.</i>		,	Poir			Com-
	Name.			Club.			_	Slalom		bined
ıst.	Frl. Anny Rüegg			.S. Chu		1		100		00
2nd.	Miss Evelyn Pinching			ndahar			79.56	89.95		69.51
3rd.	Frl. Elvira Osirnig			.A. St.			77.09	76.34		53.43
4th.	Miss D. Sale-Barker	•••		ndahar			80.98	69.15		20.13
5th.	Miss Birnie Duthie		Kar	ndahar	•••	•••	70.19	75.02	I	47.51
6th.	Baronin Schimmelpenn		Hol	land			69.63	71.47		41:10
	van der Oye				*110			71.47		41.10
7th.	Frl. Rösly Streiff	• • • •		.S. Gla ndahar			66.74	71.65		39.03
8th.	Mrs. Lois Butler Miss Elizabeth Dobso			ndahar	•••	•••	66.74	63.00		37.62
9th.				ndahar			74.19			37.19
10th.	Miss M. C. Sherer	•••	Nai	Idanar	•••		64.67	67.60	1	32.27

THE PARSENN DERBY, 1935.

By NELL CARROLL.

It was most disappointing that the Parsenn Derby of 1935 having been postponed once owing to bad weather, had to be run in a snowstorm after all. The morning of March 24th, the one bad day in an otherwise unbroken spell of fine weather, was really terrible: a blizzard above, and heavy rain falling below Schwendi, with low clouds and mist making visibility extremely bad. Conditions underfoot, however, were good, though slow.

The Allegemeine Class started first from the Wasserscheide. Then came the women of the Derby Class. Mrs. Chamier was the first competitor to leave the summit of the Weissfluh. She had bad luck as she was upset by spectators who were in the way at the foot of the Weissfluh; she lost time thereby having to walk to the Ladies' Tee. I followed soon after and had a clear run. (Miss Carroll put up one of the best British times and was first of her class.—Ed.)

Making one's way down the Weissfluh was not easy as there were few flags; but I heard that the Kannonen of both sexes took it completely straight. The rest of the course was excellently marked, and one simply made one's way from flag to flag until the tree line was reached. Groups of spectators were a help as they formed landmarks, and occasionally shouted directions.

The winner of the Ladies' Race, from the Weissfluh to Schwendi, was Anny Rüegg; her time of 11 min. 7 sec. was wonderful on that day; she was run very close by Barbara Bon, who won the Junior Class in 11 min. 18 sec. Evelyn Pinching went well at first but met her Waterloo on the Derby Schuss where she went too much to the left and lost a stick; however, she was the best Englishwoman and gained a silver ski.

Miss de Cosson and Pamela Mosely both did well, particularly the former; they are both new to racing. Mrs. Puxley and Lady Blane were both racing for the first time in the Allegemeine Class; Mrs. Puxley did extremely well; Lady Blane unfortunately lost her way.

The other Englishwomen who entered were Lois Butler, Elizabeth Macfie, Helen Blane and V. Pattison Brown. They none of them did themselves justice.

DERBY RESULTS.

		S	ENIOR	s I.	Time
	Name.			Club.	m. s.
Ist.	A. Ruegg			Chur	 11.07
	E. Osirnig			St. Moritz	 12.23
	N. Arx-Zogg			Arosa	 12.37
	Lois Butler			S.C.G.B.	 13.30
6th.	E. Macfie			S.C.G.B.	 14.30

Seniors II.						
	Name.			Club.		m. s.
ist.	D. Kunzli			Davos		11.47
2nd.	L. Bertsch			Davos		12.25
	E. De Cosson					12.35
	Helen Blane			Kandahar		14.08
	V. Pattison Brow	7n				14.35
16th.	M. M. Miller			S.C.G.B.		16.13
VETERANS I.						
	B. E. M. Carroll					12.54
and.	E. Biasi			S.D.S		13.35
VETERANS II.						
ıst.	E. R. Chamier			Mardens		13.20
and.	W. Baur			Davos		18.40
Juniors.						
Ist.	B. Bon			Davos		11.18
2nd.	E. Pinching			S.C.G.B.		12.17

THE SWISS CHAMPIONSHIP, 1935.

By Durell Sale-Barker.

THE Swiss Ladies' Championship was held at Grindelwald on February 1st and 2nd, and resulted in a triumph for Great Britain

in the person of Miss Kessler.

The downhill race began at the top of Tschuggan Glade and finished at Grund, and was run under conditions of very bad visibility, but good snow. It was snowing hard all the day and the light was difficult. There were eleven starters. Miss Kessler ran magnificently and won by an easy margin, at the same time putting up a record for ladies for that course, which was particularly impressive owing to the bad light. Frl. Anny Rüegg, S.D.S., was 2nd, and skied with great courage and dash down Mac's Leap, where the snow was cut up and difficult, taking it in four sweeping turns like the best of the men. Frl. Osirnig, Alpina, St. Moritz, also ran extremely well and finished 3rd. The next English came in close succession: 6th, Miss Sale-Barker; 7th, Miss Macfie; 8th, Mrs. Boughton-Leigh; 9th, Miss Duthie.

The slalom, with six starters, took place the following day on a slope some twenty minutes' walk from Grindelwald. It was a most excellent slalom set by Herr Ernest Gertsch, being both long and steep and entailing perfect control and quick decision, and falling or missing a flag meant a long climb up again. Frl. Rüegg skied beautifully and came in 1st, with Frl. Osirnig a good second and Miss Kessler 3rd. Only the first eight in the straight race qualified

to enter for the slalom.

There was much excitement over the final results, as there was such a small margin between Frl. Rüegg and Miss Kessler, and every amateur mathematician strove manfully with the logarithm table, everyone with different results. There was great pleasure in the English camp when the official results at last came through, and it was found that Miss Kessler had carried off the Swiss Championship.

ON SKI FROM ANDERMATT TO ST. ANTON-AM-ARLBERG.

By Marjorie Greenland.

Ir was the end of the season at Andermatt and two of us were leaving for St. Anton-am-Arlberg, Austria. The weather was so fine that we decided to send our luggage by train and go over the mountains. Miggi (guide) insisted on coming too, and very glad we were to have him with us; he was the life and soul of the party, making friends wherever we went and obtaining information and many useful tips; last but not least he carried in his immense ruck-sack a large bottle of cognac, which he poured with liberal profusion into our tea, or produced to cheer us on our way, if we felt weary on a long climb!

And so the three of us left Andermatt on March 15th, a day of glorious sunshine. It was a hot climb to Nätschen—the railway having long ago ceased to run—we had a cup of coffee while unskinning at Oberalp, and then through the pass and down to Sedrun, an easy but very pleasant descent, mostly of the gentle sehuss variety. At Sedrun the snow was almost ended, and we took the train down the long valley to Chur, and from there to Langwies, which we reached about 10 p.m. Miggi knew a nice gasthaus, to which, up a steep little hill, he led us, in the brilliant

starlit night.

We made an early start next day for the Weisfluhjoch. Miggi had elicited the information that the Strela Pass was unsafe, so we were forced to follow the Fondaithal. Our way led us through some woods where we spotted a chamois standing motionless on the rocks above us; it stood there intently watching us, seemingly a rather fat and overfed chamois, till Miggi shouted and it bounded away. We clambered over some immense avalanches that morning, some of them only down within the previous forty-eight hours; then we passed through some good ski-ing country. It seemed to be a particularly hot and tiring climb, but we reached Weisfluhjoch at last, and then came the glorious Parsenn run to Kublis.

We decided to spend two nights in Klosters so as to have a whole day for Parsenn running. This idea did not appeal to Miggi at all: "Oh, it's all right to do once," said he, "but it is only a bob-run after all—it's not worth the railway fare." So he spent the day playing cards without us. That evening it got warm, and the weather looked like breaking. Monday morning was slightly better and we were away by 6.30, and seven hours later arrived, somewhat weary, at the Silvrettahaus. For the last half hour we climbed in a very bad light, and before we reached the hut it was snowing. But the next day was fine. An easy three-hour climb up to Silvretta Pass and down the Grosse Fermunt Glacier into Austria—a very simple frontier crossing this—with neither guard nor douane. The glacier itself was somewhat wind blown, and we were glad of the powdering of newly fallen snow; just before we

reached the seracs a very large ice-fall crashed down unpleasantly near to us. We had some good running that day, called a halt at the Wiesbaden Hütte, and spent the night at Galtur. We left Galtur at 6.30 next morning, and bitterly cold it was; carrying ski for about an hour and a half our hands were nearly bitten off. At last we got out into the sunshine, and coffee at a delightful spot called Zeinisjoch completed the warming process; then on up to Heilbronner Hütte for lunch, where the girl who waited on us asked whether we would like "ham and eggs" (these words said in English) and when we assented, asked, "Mit oder ohne Eier?" (with or without eggs?)

A good descent from the Hut, and then a long trudge down the narrow Schönfervall Tal, clambering over countless old avalanches, and so to St. Anton, where, very weary after a good ten-hour day, and six days on ski, we consumed the last dregs of Miggi's splendid

bottle of cognac in our tea!

I will sum up with the last note in my diary for March 20th: "End of a splendid tour, good weather, good snow, good running."

SKI-ING WITHOUT SNOW.

By PAMELA TOPHAM.

During the hot summer months when snow seems a thing of the distant past, I have been ski-ing on the downs of England. Not, however, on snow, but on the dry slippery down grass, which gives a smooth surface.

My ski were not of the usual length as approved in the ski-ing centres of the Alps, but only about two feet long, and the bindings would have appalled the veriest beginner on ski, being shoes screwed on to the ski with four screws on the flat of the sole. However, the sport was exciting enough. Starting on a gentle slope the pace was slow, but as I got braver I took to steeper slopes and got a very definite feeling of ski-ing and of speed.

I then tried some turns and found I could manage downhill Christianias both ways and stop Christianias at the bottom. I asked a friend who had never been on ski to try them and the result was definitely satisfactory. In a few minutes he was taking quite steep slopes and was getting into a good ski-ing position. You could see that he was getting the feel of the ski and correct balance of weight.

I foresee a large field of conjecture as to the best form of "wax" for the grass slopes, but we contented ourselves with ordinary furniture polish applied with a large proportion of elbow grease.

For anyone who is wishing to lose weight or feels she is taking insufficient exercise during the summer months, I strongly advise her to take a pair of these miniature ski to the nearest downs and spend an hour going up and down the slopes. It is most exhausting, but there is the satisfaction of feeling the ski-ing muscles coming into play again after long months of inaction, and some of the exhilaration of the first run of the season down the nursery slopes.

THE IRON CONTROVERSY.

By RHONA HENNIKER-HUGHAN.

When once the cable of iron has cast its shadow across a mountain, then, as surely as the echo is aroused from a gunshot fired in a rocky valley, will arise controversy—a controversy furthermore that is violent in its extremes and fervent in its very consistency.

For there, in the lounges and dance halls of the fashionable and most expensive hotels, across the polished wooden tables of the smallest and smokiest cafes, around the cruets and slightly soiled table cloths of the cheapest yet most select pensions, even let it be said from the deepest armchairs of the oldest and most exclusive clubs in England will "Climbers" rise in their wrath to condemn and denounce "Bob Bahners," and "Tourers" throw their perfidy in the teeth of "Racers." The air will be rent by the well known slogans of "leave the mountains alone: they were not made for lounge lizards or speed fans," and the answering note, "We have no time or patience for climbing and what do we want with the deep soft snow."

The fact remains, however, that a few of us who do not feel too strongly on either subject can indulge in both branches of the said sport to quite a large degree from one and the same centre, and this let it be added to no great detriment to either—rather in fact to the advantage of both. For, by all it must be admitted that climbing, though it may make for a less degree of running, strengthens the legs, loosens and warms the limbs and produces a degree of fitness difficult to attain by the other method; furthermore it opens a wider field in experience, snowcraft and skill under varying and difficult conditions.

On the other hand it is only on beaten snow and well known tracks that high speed running can be really acquired and for this the funicular and cable railways are valuable assets. While it must not be forgotten that they are also useful adjuncts to those who are physically unfitted for the more strenuous side and to others who by their lives and professions are limited to few and short visits. Let us who have the power, take advantage of both therefore and by their very contrast derive the fullest satisfaction from each. It is not for me to declare here at length upon the joys and triumphs derived from turning off the beaten track. All I dare put forward is the plea that there is a satisfaction to be gained from looking back up a mountain side lately descended knowing that it has been climbed as well. I can speak feelingly of many torments suffered from heat, cold and exhaustion but the excitement of putting one's ski to the purpose for which they were originally intended, the interest derived from new and unknown country and the rapture of untracked slopes of snow are each in their own way compensations.

Who is to say, however, that there are no hardships to be endured and corresponding triumphs to be won from funicular

ski-ing also? Who decided it has never waited two hours in a crowded station on a fine day watching for his or her number to go up and then had to wedge his way towards the goal by sheer force of weight or shrill power of inventive; can never have blanched with fury at the utter depravity of cads who cheat with "Reserves" or suffered the agonies of the damned from losing his own skis or sticks in the crush or been tortured with the worse thought of having come away with somebody else's, or have gloried with warmth and courage in the crowd and shelter below and shivered in fear and misery at the cold and danger above. No, Bahn ski-ing cannot be said to be lacking in hardship and it must be accorded its triumphs as well. Firstly, it breeds "Racers" and to them must be handed the palm for courage, but to others who cannot aspire so high there are compensations as well. The journey for instance is alive with possibility. You may be leaned against by a "K," asked to pass the ticket of a "Gold," poked in the eye by the stick of a "speed snob," or even have your toe stubbed by

Then comes the rush from the station, the scramble for the start, and lastly the glorious race for the finish with cold fear in the pit of your stomach and a sensation of speed tingling through your limbs and veins. Such is Bahn ski-ing—lazy, if you like; monotonous—perhaps! Extravagant, always—but dangerous, exhilarating, delicious and sublime.

The battle rages on, I have done nothing to allay it, only pleaded that neither should be condemned before both have been fairly tried.

For a long time still there will be snowclad mountains, untouched and untainted by the hand of man, requiring skill, strength and perseverance to conquer them. Whereas, wherever and whenever that cable of iron has once thrown its shadow across a mountain, there will man return to take his pleasure, not singly but in numbers.

A NEW USE FOR OLD SKI.

To the Editor of the LADIES' SKI CLUB BULLETIN.

Madam,—The feasibility of the project I am about to present to you depends upon Newton's Law of Motion, with which I am not well acquainted, and so would like to enlist the help of your more scientific readers.

I understand that two lead balls of unequal weight, when dropped by Galileo from the Leaning Tower of Pisa for experimental purposes, arrived at the bottom together; thus confuting Aristotle who said that the heavier ball would get there first. Newton then went a stage further and laid down the law about it, saying that a heavy body and a light body would always fall at the same rate as each other. He even went so far as to say how fast they would fall (i.e. 32 feet per second, that is to say 32 feet in each second more than in the second before).

Yet, would a fat ski runner and a thin ski runner of equal proficiency, given a geschmozzle start down a hard snow slope, arrive at the bottom at the same time? (We will leave out the question of wax.) Surely they would not. But according to Newton, why should they not?

For the sake of argument let us suppose that they will not descend at the same rate as each other. Let us take it that the heavier runner will be the faster. Well then, can any of your readers inform me whether a runaway ski will travel at a faster rate than a ski runner setting off in chase of it, provided of course that he follows the same course and avoids all semblance of stemming or other braking methods? If our first supposition is correct we can take it that, in the second case, the ski runner will be faster on his ski than is the unladen odd ski. If this is so my plan will work, otherwise it won't.

The plan is this. Take an old odd ski. Screw into the top of its rear end a small brass ring. Into this ring insert a piece of string and fix it firmly thereto. The string should be 36 inches in length. To the free end tie a brightly coloured fully inflated penny balloon (60 centimes in Switzerland). Now choose a long steep slope and launch your single odd old ski from the top. It will immediately make for the bottom by the most direct route, the balloon following in a rather less direct manner. Having given your old odd ski about ten yards start, push off yourself with all possible speed, also by the most direct route. Hold your right ski stick (if right-handed) above your head at "the ready" and on overhauling the elusive appendage in the wake of the escaping ski, thrust viciously with the stick point. If your aim is good you will be rewarded by a satisfactory explosion from the wounded balloon. If you miss, you will fall on your face. You will probably do this in any case.

Regular exercise in this pursuit will improve your straight running considerably, but it is inadvisable to try it on a frequented practice slope as your quarry is liable to make its own kill before you come up with it. In any case it is a good thing to pad the point of your ski, however old or odd it may be, as should it escape you and reach the bottom first it may hurl itself at some hard obstruction and be of no use to you thereafter.

I shall be interested to hear from your readers who have made any experiments on these lines.

Yours truly, "Agnes Churer."

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