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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Always when a skiing season finally arrives there remains so much left undone that we wonder if ever our preliminary work will be completed in the way that we should like to have it. Yet this year, thanks to the State Forest Service, the Town of Stowe, and our Trails Committee, we begin the winter with more satisfaction than ever before.

People who visit Mt. Mansfield only during ski time constantly reproach us with queries of why didn't we do this or that, little realizing the amount of time and thought that has been devoted to preparing the various facilities for winter use. But progress, even though small, is good, and though many things need improving we can dig out our skis with the knowledge that at least we shall be able to use them more enjoyably than in the past.

Perhaps our greatest deficiency has been in utilizing the enthusiasm of many members who are only too ready to help us but whom for one reason or another we have missed. This unfortunate condition is inevitable in a club with membership composed of people living in such widely separated communities. Please do not think of it as intentional neglect, however, for you will be welcomed in any of the Club activities in which you may wish to become engaged.

And now for a hard winter.

William V. Mason

MEMBERSHIP

If you have not done so, will you please send your dues promptly to the membership secretary. It will be of tremendous help if all returns are in by the first of the year. The Club's coffers are not too full just now, and your dollar will keep a stray draft from blowing through the cracks.

Have you ever thought of giving a ski club membership for a Christmas present? Send a dollar to the membership secretary, with the recipient's name and address, together with a note to the effect that you would like the card mailed directly to you. Until the 25th all bulletins and notices likewise will be sent to you to be turned over later with the present, and after that the new member will be placed on our regular mailing list. An application blank for this kind of gift is attached at the end of the bulletin.

We feel that this gift membership idea is pretty clever, but for heaven's sake don't strain our business resources by sending us the names of present members unless you are willing to be responsible for the resulting confusion. It's new members we want, pal, and we don't care whether they are blonds or brunettes.

#### DEVELOPMENTS

A complete descriptive list of all ski trails on the eastern side of Mt. Mansfield, as well as a map of the region, is being prepared by the Trails Committee. It will be sent you within a few weeks.

All of last winter's trails have been brushed out and otherwise improved. The Nose Dive, in particular, has been worked over with the idea of making it a more versatile racing run. Among new developments is the Perry Merrill Run (named for Vermont's State Forester), an experimental intermediate type trail designed to enforce controlled skiing, yet permit continuous running. It climbs from the foot of the Nose Dive to Taft Lodge at 3700 feet, and should prove of interest for ski-mountaineering as it gives access to the steep open slopes in the Chin area.

In the Ranch Valley the Steeple Run has been cut up the north facing slope to the top of the ridge above Lake Mansfield, with a connecting trail along the ridge to the Edson and Nebraska trails. Because of its location and smoothness, this run should provide the latest spring skiing in the region. Notable among new touring trails is a loop to Wade pasture, a fine open area on the eastern side of the Sterling range.

The CCC has completed a 200 car parking area at the foot of the Nose Dive, and have cleared an open practice slope adjacent to it on which a ski tow is being installed.

#### MT. MANSFIELD SKI SCHOOL

The incomparable Sepp Ruschp has brought the little woman back from Austria with him, and they will be in residence at the Toll House which again will be headquarters for the Mt. Mansfield Ski School under his direction. Besides being an Austrian State Qualified Ski Instructor, Sepp is a graduate of the renowned Hannes Schneider, and if you don't sign up for a course of lessons from him you had better trade in your skis for a pair of snowshoes. Those who took lessons last winter realize how immeasurably their enjoyment increased as a result.

Rates will be \$5.00 for a course of ten lessons in classes of about ten or more, and a dollar for single lessons either privately or in small groups. Instruction also is available on certain evenings each week for communities having a lighted hill and at least four or five classes guaranteed. Write or call Sepp Ruschp, c/o Turks in Burlington, or the Toll House in Stowe, for information and reservations.

#### NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING

There will be a general meeting of the Club on Thursday evening, Dec. 16, 1937, in the Memorial Building at Stowe at 7.30. Please make a point of being present, if possible.

STOWE-MT. MANSFIELD ASSOCIATION

No non-commercial ski club such as ours can hope to realize all the potentialities of a sporting development without the cooperation of the community which centers in the region. For our part we are fortunate in having the good will of a town like Stowe back of us. Not only did the townspeople appropriate money to assist us in trail maintenance this fall, but those among them who cater to skiers have organized a community group under the name of the Stowe-Mt. Mansfield Association to handle such commercial phases of winter sports as accommodations and transportation which are outside our jurisdiction.

The officers of the association are: president- Dr. H. W. Burrows, vice-president- H. L. Poor, secretary-treasurer- Mrs. E. B. Gale, with the following executive committee. Dr. Burrows, John Herrick, Leon Bodman, Dr. Marguerite Lichtenhauer, Robert Isham, Earl Grue and Craig Burt. The housing committee will be directed by Charles A. Riley and Clyde Chase, while transportation facilities are in charge of Rene Couture.

Contributions to the Association at so much per guest per night will be paid by those lodging skiers, and this money will be used to defray the expenses of the Association. The surplus, if any, will be turned over to the Club for trail maintenance.

NOTES

The officers and directors of the Club for 1937-8 are:

President	William V. Mason, Waterbury
Vice-president	Howard H. Prestwich, Burlington
Secretary	W. W. Coleman, Montpelier
Treasurer	George W. Gale, Stowe
Directors	Craig O. Burt, Stowe Franklin E. Griffin, Stowe Charles D. Lord, Waterbury H. L. Burton, New York J. N. Cooke, Burlington Albert W. Gottlieb, Stowe Ralph Smith, Barre

Committee chairmen and other appointments follow:

Trails and Cabins	Charles D. Lord
Senior Competitions	Franklin E. Griffin
Junior Competitions	Howard H. Prestwich
Ski Patrol	Craig O. Burt (acting)
Social	Mrs. Gale Shaw, Stowe
Excursions	(no appointment)
Bulletin Editor	A. W. Coleman
Membership Secretary	Miss Margaret L. Woods, Waterbury

Orders for Club pins (\$1.00) and badges (\$0.50) should be sent with your money to Miss Lillian Porcan, c/o Turks, Burlington, Vt.

Contributions for the Bulletin should be sent to the editor, Mrs. W. Coleman, 25 Liberty St., Montpelier, Vt., who immediately will fall into a dead faint from the sheer surprise of it all. Incidentally, it's a wonderful opportunity to break into print with a credit line and everything, for the editor knows of two members now who read the Bulletin actually from beginning to end.

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#### APPLICATION FOR CHRISTMAS GIFT MEMBERSHIP

Miss Margaret L. Woods  
102 South Main Street  
Waterbury, Vermont

Please record the names appearing below as members of the Mt. Mansfield Ski Club, and send their cards to me. The 1937-8 dues are enclosed.

_____ (Your name)	_____ (Your address)
_____ (New member's name)	_____ (New member's name)
_____ (Address)	_____ (Address)
_____ (City) _____ (State)	_____ (City) _____ (State)

(Please print all names and addresses clearly.)