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and a
Happy New Year

SKI TALK

By WILLI KLEIN, *Indian Lake Ski Pro*

The snow we had a few weeks ago was here and gone before most skiers had a chance to get ready. But let's be optimistic. We'll be skiing again real soon.

Some people think skiing is an expensive sport. It's not. The important thing is having the right equipment. This does not necessarily mean having the best. Your equipment should be fitted to your own particular needs based on how much skiing you actually do, and how proficient you are. Beginners are often misled about skiing being expensive because they usually make inquiries with their friends who have been skiing for some time and probably just recently bought better equipment. Consequently, the beginner gets discouraged, but really doesn't know the whole story.

If you're just a beginner in skiing, and want to have your own equipment, then start with a pair of boots. Properly fitted, boots should be snug, yet comfortable. But there's more to consider than just the fit. Again, here's where it's important to know your particular needs so you can be fitted properly. For example, there are boots designed for competitive skiers, experienced skiers and the recreational skier, or the occasional skier. Of course, prices vary accordingly. The same thing holds true for skis and other equipment. Don't be afraid to ask questions when you decide to buy your own equipment. You'll enjoy skiing much more knowing you bought the right equipment.

Don't forget to come out for the ski racing time trials Saturday, January 27. The championship races will be held in February. Now's the time to get in shape.

Big Weekend Set For New Year's

Reservations are still being accepted for the gala New Year's Eve weekend of December 30th and 31st. Indian Lakers have the choice of celebrating New Year's either Saturday or Sunday, or both (for those who can stand it).

The "Big Deal" for either night includes a dinner, bottle of your favorite liquor and breakfast for only \$30.00 per couple.

There will be dancing both nights. (For some, probably continuous). Make your reservations now.

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Is There a Santa Claus?

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge . . .

Not believe in Santa Claus? You might as well not believe in fairy tales . . .

No Santa Claus! Thank God, he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

(First published in The New York Sun, September 21, 1897, in reply to an inquiry from Virginia O'Hanlon).

To leave the old with a burst of song,
To recall the right and forgive the wrong;
To forget the thing that binds you fast
To the vain regrets of the year that's past.

—*Way to a Happy New Year*

Ski School Registration Still Open

Applications are still being accepted for the Indian Lake Ski School, which will get into full swing the first good weekend of skiing.

The ski slopes were open Friday and Saturday, December 1st and 2nd, but freezing rain Saturday night forced a closing for Sunday.

Willi Klein, Ski School Director, said the number of applications received to date has been encouraging, and he's looking forward to an active ski school this winter. Willi also urges all those who haven't signed up for ski lessons to do so now.

It's not necessary to indicate exactly when you will be available for your lessons. All that's necessary now is to indicate your intentions of taking ski lessons so definite plans can be made for instructors.

Ski school rates are as follows: one hour class—\$3.00 adult and \$2.00 children; one hour private—\$8.00. Classes are held at 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. every Saturday and Sunday, depending upon skiing conditions.

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Yes, I plan to take skiing lessons this winter.

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Tryouts Set for Ski Racing Team

Boys and girls between the ages of 11 to 17 are eligible for a spot on Indian Lake's junior racing team. Youngsters interested in trying out can sign up in the ski pro shop. Eliminations will be held at Indian Lake prior to any scheduled competitive events with other ski areas. All coaching will be done by Willi Klein.

STUDY SHOWS COUNTRY CLUB MEMBERSHIP COSTS CONTINUE TO RISE

LODGE MEMBERSHIP (Season Pass) EXTREMELY LOW COMPARED TO NATIONAL AVERAGE

Indian Lake Property Owners Have More Facilities; Lodge Membership Economical Means of Protecting Investment

Average private country club membership dues rose to \$497 in 1967. That's what a prominent Chicago accounting firm came up with after an extensive study of country club costs, which included golf course maintenance. The \$497 average membership cost represents an increase of 15.3 per cent over the 1966 figure of \$431. The study was done on a national basis.

While Indian Lake Lodge is not a country club in a strict sense with its membership policy, it is, nevertheless, a private club organized and operated in the best interests of all Indian Lake property owners. Its support then, in terms of membership, should naturally come from the property owners.

Why so much talk the past year about Lodge membership (season pass)? Well, it's this cost/value relationship that makes a membership in Indian Lake Lodge so much more worthwhile than in private country clubs. For \$150 a year, an Indian Lake family has unlimited use of the 9-hole golf course, ski slopes (unheard of at country clubs), tennis court and year-round swimming pool (not too common at country clubs). This is far superior to what members receive for that \$497 national average membership cost. In addition, some country clubs have extra fees for children's membership, or swimming privileges.

But one thing country clubs can enforce is membership dues. They also have the advantage of being able to assess their members in order to continue providing the services. Members either

Parallels Arnold Palmer Fairway

New Airstrip Under Construction

Construction is under way on a new 4000-foot paved airstrip and 1000-foot extension of the existing 3000-foot runway at Indian Lake Air Park.

The new airstrip will parallel No. 14 fairway of the new 18-hole championship golf course which is being built under the direction of Arnold Palmer. When completed, the southeast end of the new airstrip will be located between No. 13 green and the trap-and-skeet shooting center. The back nine holes of the new golf course surrounds the air-park complex.

Rough grading and construction of the runway base is expected to be completed by April, 1968. Plans now call for paving to begin in May and the new airstrip open to traffic by June, 1968. Robert Glessner, Berlin, Pennsylvania, is general contractor for the \$100,000.00 project.

In addition to airstrips, facilities at Indian Lake Air-Park include a unicom system, maintenance and fuel service center and ground school and flight training for private, multi-engine, commercial and instrument ratings. The air-park, licensed by the Federal Aviation Agency, opened to traffic in November, 1966.

pay, or they don't belong. Not so at Indian Lake. Property owners have the option of paying the full \$150 membership (season pass), or paying daily fees while using the different facilities.

Under this arrangement it's difficult to have 100% support through memberships. However, response to recent appeals has been encouraging. But there's a long way to go yet in getting the support from all property owners.

Again, why all the fuss? Well, when asked to support the Lodge with a membership (season pass), it's really not fair to equate the number of times you use the facilities with the \$150 cost. Maybe it's not fair either to compare the \$150 membership in Indian Lake Lodge with the \$497 national average cost for private country clubs.

But one fact is obvious. The \$150 membership in the Lodge is an economical means of protecting your investment as a property owner at Indian Lake.

Christmas Joy

The universal joy of Christmas is certainly wonderful. We ring the bells when princes are born, or toll a mournful dirge when great men pass away. Nations have their red-letter days, their carnivals and festivals, but once in the year and only once, the whole world stands still to celebrate the advent of a life. Only Jesus of Nazareth claims this world-wide, undying remembrance. You cannot cut Christmas out of the Calendar, nor out of the heart of the world.

—Anonymous

"Win Your Wings" Booklet Available At Air Park

A condensed, 8-page, full color booklet entitled, "Win Your Wings in a Beechcraft" is available to prospective student pilots from Indian Lake Air Park.

The booklet is a step-by-step guide to obtaining a private pilot's license. It begins with enrolling in the flying school and ends with comments on the tests given by the Federal Aviation Agency.

Step IV in the booklet deals with the fundamentals of flying. There's a brief explanation of why an airplane flies. "Most people assume that an airplane flies because air pushes up against the bottom of the moving wing, like water raises the front of a surfboard. This is partially true, but by far the most important source of lift is a partial vacuum created at the top of the wing. The wing's special shape causes the flowing air to create a lower pressure at the top than at the bottom. Thus, the airplane is lifted up into a partial vacuum."

Free copy of this booklet is available by writing Indian Lake Air Park, R. D. 1, Central City, Pennsylvania 15926. Or, call Don Wonders at 814-754-5159.

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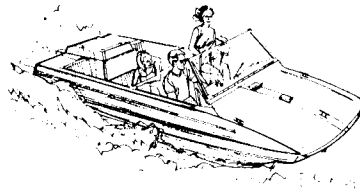
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'Twas the Night Before Christmas

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house,
 Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse;
 The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,
 In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there;
 The children were nestled all snug in their beds,
 While visions of sugar plums danced through their heads;
 And mama in her kerchief and I in my cap
 Had settled our brains for a long winter's nap—
 When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,
 I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter;
 Away to the window I flew in a flash,
 Tore open the shutter and threw up the sash;
 The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow
 Gave the luster of midday to objects below.
 When what to my wondering eyes should appear
 But a miniature sleigh and eight tiny reindeer,
 With a little old driver, so lively and quick,
 That I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick;
 More rapid than eagles his coursers they came,
 And he whistled and shouted and called them by name:
 "Now Dasher, now Dancer, now Prancer, now Vixen!
 On Comet, on Cupid, on Donner and Blitzen!
 To the top of the porch, to the top of the wall!
 Now dash away, dash away, dash away all!"
 As leaves that before the wild hurricane fly,
 When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky,
 So up to the housetops the coursers they flew
 With the sleigh full of toys—and St. Nicholas, too;
 And then in a twinkling I heard on the roof
 The prancing and pawing of each little hoof;
 As I drew in my head and was turning around,
 Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound;
 He was dressed all in fur, from his head to his foot,
 And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot;
 A bundle of toys he had flung on his back,
 And he looked like a peddler just opening his pack;
 His eyes, how they twinkled, his dimples, how merry,
 His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry;
 His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow
 And the beard on his chin was as white as the snow;
 The stump of his pipe he held tight in his teeth,
 And the smoke it encircled his head like a wreath;
 He had a broad face and a little round belly
 That shook when he laughed like a bowlful of jelly!
 He was chubby and plump, a right jolly elf,
 And I laughed when I saw him in spite of myself.
 A wink of his eyes and a twist of his head
 Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread.
 He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,
 And filled all the stockings—then turned with a jerk,
 And laying his finger aside of his nose
 And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose—
 He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle,
 And away they all flew like the down of a thistle,
 But I heard him exclaim ere he drove out of sight:
 "Happy Christmas to all and to all a goodnight."

Teen-age Dance December 27th

A teen-age Christmas Holiday Dance will be held at Indian Lake Lodge Wednesday, December 27. Highlight of the evening will be a battle of the bands featuring several favorite groups.

Admission price of \$1.50 single or \$2.50 per couple includes sloppy Joe sandwich, coke and potato chips. Dancing starts at 9:00 p. m.

O Little Town of Bethlehem

by PHILLIPS BROOKS

O little town of Bethlehem!
 How still we see thee lie;
 Above thy deep and dreamless sleep,
 The silent stars go by.
 Yet, in thy dark street shineth
 The everlasting Light:
 The hopes and fears of all the years,
 Are met in thee, tonight.

How silently, how silently,
 The wondrous gift is given!
 So God imparts to human hearts,
 The blessings of His Heaven.
 No ear may hear His coming,
 But in this world of sin,
 When meek souls will receive Him still,
 The dear Christ enters in.

O Holy Child of Bethlehem!
 Descend to us, we pray;
 Cast out our sin and enter in
 Be born in us today.
 We hear the Christmas angels
 The great glad tidings tell;
 Oh come to us, abide with us,
 Our Lord Emmanuel.

Everywhere, everywhere, Christmas
 tonight!

Christmas in lands of the fir-tree
 and pine,

Christmas in lands of the palm-tree
 and vine;

Christmas where snow-peaks stand
 solemn and white,

Christmas where corn-fields lie
 sunny and bright.

—A Christmas Carol

You can make a hit with your favorite local club or business organization by scheduling an outing or dinner meeting at Indian Lake Lodge. There are many variations of dinners and recreational activities to suit every type of group. Special group rates are available.



Fundamentals of Trap And Skeet Start Next Month in Smoke Signal

A new column, dealing with the Fundamentals of Claybird Shooting—Trap and Skeet, will begin in the January issue of THE SMOKE SIGNAL.

Purpose of the column is to acquaint new shooters with fundamental principles and accepted techniques of shooting clay targets. Breaking a fast-moving clay target is the main objective in the fun-filled sport of claybird shooting. To the beginner, it may look difficult. But, it's relatively easy—if you're willing to learn the basic principles and then practice at every opportunity.

Some of the points to be covered are: (1) Proper Stance, (2) Correct Gun Mounting, (3) Sight Alignment, (4) Leading the Target and (5) The Importance of Swing and Follow Through.

The fundamentals covered will relate to trap and skeet. Trap shooting dates as far back as 1750. At that time it was well established in England. Skeet shooting originated in America about 1920. The word "skeet" is a Scandinavian word for "shoot".

The targets are the same for both trap and skeet. Beyond this, the two sports are considerably different.

Watch for this informative new series on claybird shooting beginning next month in THE SMOKE SIGNAL.

Next Show Feb. 3rd

Variety Shows to Continue in 1968

Members (season pass holders) of Indian Lake Lodge and their guests will be in for more enjoyable entertainment in 1968. The Lodge will continue its program of special entertainment beginning Saturday, February 3rd. Featured performers for the Variety Show will include Comedian Sonny Day and singing and dancing star, Elaina.

Jimmy Russell and Bill Schaefer again will be on hand playing your favorite dinner music. Nicky and his Men of Rhythm, and The Melody Men will provide dance music.

Floor shows will be presented in each dining room. Please make reservations early.

Contest Ends Dec. 31

Sponsors Still Have Time to Introduce Prospective Property Owners in Referral Contest

3 Top Sponsors to Receive Expense Paid Vacations At Arnold Palmer's Island Inn, Bahamas

Indian Lakers have a few more days yet to introduce prospective property owners to Indian Lake and, hopefully gain some ground towards winning one of the big prizes in the referral contest. The contest closes December 31.

It's not necessary for you, as a sponsor, to be present when prospective buyers come to Indian Lake. To be sure of being credited with points, just telephone ahead and let Indian Lake know you are sending someone up to look at property.

For every new property owner, sponsors receive 100 points. If the property purchased is along the fairways of the new Arnold Palmer designed 18-hole championship golf course, there's a 50 point bonus. In addition, sponsors receive \$100.00 gift certificates. Total number of points will determine winners.

The three top sponsors of new property owners will receive all expense paid vacations for 2 to Eleuthera Island, Bahamas. This will include jet flights on TWA and Pan American Airways, plus rooms and meals for 7 days and 6 nights at Arnold Palmer's Island Inn.

Winners who are members (season pass holder) of Indian Lake Lodge will receive an added bonus. First place winner gets 2 complete ski outfits, which includes skis, poles, boots and parkas. Second place winner gets 2 pair of ski boots, and the third place winner will receive 2 ski parkas.

Experience a new kind of vacation. Win one of the 3 expense paid trips to Arnold Palmer's Island Inn in the Bahamas.

A Beautiful Christmas Custom

There are many pretty customs which are observed at Christmas-time in different countries. One of the prettiest of these customs is thus described by a traveler in Sweden. He writes:

"One wintry afternoon at Christmas-tide I had been skating on a pretty lake three miles from Gothenburg. On my way home I noticed that at every farmer's house there was erected, in the middle of the dooryard, a pole, to the top of which was bound a large, full sheaf of grain.

"'Why is this?' I asked my companion. "'Oh, that's for the birds,' he answered, 'for the little wild birds. They must have a merry Christmas, too, you know.'

"Yes, so it is; not a peasant in Sweden will sit down with his children to a Christmas dinner, indoors, till he has first raised aloft a Christmas dinner for the little birds that live in the cold and snow without."

Arnold Palmer on Golf's All-America

Arnold Palmer was voted best driver by his fellow pros and won that position on GOLF'S 1967 All-America. Other pros selected were as follows: Jack Nicklaus, Long Irons; Gary Player, Fairway Woods; Dan Sikes, Middle Irons; Doug Sanders, Short Irons; Billy Casper, Pitching Wedge; Julius Boros, Sand Wedge and Frank Beard, Putter.

Palmer was pleased with the recognition given him by the other pros and GOLF Magazine. However, he still thinks he can do better off the tee. His reasoning is: "I don't think any golfer worth his salt ever feels completely satisfied with his game, no matter how well he happens to be playing at the time. I certainly never have been and doubt if I ever will. There always is room for improvement—in technique, application and even equipment. If you don't strive for perfection, you risk a lapse into complacency."

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INDIAN LAKE LODGE
CENTRAL CITY, PA. 15926

Indian Lake Lodge Social Schedule

Saturday, December 23—

CHRISTMAS PARTIES—Children's at 2 p.m. in the Wigwam Room. (Bring a \$1.00 exchange gift). Adult party during evening's dinner-dance. (\$1.00 gift).

Jimmy Russell plays for your dining pleasure; The Melody Men for dancing.

Sunday & Monday, December 24 & 25—

Merry Christmas. The Lodge will close at 2 p.m. Sunday and reopen Tuesday morning.

The Lodge will not be open Monday, December 25.

Saturday & Sunday, December 30 & 31—

NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATION. Dinner, bottle of your favorite liquor and breakfast for only \$30.00. There will be dancing both nights, so make reservations for either of the two evenings.

Saturday, January 6—

Evening of dining and dancing.

Sunday, January 7—

Family style dinner or buffet served from noon to 7 p.m.

Saturday, January 13—

Evening of dining and dancing.

Sunday, January 14—

Family style dinner or buffet served from noon to 7 p.m.

Saturday, January 20—

Snow Ball Dance—(Details to be mailed at later date).

Sunday, January 21—

Family style dinner or buffet served from noon to 7 p.m.

Saturday, January 27—

Ski Racing Time Trials—3 p.m. (Depending upon skiing conditions). Evening of dining and dancing.

Sunday, January 28—

Family style dinner or buffet served from noon to 7 p.m.

Saturday, February 3—

VARIETY SHOW. Featured performers include Comedian, Sonny Day, and singing and dancing star, Elainea. Make reservations early.

ARNIE'S SCOREBOARD

Tour Statistics Up To Sahara Invitational, October 26

Player	Events*	Win	Place	Show	Scoring Average	Official Money*	Aver. Per Off. Tourn.	Unofficial Money*	Total Money*
Arnold Palmer	23	5	1	1	70.91	\$184,063.00	\$8,686.38	\$22,522.00	\$206,585.00

* Number of Events, Official and Unofficial Money and Total Money are up to and include Hawaiian Open, November 5. Other statistics are up to Sahara Invitational, October 26.

Wednesday, December 27—

Teen-age Dance, 9 p.m. \$1.50 single —\$2.50 couple. Includes sandwich, coke and potato chips.