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Gillette Canada Ltd./Ltée est très heureuse d'être associée au premier Championnat de ski de fond de World Masters, et honorée qu'on l'ait désigné sous le nom de World Masters de Gillette.

La Compagnie Gillette a participé à tous les sports, amateurs et professionnels, dans le monde entier, et notre participation au Club de Ski Viking et au World Masters est un autre exemple, parmi tant d'autres, de notre intérêt dans le ski de fond.

Nous aimerions souhaiter à tous et chacun de vos compétiteurs et organisateurs un championnat des mieux réussis. Nous espérons que notre appui vous encouragera à faire de World Masters un évènement sportif annuel.

Gillette Canada Ltd./Ltée is most pleased to be associated with the 1st World Masters Cross-Country Ski Championships, and honoured that it is being called the Gillette World Masters.

Gillette has been involved with both amateur and professional sports around the world, and our involvement with the Viking Ski Club and the World Masters exemplifies our interest in cross-country skiing.

We would like to wish all of you--competitors and organizers--a very successful competition.

We hope that our support will encourage you to make the World Masters an annual event.

D. R. Preston
 President



DAILY PROGRAM

Monday, February 4	10.30 to 17.00	Registration: Viking Ski Club
Tuesday, February 5	10.00 to 14.00 10.00 to 15.30 16.00 17.00 to 19.00	Training Registration Start position draw Registration
Wednesday, February 6	10.00 10.30 11.30	Official Opening Womens 20km Mens 30km
Thursday, February 7		Rest Day
Friday, February 8	10.00 to 14.00 10.00 to 15.30 16.00	Training Registration Start position draw
Saturday, February 9	10.30 11.30 14.00 to 16.00 16.00 16.30 18.30 20.00	Womens 10km Mens 15km Relay team selection Relay start position draw Reception for Officials and invited Guests, Viking Club House. Banquet, Auberge Mont Gabriel, (Tickets \$15.00 per person) Awards Presentation, Individuals Auberge Mont Gabriel (Admission Free)
Sunday, February 10	11.00 13.00	Mens 3 x 10km Relay Relay Medal Presentation Closing Ceremony

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It is with the greatest pleasure that I send a greeting to all the participants in the World Masters Cross Country Ski Competitions, hosted by the Viking Ski Club in Morin Heights, Quebec, from February 6 to February 10, 1980.

Scandinavians and Canadians of Scandinavian descent have been amongst the pioneers of the rapid development of the ski sport in Canada. It is therefore natural that the Viking Ski Club should host these Championships.

I wish all participants the best of luck and a pleasant sojourn in the great country of Canada.

O.G. Bjurström, Consul General of Sweden

On behalf of the Norwegian Consul General and the Norwegian Community of Montreal, I send a warm welcome to the Norwegian participants in the First World Master Cross Country Ski Championship. Your names and feats in national and international competitions are still remembered by generations of Norwegians.

We are happy and proud to welcome you here in Canada and wish you all success in the forthcoming championships.

Finn Madsen, Consul General of Norway

BIENVENUE

**AU PREMIER CHAMPIONNAT MONDIAL
VETERAN**

BONNE CHANCE

A TOUS LES PARTICIPANTS



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WELCOME

**TO THE FIRST WORLD MASTERS
CHAMPIONSHIPS**

GOOD LUCK

TO ALL COMPETITORS



MORIN HEIGHTS

The story is told of a certain engineer named Mr. Morin who, with a party of assistants, was sent by the Provincial Government to survey this part of the Southern Laurentians, sometime prior to 1850. He engaged as his guide a certain Mr. Simon, a native Indian, whose name is perpetuated in the Rivière à Simon which winds its peaceful way through our village. The township itself was named after the engineer.

The name Morin Flats was given to this part of the Township which borders on the river, but was changed in 1911 to the more appropriate one of Morin Heights. A great many of the early settlers seem to have come here between 1850 — 1852, the English speaking settlers of Irish descent pushing their way in from the Lachute — Wentworth of Gore districts while the French speaking settlers came up from the St. Jerome — Ste. Eustache areas. It is hard for us today to conceive of the struggles of these determined people who came to this rugged wooded country with the expectation of earning a living through farming, and indeed many of them did become prosperous farmers. Practically every hundred acres was partially cleared for crops, although today close observation is required to trace the boundaries of former thriving farm lands; and, in many cases, the land has been reclaimed by scrub vegetation and bush.

The isolation, the difficulty of travelling, and communicating with areas of greater population, must at times have seemed overwhelming. Indeed, this area remained semi-isolated for part of the year well into the automobile age. The railway was an important link with centres such as St. Jerome and Montreal; and although modern roads and snow cleaning facilities have been taken for granted for years now, many members of the present day community regret the withdrawal of rail service approximately fifteen years ago as a shortsighted move on the part of the C.N.R. and the Government.

Be that as it may, whereas once hundreds of weekend and holiday visitors jammed the special ski trains to Morin, today hundreds more arrive in private cars and via autobus, to experience the joy of cross country and alpine skiing on the trails and hills within this township. Morin Heights is the starting point for more than a hundred miles of well marked ski trails, and even offers cross country skiing at night on the 2.5 km. lighted Jarvenin Trail located near the entrance to the village itself. Alpine skiing is popular at Bellevue Hills in the centre of the village and at Mont Christie only a few miles away. Little wonder that Morin Heights' population of approximately 1700 permanent year-round residents swells to many times that number as weekenders flock to their vacation homes which have sprouted like mushrooms on the hills surrounding the village.

The woods which once rang to the sound of the lumberjacks axe, and the fields which are no longer plowed, are now hosts to growing numbers of active people who seek pure fresh air, enjoyable exercise, and rewarding fun throughout the winter months.

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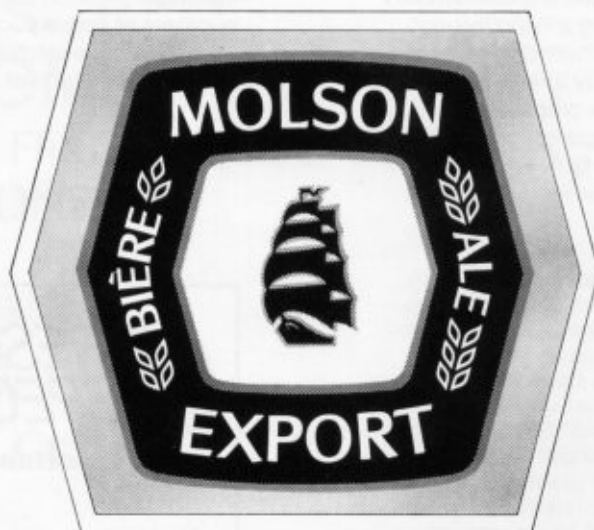
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PARTICIPANTS:

MEN – 35 to 39

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Jan Eisenloeffel
Stanley Eaman
William Gairdner
J.O. Catching
Jorgen Walle Hansen
Hans-Rudolf Speich
Frank Bartic
Jan Hansen
Eric Salkeld
David Steen
Carl Sandblom

USA P.J. Downey

NORWAY Jostein Hoel
Gjermund Eggen
Jo Eggen
Thorbjorn Langsrud

SWEDEN Gunnar Sarring

MEN – 40 to 44

CANADA Paul Lindsay
Kosti Uusikartano
Risto Santala
Peter Steele
Rudolf Kuzmider
Martin Visser
Richard Suttie

USA James Breasted
Ole Mosesen

NORWAY Jardar Sandstad
Per Gunnar Lien

SWEDEN Eje Hurtig
Ture Pettersson

SWITZERLAND Zbinden Niklaus

MEN – 45 to 49

CANADA Uuno Mutka
Henk Waterrevs
Kauko Riihiahio
Brian Powel
Victor Emery
Jim Quarles
Doug Anikin
Peter Kirby
Leo Weiss
Robert Korthalls

USA John Hart
Raimo Ahti
Robert Axtiel
Larry Damon

NORWAY Harald Gronningen

SWEDEN Bengt Eriksson
Valter Alama
Ingvar Johansson
Per Eric Andersson
Sven Broberg
Melvin Nyqvist

MEN – 50 to 54

CANADA George Stroempl
Ernest Roth
Elmer Ypya
Leo Lehtonen
Karl Kinanen
Pentti Thil
Beattie MacKenzie
Thor Vikstrom
Murry Lawrence
Dick Pearce

USA Remo Preuss
Claude Richer

NORWAY Eilif Hagen

SWEDEN Uno Sjodin
Lars Emnerud
Ragner Oberg
Ola Vikskrom

MEN – 55 to 59

CANADA Gosta Edvardsson
Matti Ruuska

USA John Burton

NORWAY Fritjof Krohn
Hans Petter Glenne
Bjarne Espas

SWEDEN Tage Josefsson
Helma Carlsson
Ragnar Bernhard

MEN – 60 to 64

CANADA Aarre Heikkila
James Gairdner
Rolf Hauge

NORWAY Eldar Hagen

SWEDEN Holger Hagglof
Hans Foselius
Harry Johansson
Sven Tibbling
Harry Ekesioo
Sven Elvenmark
Jack Wadin

MEN – 65 and over

CANADA Jack Wahlberg
Endel Karmo

NORWAY Edvard Nilsen
Fillip Nyrvold

SWEDEN Lennart Hakansson
Sven Spinnars
Clarence Atterday

WOMEN –

CANADA Lynn Pammets
Cecilia Roth
Betty Pearce
Rena Weiler
Marianne Weiss
Judy Korthalls
Lysette Visser

NORWAY Berit Modre

SWEDEN Inga-Britt Olsson



GJERMUND EGGEN
(born June 5, 1941)

Won 3 Gold medals in the 1966 World Championships (15km, 50km and relays)

Norwegian Champion at 30km and 50km.

Winner of the Finnish Ski Games 15km, Swedish Ski Games 30km and relays, and also the 30km Pre-Olympics.

Was awarded the "Morgan Bladet" award as Norwegian Athlete of the year.

GJERMUND EGGEN
(né le 5 juin 1941)

Triple médaillé d'or au Championnat Mondial de 1966 (15km, 50km et relais)

Champion Norvégien de 30km et 50km

Gagnant des Jeux Finlandais 15km, des Jeux Suédois 30km et relais et aussi le 30km Pré-Olympique.

A reçu le trophée "Morgan Bladet" comme athlète Norvégien de l'année.



HARALD GRØNNINGEN
(born October 9, 1934)

Winner of 9 Norwegian Championships including the 50km Championships 3 consecutive times.

Winner of the Finnish Ski Games 15km 3 consecutive times.

Was a member of the World Champion Relay Team in 1966.

Was Gold medalist at the Grenoble Olympics in 1968 in the 15km and relays. Also won 4 Silver medals in Olympics and World Championships.

HARALD GRØNNINGEN
(né le 9 octobre 1934)

Vainqueur de 9 Championnat Norvégiens dont le 50km 3 années consécutives,

Vainqueur des Jeux Finlandais 15km 3 années consécutives

Membre de l'équipe championne mondiale de relais en 1966.

Médaillé d'or dans le 15km et le relais aux Olympiques de Grenoble en 1968.

Aussi vainqueur de 4 médailles d'argent aux Olympiques et Championnats mondiaux.



BERIT MØDRE LAMMEDAL
(born July 16, 1940)

Has won more Norwegian Ski Championships than any other women.

Gold medalist in Swedish Ski Games and 2 times Silver medalist in the Holmenkollen Games.

Won a Gold medal in the relays and a Silver medal in the 10km at the Grenoble Olympics in 1968.

BERIT MØDRE LAMMEDAL
(née le 16 juillet 1940)

Vainqueur du plus grand nombre de Championnats Norvégiens.

Médaillée d'or aux Jeux Suédois et 2 fois médaillée d'argent aux Jeux de Holmenkollen.

Médaillée d'or aux relais et médaillée d'argent au 10km aux Olympiques de Grenoble en 1968.



Chief Jackrabbit – Herman Smith-Johannsen

NOTED ENTRIES FROM SWEDEN

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|--------------------------|--|
| Bengt Eriksson | One of Sweden's top skier. A Participant in Vasaloppet for many years, placing in 25th or better position. |
| Helmer Carlsson | LAHTI winner 1945 and winner of all races in district of Stockholm. |
| Valter Alama | Swedish army champion, as well as Stockholm district champion this year. |
| Clarence Atterday | Representing Sweden in OS and 2nd position in the famous Vasaloppet. |

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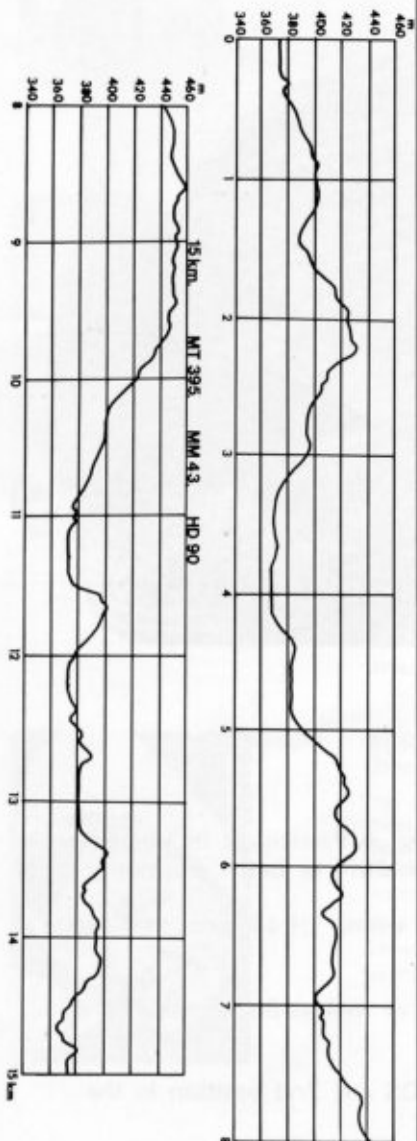
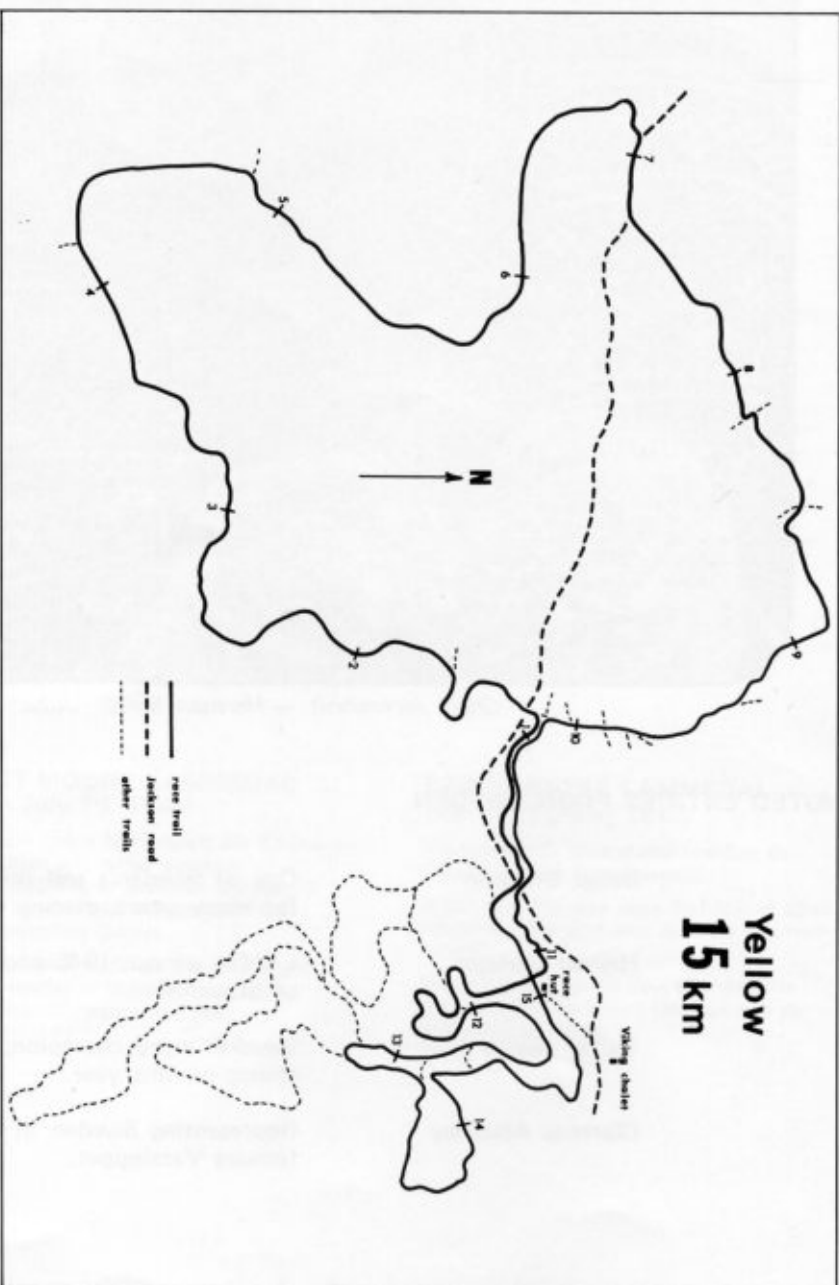


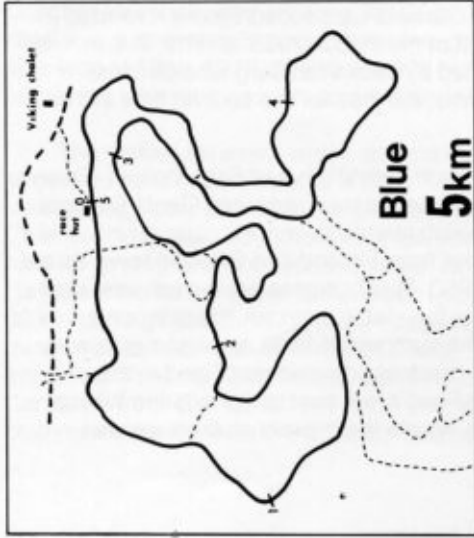
30 km.
2x15

MT = 790 m

MM = 43 m

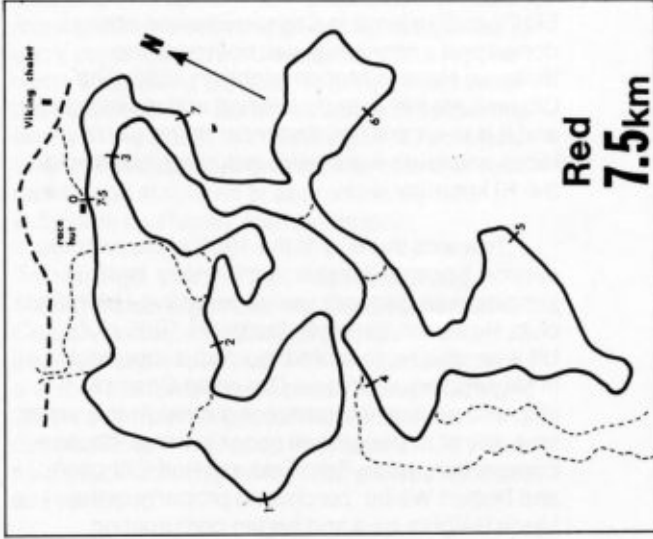
HD = 90 m





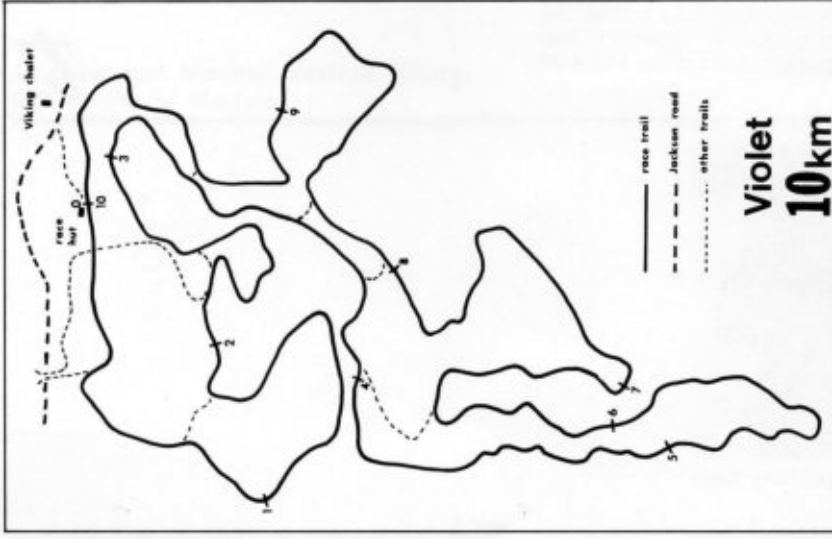
Blue
5km

5km. MT = 205 m MM = 35 m HD = 50 m



Red
7.5km

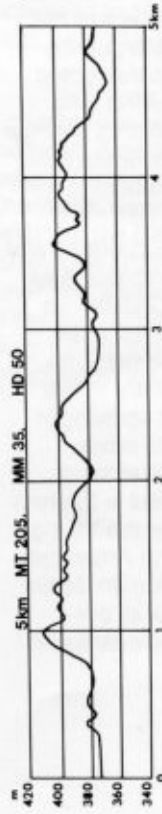
15km. MT = 562 m MM = 38 m HD = 70 m



Violet
10km

10km. MT = 356 m MM = 38 m HD = 77 m

20km. MT = 712 m MM = 38 m HD = 77 m



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SAGA OF THE VIKINGS

As the host of the First World Masters Cross-Country Championships, sponsored by Gillette, the Viking Ski Club extends its welcome to all participants.

The Viking Ski Club is one of the oldest ski clubs in the Montreal area. The club was started during the 1929/30 skiing season by a group of Norwegian ski jumpers, led by the Boswick brothers. Carl Boswick was the leading jumper in this area and a Canadian Champion in the early 30's. Viking Club jumpers usually dominated ski jumping competitions on the old Cote des Neiges jump in Montreal. They were also very successful in combined competitions. In 1935, the club celebrated the inauguration of a new jumping hill at Shawbridge, the outline of which can still be detected on the West side of the village. But for one reason or another, the hill at Shawbridge did not succeed. It appears that the profile was not correct, so the club moved to Ste. Marguerite, where they rented a ski lodge and constructed a jumping hill not far from the Alpine Inn. The club stayed in the Ste. Marguerite district until the beginning of the Second World War, when activities were discontinued for the duration.

After the war, the club was incorporated and resumed activities under the leadership of Alex Olsen. A cottage was rented near Christieville and a jumping hill was constructed. As Vice-President of Atlas Construction Company, he was able to assist the club substantially in this work. Cross-country skiing took an upswing in the club. The club's most successful cross-country skier at the time was Jack Wahlberg, competing in cross-country ski meets in Eastern Canada and the United States under the Viking colours, ending by winning the North American Cross-Country Championship (18 km) in Berlin, N.H., in 1948, and having the honour of representing Canada in the World Championships at Lake Placid and Rumford in 1950.

Touring skiing was very popular and old trail markers found in the woods give proof of the existence of excellent ski trails in the Laurentians at that time. In the early 1950's, the Viking Ski Club amalgamated with the Morin Heights Ski Club. The jump in Christieville was abandoned and a new jump was built near the Bellevue Hotel in Morin Heights in 1953. The Clover Leaf trail was developed and maintained and it was on this trail that most of the club's races and tours were held, including the popular 3 x 10 km relay race.

Towards the end of the 1950's, the jumping section became weaker, until finally in 1961/62 jumping was discontinued as an activity of the club. However, between the years 1965/72, Ulf Kvendbo represented the club successfully in ski jumping, winning a Canadian Championship and several international meets. At the same time, the club became stronger in cross-country competition, when Sam Stallard, Rolf Ellingsen and Robert Weiler purchased property in the Morin Heights area and began constructing cross-country ski trails. Gradually, the club's activities were transferred from the Clover Leaf to the new Viking trails in the Jackson Road area.

Per Gurhold succeeded Bjerne Kvendbo as President of the club in 1956, and he, in turn, was succeeded by Jack Wahlberg who became President of the club for the second time in 1960.

Through the initiative of Sam Stallard, Robert Weiler and Secretary-Treasurer, Gosta Edvardsson, the club started to import cross-country ski equipment from Finland and Sweden towards the end of 1950. This business grew each year until it became the club's main source of income. During the summer of 1963, arrangements were made to purchase nine acres of land in the Jackson Road area, next to the existing Viking Ski trails, where the present club house was

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Jack Wahlberg (151), oldest competitor

erected. It was started in the fall of 1964 and completed with sauna and other facilities in 1966. Robert Weiler succeeded Jack Wahlberg as President in 1964 and held office until 1967. Sale of ski equipment was abandoned in 1964 as more and more sporting goods stores started to carry cross-country ski equipment. During the same time, Doug Bourne, Touring Chairman of the Laurentian Ski Zone, introduced the touring skiers of the L.S.Z. to the Viking Ski Club. Many skiers joined the club and the membership rose rapidly and stabilized at approximately 300 individual and family memberships.

In 1966, a racing trail was laid out and in 1968 the club organized the Canadian Cross-Country and Nordic Championships on this trail. Irene Jensen of our club won the Ladies 10 km, and Leo Lehtonen, the Veteran Mens 15 km and 30 km championships. Jan Nordstrom succeeded Robert Weiler as President in 1967 and held office until 1970 when Baird Davis took over as President.

The big event in 1967 was the Centennial Marathon Ski Tour, a three day touring race run from Pointe Claire to Ottawa. Four hundred skiers participated and the event was won by Gunther Veese from the Viking Ski Club. The race was subsequently staged over two days and was won in 1968, 1970, 1971 and 1972 by Leo Lehtonen. The race now attracts 4,000 skiers.

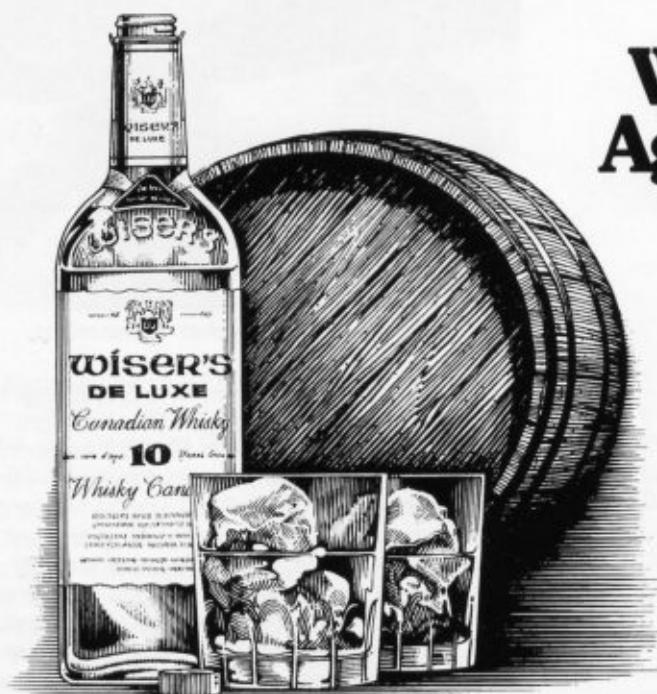
The annual ski event which attracts the largest number of participants is the Viking relay event, which also serves as the Quebec Relay Championship. By 1980, this event has been held for twenty-one consecutive years. Jan Hansen initiated the Smith-Johannsen Loppet, a 30 km touring race, in 1972, and it has proved a most popular race with all levels of skiers, attracting more than 300 skiers each year. In the Canada Winter Games in 1967 and 1971, several club members were on the Quebec Teams:

Bjorg Hansen, Irene Jensen, Tore Engebretsen, Jan Hansen, and Robert Weiler. An important new program was initiated in 1969 by Ingeborg Srkal — the Children and Family Program — and was continued successfully by Martha McKenna and Eileen de Neeve. Our Junior Program has been successful, first under the leadership of Skip Sheldon, president from 1973 to 1976 and now Aarre Oljemark. Brant and Pat McDougall, Scott Gillingham, Pierre Bégin, seven brothers of the Carruthers family, Monique de Groot, Mark Adams, and Tommy Oljemark, were, or are, well known junior racers.

In 1976 Malcolm Adams became president and under his leadership there have been many changes. The clubhouse has been extended so that the area is now doubled with many new facilities added. The racing trail has been increased to 10 km by the addition of another loop.

The Viking Ski Club has recently hosted the Canadian Junior Ski Championships (1976), and the North American Championships (1977), (where Olympic Gold Medalist and World Ski Champion, Sven Ake Lundbeck swept the mens field) and the Canadian Senior Championships in 1979. Also in 1979 the Laurentian Loppet, a 75 km event, was introduced with the cooperation of the committees from Ste. Jovite to Brownsburg. Finally in 1980 the 1st World Masters Championships have been inaugurated.

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OFFICIAL BANQUET AND AWARD PRESENTATION

To be held at AUBERGE MONT GABRIEL, Saturday, February 9, 1980, at 18.30 hours. Tickets \$15.00 per person.

MENU

- Decorated Salmon*
- Cold Roastbeef*
- Cured Ham*
- Cold Turkey*
- Assorted Cold Plate*
- Boeuf Bourguignon*

- Mixed and Green Salad*
- Potato Salad*
- Tomato Salad and Vegetables*

- Assorted Fresh Fruits*

- Assorted Cheese*

- French Pastries*
- Choice of Cakes and Pies*

- Tea, Coffee, Milk, Wine*

The Award Presentation will be held after the Banquet at 20.00 hours – Admission free.

Atlas Copco will present Bronze, Silver and Gold Medals for the individual Womens categories.

Toronto Dominion Bank will present Bronze, Silver and Gold Medals for each individual Mens category.

Gillette Canada will present Trophies to the Best Woman, total time two distances and to the Best Man, total time two distances, in the age groupes 35 to 44, 45 to 54 and 55 and over.

Relay Awards will be presented in the Viking Club House after the event.



SAGA DES VIKINGS

Comme hôte des Championnats Mondiaux Vétéran du Ski de Fond, le Club de Ski Viking et Gillette souhaite la bienvenue à tous les participants.

Le Club de Ski Viking est un des plus vieux clubs de ski dans la région de Montréal. Le club fût fondé durant la saison de ski de 1929/30, par un groupe de sauteurs norvégiens en ski, commandé par les frères Boswick. Carl Boswick était le meilleur sauteur dans cette région et un Champion Canadien au début des années 30. Les sauteurs du Club Viking dominaient habituellement les compétitions de saut, sur le saut de la vieille Côte des Neiges à Montréal. Ils avaient beaucoup de succès dans les épreuves combinées. En 1935, le club célébrait l'inauguration d'une nouvelle côte de saut, à Shawbridge. Le contour de celle-ci peut encore être distingué sur le côté ouest du village. Mais pour une raison ou pour une autre, la côte de Shawbridge n'avait pas de succès. A ce qu'il paraît, le profil n'était pas exact. Donc, le club a déménagé à Ste-Marguerite, où il a loué un chalet de ski et il a construit une côte de saut pas loin du Alpine Inn. Le club est resté à Ste-Marguerite jusqu'au début de la deuxième guerre mondiale, quand les activités étaient discontinuées pour la durée de la guerre.

Après la guerre, le club était incorporé et il a repris les activités sous la direction de Alex Olsen. Un chalet était loué près de Christieville et une côte de saut était construite. Comme vice-président de Atlas Construction Company, il pouvait assister le club solidement dans cet ouvrage. Le ski de fond a pris une place substantielle dans le club. Le skieur de fond qui a eu le plus de succès à cette époque était Jack Wahlberg, qui faisait concurrence dans les rencontres de ski de fond à l'est du Canada et aux Etats-Unis, sous les couleurs du Viking. Il finit par gagner le Championnat Nord-Américain de ski de fond (18 km) à Berlin, N.H. en 1948, et il avait

l'honneur de représenter le Canada dans les championnats mondiaux à Lake Placid et Rumford en 1950.

Les excursions en ski étaient très populaires et les vieux signes de pistes trouvés dans les bois donnaient preuves de l'existence d'excellentes pistes de ski dans les Laurentides à cette époque. Au début de 1950, le club de ski Viking fusionnait avec le club de ski Morin Heights. Le saut à Christieville était abandonné et un nouveau saut a été construit près de l'Hotel Bellevue à Morin Heights en 1953. La piste Clover Leaf était développée et maintenue et c'était sur cette piste que la plupart des courses du club et les excursions ont eu lieu y compris de populaires courses de relais 3 x 10 km.

Vers la fin des années 1950, la section de saut devenait plus faible, jusqu'au temps où finalement en 1961/62, le saut était discontinué comme activité du club. Cependant, entre les années 1965/72 Ulf Kvendbo représenta le club avec succès en saut, gagnant le Championnat Canadien et plusieurs rencontres internationales. En même temps, le club devenait plus fort dans la compétition de ski de fond, quand Sam Stallard, Rolf Ellingsen et Robert Weiler ont acheté une propriété dans la région de Morin Heights et ils ont commencé à construire les pistes de ski de fond. Peu à peu, les activités de club ont été transférées du Clover Leaf aux nouvelles pistes Viking dans la région de Jackson Road.

Per Gurhold a succédé Bjorne Kvendbo comme président du club en 1956 et lui, à son tour, a été succédé par Jack Wahlberg qui est devenue président du club pour la deuxième fois en 1960.

Par l'initiative de Sam Stallard, Robert Weiler et la secrétaire-trésorier Gosta Edvards-son, le club a commencé à importer de l'équipe-



ment pour le ski de fond de la Finlande et de la Suède vers la fin de 1950. Cette entreprise a grandi avec les années et elle est devenue la source principale de revenus pour le club. Pendant l'été de 1963, les arrangements ont été faits pour acheter neuf arpents de terre dans la région de Jackson Road, à côté des pistes Viking existantes, où la maison de l'association est érigée. C'était commencé dans l'automne de 1964 et était complété avec sauna et autres facilités en 1966. Robert Weiler a succédé Jack Wahlberg comme président en 1964 et il a tenu office jusqu'à 1967.

La vente de l'équipement de ski était abandonnée en 1964 car de plus en plus les magasins de sport ont commencé à tenir l'équipement de ski de fond. Durant ce temps, Doug Bourne, Président d'excursions de la Zone Laurentienne de Ski, a présenté les skieurs d'excursions de la zone au Club de Ski Viking. Plusieurs skieurs sont entrés dans le club et le nombre des membres a augmenté rapidement et s'est stabilisé approximativement à 300 membres individuels et groupe de famille.

En 1966, une piste de course a été construite et en 1968, le club a organisé le Championnat Canadien de ski de fond et nordique sur cette piste. Irene Jensen de notre club a gagné le 10 km pour dames, et Leo Lehtonen le 15 km et 30 km pour hommes vétérans. Jan Nordstrom a succédé Robert Weiler comme président en 1967 jusqu'à 1970, quand Baird Davis l'a succédé.

La grande épreuve en 1967 était l'excursion de ski Marathon Centenaire, une course d'excursion de trois jours, de Pointe Claire à L'Outaouais. Quatre cents skieurs ont participé et cette épreuve a été gagnée par Gunther Veesser du club de ski Viking. La course était organisée subséquemment pour deux jours et a été gagnée

en 1968, 1970, 1971 et 1972 par Leo Lehtonen. La course attire maintenant 4,000 skieurs.

L'épreuve de ski annuelle qui attire le plus grand nombre de participants est l'épreuve Relais Viking, qui sert aussi comme le Championnat Relais du Québec. En 1980, cette épreuve aura eu lieu vingt ans de suite. Jan Hansen a initié le Smith-Johannsen Loppet, une course d'excursion de 30 km en 1972 et va prouver la course la plus populaire parmi tous les niveaux de skieurs attirant plus de 300 skieurs chaque année.

Dans les Jeux d'Hiver Canadiens en 1967 et en 1971, plusieurs membres du club étaient sur L'Equipe du Québec — Bjorg Hansen, Irene Jensen, Tore Engebretsen, Jan Hansen, et Robert Weiler. Un nouveau programme important a été initié en 1969 par Ingebord Srkal — le programme familial et pour enfants — et a été continué avec succès (par Martha McKenna et Eileen de Neeve. Notre programme junior avait du succès) sous la direction de Skip Sheldon, président de 1973 jusqu'à 1976 et maintenant de Aarre Oljemark. Brant et Pat McDougall, Scott Gillingham, Pierre Bégin, sept frères de la famille Carruthers, Monique de Groot, Mark Adams, et Tommy Oljemark, étaient où sont des courseurs juniors bien connus.

En 1976 Malcolm Adams est devenu président et sous sa direction, plusieurs changements ont été apportés. Le chalet du club a été agrandi et plusieurs facilités y ont été ajoutées. La piste de compétition a été prolongée par l'addition d'une boucle et a maintenant 10 km de longueur.

Le Club de Ski Viking a accueilli récemment le Championnat Canadien Junior de Ski (1976), le Championnat Nord-Américain (1977) où le Médaillé d'Or Olympique et Champion Mondial



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de Ski, Sven Are Lundbeck, a dominé les épreuves masculines, et le Championnat Canadien Senior en 1979. Aussi en 1979, une épreuve de 75 km, le Loppet Laurentien, a été tenue pour la première fois avec la coopération de tous les comités de St-Jovite à Brownsburg.

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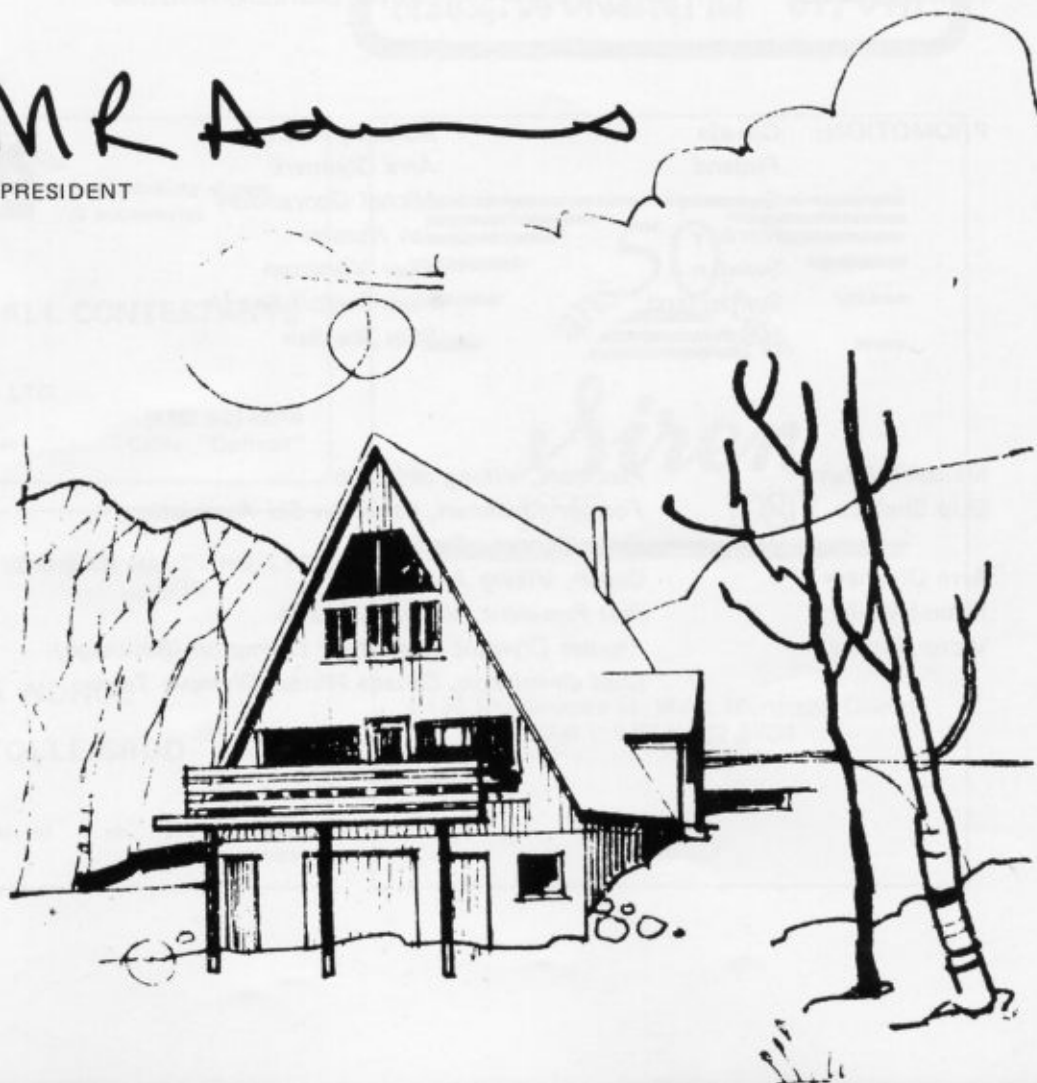
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ADVICE FROM "JACKRABBIT"

Herman Smith-Johannsen, otherwise known as "Jackrabbit" was born in Norway on June 15, 1875. Well known as Canada's ambassador of cross-country skiing, Mr. Johannsen cut many of the early trails in the Laurentians, including the eighty mile Maple Leaf Trail. He was the initiator of the famous Kandahar Ski Race before ski trails or ski tows were built on Mont Tremblant. In 1936, he won the first Viking Veteran Ski Cup, then held in Shawbridge, Quebec. His home in nearby Piedmont displays scores of ski trophies and awards, both national and international.

In 1972, Jan Hansen of Viking Ski Club, provided the impetus for the organizing of the Smith Johannsen Loppet, a 30 km touring event for skiers of all ages, with more than three hundred entrants in 1979. "Jackrabbit" starts this race each year, which is now an established annual event.

Often asked how he accounts for living to be one hundred and four years old, Mr. Johannsen offers the following advice:

"Get up early, get out and seek adventure — don't let the sun shine on you in bed! Get your skis on and hit the trail! Take advantage of all the good things in life, but in moderation, be it eating, smoking, drinking, or exercise. Be natural. Be thankful for all your blessings. Don't dwell on negative matters. Be happy with yourself!"

From a gentleman who was recently introduced as a dynamic leader in the art of survival before receiving an Honourary Doctorate Degree in Science from McGill University, this is sound advice indeed!

CONSEILS DE "JACKRABBIT"

Herman Smith-Johannsen, surnommé "Jackrabbit", est né le 15 juin, 1875. Connu comme l'ambassadeur du ski de fond pour le Canada, M. Johannsen a fait plusieurs des premiers sentiers dans les Laurentides, incluant le sentier de 80 miles appelé "Maple Leaf Trail". Il a été aussi l'initiateur de la célèbre course de ski Kandahar et ceci avant que furent créés au Mont Tremblant le ski de fond et le ski à la traîne. En 1936, il a gagné la Coupe de ski des Vétérans Viking, course qui se déroula à Shawbridge, P.Q. Il demeure près de Piedmont et sa maison renferme des trophés nationaux et internationaux.

En 1972, Jan Hansen du Club de Ski Viking, a préparé une course de 30 km pour l'organisation de Smith-Johannsen Loppet. Celle-ci s'adresse aux skieurs de tous les âges. En 1979, on compta trois cents (300) participants. "Jackrabbit" donne le départ chaque année. Elle deviendra sans doute de plus en plus populaire.

Souvent on lui demande ce que l'on doit faire pour atteindre son âge qui est cent quatre (104) ans. Il répond ceci:

Lève-toi tôt, va dehors et cours à l'aventure. Mets tes skis et parcours les sentiers. Profite de toutes les bonnes choses de la vie. Fume, bois, mange et fais des exercices, mais modérément. Sois naturel. Sois reconnaissant pour tous les bienfaits reçus. Ne conserve pas d'attitudes négatives. Sois heureux avec toi-même.

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