

Sun Beams

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NOW HEAR THIS: Once or twice on recent Sundays I've slipped out the valley road to watch the works program at Mount Glenorkey Ski Club. I'm always interested in watching volunteers do something for the greater community (besides which I love to watch others work!) and so intrigued did I become in this one sport that I finally called on the president of the organization for some details.

Enter Jack McLauchlan, and he tells me the following story: The name of the club comes from the name of their principal hill, a promontory on the original Stott farm which derived its name from the owner. After a few years of hard work the club finds itself in the following situation: assets in excess of \$10,000; four ski runs; two power tows, both of which this year will be electrically operated; a complete set of lights which will permit night skiing; more applications for shares than it has shares to sell; and a set of facilities so good, as a matter of fact, that some Sundays earlier this year they were able to handle over 300 participants at one time. Skiing, by the way, is usually available from the middle of December on for over three months, with the tows in operation each Saturday, Sunday, and Wednesday.

Jack says that no other Prairie city can boast of runs to match Glenorkey in a location so accessible. Winnipeggers drive 100 miles to LaRiviere, or nearly 200 to Agassiz; Calgarians drive 60 miles to Banff, and so on. And while those facilities are much larger than we have here you simply don't avail yourselves of them unless you have a day to spare. As it is with Mount Glenorkey, our would-be schussers can reach the slopes one mile west of Grand Valley tourist centre in 10 minutes drive from any place in Brandon.

And there are the details. Oh yes, and if Jack wants me to give you the rest of the story he may let me know when they open for the winter. It should be in about two weeks.