

Sahalie Historical Note #10: Members of the 1940s

Second in my decadal series, this article continues my attempt to document all references to Sahalie Ski Club members -- in this case, the **1940s**. It is thus long and tedious, with lots of footnotes. If you make it through, and notice any names that bring up stories to tell or more details that we'd like to know about, please get in touch!

I should note that it is quite likely that many members joined the club earlier than their first mention in the newspaper or other official source. As we fill in more details from family records and other references, I'm sure we will lower the date of first membership for some people. On that note, I should also mention that all of these articles are intended to be drafts or works-in-progress. As we learn more, we will keep updating these records to reflect our best understanding of Sahalie Ski Club and the history of skiing in the Northwest. So definitely speak up if you trip over something or have something to add to the story.

A brief summary of Sahalie in the 1940s: The early 1940s showed Sahalie Ski Club booming, with the world's situation looming. Two of Sahalie's prodigies, Bill Redlin and Carl Neu, led the U.W. ski team to national honors. Bill went on to teach skiing to Army troops in early 1942; Carl enlisted in 1943 after graduating. Other notable ski racers for the club in the early 1940s



Bill Redlin and Carl Neu, both former Sahalie members, racing for the U.W. ski team in 1941; photo from the *Tyee* yearbook.

included the brothers Bob and Ed Link; Ed went on to ski with the 10th Mountain Division during the war, and helped to establish Crystal Mountain, where he served as president for 13 years.

Familiar names within the club appeared, such as Bill Turner and Elsa Engstrom, who married in 1941, and Bill Smith and Virginia Burke, who married in 1942. Herb Lonseth was a key member at the time, serving in important roles for the PNSA and the National Ski Association. Mike Petherick and Lars Nerland were also active in setting up local races and representing the club in the region. Dick Greenway joined while still a teenager. Al Swan, Dallas Long and other long-standing Sahalie members appeared.

And then the war intervened. Many members enlisted or were called to service. At least two didn't return: Dick Luce and Milton King both received posthumous Purple Hearts. During the early years of the war, Sahalie Ski Club was a leader in hosting enlisted men, who were stationed in the Seattle area, at the ski lodge for a few days of R&R – what was called the “service skiers program.” But then the lodge burned to the ground on April 16, 1943.

The early post-war years were a turning point for the club; only a few of the early members stayed on to rebuild. The club survived, but little is documented about how it managed to rebuild both the lodge and its membership after the war ended. More stories are needed to fill in this important gap in our history.

And now the details...

Bill Smith's¹ membership card from Sahalie Ski Club “of the Seattle Turnverein,” dated January, 1940, is signed by President, **W.V. Venen**², and Secretary, **C.D. Sanborn**³. This is the first tangible reference to Bill Smith as a member of Sahalie. He was one of the stalwarts of the club from the 1940s all the way to the 1980s – the first of only two members given “honorary life membership” by the Sahalie board of directors. Whitney Venen is a mystery; the only other reference to him is his signature on a war-time draft card for the lodge's cook in 1942.

The first newspaper reference to Sahalie in the 1940s reported on a local race sponsored by the club on January 14, 1940.⁴ Winner of the men's slalom was **Bill Redlin**⁵, men's downhill, **Dick Luce**⁶; winner of the “girls” slalom was **Elsie Nelsin**⁷, “girls” downhill, **Marjorie Burke**⁸. Other Sahalie racers were **Jim Patchell**⁹, **Bob Link**¹⁰, **Bill Eller**¹¹, **Bob Fairbairn**¹², **Bob Seelye**¹³, **Hugh Watt**¹⁴, **D. Hensworth**¹⁵ and **Judd Nelson**¹⁶; “girls”: **Merle Patchell**¹⁷ and **J. Jacobsen**¹⁸. Note that Jim and Merle (Throssell) Patchell appear with the same last names: they were married in 1939 after meeting at the club.

At a club ski meet against Yakima Winter Sports Club on January 21, 1940, **Ed Link**¹⁹ won the slalom and **Bill Redlin** won the downhill, racing for Sahalie.²⁰

In preparation for the Four-Club competition at Snoqualmie Pass on February 18, 1940 (involving Sahalie, Seattle Ski Club, the Mountaineers and Washington Alpine), **Henry Jacobsen**²¹ from Sahalie was in charge of the slalom race.²²

At the PNSA championship races in Yakima on February 11, 1940, **Jim Patchell**, **Ed Link**, **Dick Luce** and **Bob Link** raced for Sahalie men; **Marjorie Burke** and **Elsie Nelson** raced for Sahalie women.²³ **Bill Redlin**, a Sahalie member but racing for Washington Ski Club that day, won the downhill race and was the combined champion. Carl Neu²⁴, who also raced for Sahalie in years past, was runner up; Hans Grage²⁵ (also with past Commonwealth/Sahalie connections) was fifth, and **Frank Buhler**²⁶, racing for Sahalie, was fourteenth in combined. Gretchen Kunigk Fraser (married to Don Fraser, formerly of Commonwealth Ski Club, and now racing for Sun Valley Ski Club) won the women's combined; Marjorie Burke finished thirteenth in the women's downhill; Margaret Schuehle²⁷, formerly with Sahalie, came in fifth in women's slalom and thirteenth in women's combined.^{28 29}

At the third annual Deer Park races on the Olympic Peninsula in February, 1940, **Dick Luce**, **Ed Link**, **Bob Link**, **Harry James**³⁰, **Jim Patchell**, **Bobbie Fry**³¹, **Marjorie Burke** and **Elsie Nelson** raced for Sahalie Ski Club.³²

Ed Link, racing for Sahalie, came in fourteenth in a downhill competition at Mount Baker on March 13, 1940.³³

Herb Lonseth³⁴ was part of the PNSA committee charged with the grim task of investigating the death of Sigurd Hall in the 1940 Silver Skis race.³⁵ Herb also represented Sahalie at the annual meeting of the PNSA in October, 1940.³⁶ Otto Sanford, formerly of Commonwealth Ski

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Club, was given an outstanding service award by PNSA that year.

In May, 1940, Miss **Mildred Erickson**³⁷ wed Mr. **Raymond Reis**³⁸; **Gabriel Forgey**³⁹ was best man, **Norman Cressy**⁴⁰ was an usher, and **Marjorie Burke** was in attendance.⁴¹ Miss Dorothy Larson wed Mr. **John Spillane**⁴², whose affiliation with the Sahalie Ski Club was noted in the announcement, in June, 1940.⁴³ **Juliana Neu**⁴⁴, older sister of U.W. ski star **Carl Neu**, wed Marion Felt in June, 1940; **Elizabeth Phillips**⁴⁵ was a bridesmaid and **Herb Lonseth** and **James Q. Ronald**⁴⁶ participated in the ceremonies.⁴⁷

First note of a tow came just in time for the 1940/'41 winter season: "Sahalie Ski Club members packed their new ski tow motor to Snoqualmie Pass Summit yesterday [December 7, 1940] and an 'installation' party will be the main order of business today. The Sahalie membership voices a hearty vote of appreciation to **Lars Nerland**⁴⁸, Earl [probably **Al**] **Swan**⁴⁹ and their helpers for the work they put in readying the lift motor for winter operation."⁵⁰

In addition to lodge caretakers, it appears that Sahalie had a cook as well in the old days. Chick Garrett⁵¹ mentioned in one of his new ski columns at the beginning of the '40/'41 season that, "**Clem Becker**⁵², old-timer of 'steak and French fries' fame, is back to tickle the palates of the Sahalie Ski Club members."⁵³

Lights were installed on the Sahalie hill in early 1941. **Aurelia Lonseth**⁵⁴ is quoted in the newspaper describing the first Wednesday "night skiing" party at the lodge in January.⁵⁵

C.A. "Mike" Petherick⁵⁶ was the chairman of Sahalie's host committee for the PNSA cross-country championships on January 19, 1941. **Lars Nerland** was the chief of course, setting a ten-mile figure-eight that ran from the Sahalie lodge up to Source Lake and back, then to Hyak and back, to finish at Sahalie.^{57 58} **Howard Berglund**⁵⁹, **Ed Link** and **Bill Ellis**⁶⁰ ran in the Class B race. In the "tough" ten mile race, Bob Woodward, who had "served as ski instructor for Sahalie Ski Club before joining the Army Ski Patrol," came in third in the A competition; **Ed Link** came in 11th and **Howard Berglund** 12th in the B competition.⁶¹

On the same day as that locally-run race, January 19, 1941, **Elsa Engstrom**⁶² was noted in Chick Garrett's newspaper ski column as "wearing a ring, and we understand **Bill Turner**⁶³, fellow Sahalie, is the head man."⁶⁴ This is the first mention of either Elsa or Bill associated with Sahalie, although it is likely that they both came into the club in the late 1930s.

For the January, 1941, Four-Club ski competition among Snoqualmie Pass ski clubs, **Mike Petherick** of Sahalie was named in charge of the slalom races.⁶⁵ **Howard Berglund**, **Walter Madden**⁶⁶, **Bob Seelye** and **Bob Kruse**⁶⁷ raced for Sahalie men.⁶⁸ The Sahalie women took the women's trophy cup for the third straight year, thus retiring it; **Margorie Burke**, **Virginia Burke**⁶⁹, **Emma Nerland**⁷⁰ and **Elizabeth Phillips** "may take a bow," said Chick Garrett in his

weekly ski column.⁷¹ This is the first documented reference for Virginia as a Sahalie member; she would have been 22 years old at the time.

Allen Granstrom, ski jumping instructor from Seattle Ski Club, was noted in a January, 1941, article as having "...a cheer for the ability and progress being made by four Sahalie Ski Club boys, **Walt Madden, Howard Berglund, Bob Seelye** and **Bob Kruse**. Seelye took up jumping only two weeks ago but is catching on fast."⁷²

And speaking of Sahalie Ski Club boys, two who came of age in the club in the late 1930s were excelling at the University of Washington. **Bill Redlin** and **Carl Neu**, who raced for Sahalie as

teens, were leading the U.W. ski team to national glory. According to the 1941 *Tyee* yearbook, it was "the greatest season in the history of Husky skiing.... Spell the name of Bill Redlin and you carve the story of Husky leadership; mention Carl Neu and the team's exploits are emblazoned in glory."⁷³



CARL NEU
He heads Husky ski forces

Seattle Daily Times, March 26, 1941, p.22.

Chick Garrett's late January, 1941, ski column also mentions that **Jim and Merle Patchell** and **Harry and Bobbie James** of Sahalie had "a marvelous time"

at Sun Valley.⁷⁴ (I wonder if the latter couple includes Bobbie Fry of previous Sahalie racing fame?)

A PNSA race-officiating class in early 1941 included **Jim Patchell** and **Mike Petherick** from Sahalie Ski Club, as



Bill Redlin and Carl Neu,
racing for U.W. in 1941;
photo from U.W. *Tyee*
Yearbook.



BILL REDLIN

Seattle Daily Times, November 12, 1941, p. 23.

well as Hans Grage, formerly of Commonwealth/Sahalie, then with the Penguins.⁷⁵

Oscar Maudeslein⁷⁶ was noted as the Sahalie “prexy” in February, 1941.⁷⁷

In March, 1941, **Bill Redlin**, racing for the U.W. ski team, won the national amateur downhill and slalom championships at Aspen, Colorado.⁷⁸

The national ski jumping championships were hosted at the Snoqualmie Ski Bowl (Hyak) in March, 1941. **Herb Lonseth** of Sahalie served on the organizing committee; **Jim Patchell** was one of the official measurers.⁷⁹

A card party in the city hosted by Sahalie Ski Club in February, 1941, was organized by **Elwyn Weide**⁸⁰, chairman, assisted by **Marjorie Lines**⁸¹, **Helen Hemen**⁸², **Mrs. Harry James**⁸³, **Mrs. James Patchell**, **Mrs. Herbert Lonseth** and **Harold Shaw**^{84 85}.

It was reported in one of Chick Garrett’s February, 1941, columns that **Al Swan** was seen riding on the back of **Dallas Long**⁸⁶ up the rope tow.

Also that 50 “Sahalies” participated in the Syverson Ski School lessons at the Pass. Chick noted that “the Sahalies” have been paying for lessons for their members for five years, resulting in a low accident percentage compared with other skiers.⁸⁷

At the sixth running of the Silver Skis race on Mt. Rainier on April 5, 1941, only one racer from Sahalie, **Stan De Bruler**⁸⁸, registered for the Junior downhill.⁸⁹

At the third annual Skiers’ Golf Tournament involving members from local clubs (Sahalie, Penguins, Washington, Huntoon, Rokka and Boeing), in June, 1941, 50 Sahalie members turned out! The four-man “Sahalie No. 1” team consisted of **George Squillace**⁹⁰, **Frank Williams**⁹¹, **Art Haigh**⁹² and **Steve Gabrielson**^{93 94}. Other participants included **Vi Squillace**⁹⁵, **Mae Williams**⁹⁶, **Phyllis Maudslein**⁹⁷, **Marjorie Burke**, **Cleo Ronald**⁹⁸, **Trudy Minter**⁹⁹, **Betty Playmen**¹⁰⁰, **Helen Hemen**, **Virginia Burke**, **Oscar Maudslein**, **Al**



Swan, Jim Ronald¹⁰¹, Steve Skubi¹⁰², Norm Cressy, Don Minter¹⁰³, Bill Smith, Dick Greenway¹⁰⁴ and Herb Lonseth.¹⁰⁵ This is the earliest reference I have found for Dick Greenway as a Sahalie member; he would have been 18 at the time.

In October, 1941, **Herb Lonseth** was re-elected as secretary of the Pacific Northwest Ski Association, and was a PNSA delegate to the National Ski Association meetings in Milwaukee.¹⁰⁶

A month before Pearl Harbor changed things for everyone, Sahalie Ski Club was

noted in the newspaper as doing "its bit for defense." **Ed Link** was stationed at Fort Knox,



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Ad for Northland skis, *Seattle Daily Times*, December 19, 1941, p. 29.

SAHALIES ARE MARCHING NOW

No one can say the Sahalie Ski Club hasn't done its bit for defense.

Three oldsters in Sahalie skiing, **Ed Link**, **Vernon Phillips** and **Milton King**, are on scattered fronts. **Link** is in the Officers Training School, Fort Knox, Kentucky; **Phillips** at Fort Benning, Ga., and **King** in the Hawaiian Islands. Others in the service are **Ed Maudslein**, **Wayne Owen**, **Charles Miller**, **Eric Pousard**, **Mike Petherick**, **Joseph Abel** and **Charles Barlow**.

Seattle Daily Times, November 12, 1941, p. 23.

Vernon Phillips¹⁰⁷ at Fort Benning and **Milton King**¹⁰⁸ in the Hawaiian Islands. Other "Sahalies" in the service at that time included **Ed Maudslien**¹⁰⁹, **Wayne Owen**¹¹⁰, **Charles Miller**¹¹¹, **Eric Pousard**¹¹², **Mike Petherick**, **Joseph Abel**¹¹³ and **Charles Barlow**^{114 115}.

Al Swan was listed as Sahalie Ski Club's president for the '41/'42 season.¹¹⁶ **Elwyn Weide** was V.P., **Betty Playman**, secretary, and **Jack Reardon**¹¹⁷, treasurer.¹¹⁸

In the fall of 1941, a newspaper article notes, "**Al Swan**, Sahalie Ski Club president, informs this department that the Sahalies have ...cleared their ski slope so as to provide almost three times as much sitzmarking area. The club plans to move the powerhouse to the foot of the hill and lengthen its ski tow."¹¹⁹ **Herb Lonseth** was quoted as claiming

the new Sahalie slope offered four times as much skiing room "since it was given a two-week going over by a couple of loggers. 'Two more acres were cleared this summer, merely doubling the Sahalie Hill skiing area,' [countered] Mrs. **[Aurelia] Lonseth**."¹²⁰

Chick Garrett mentions a number of "new Sahalie members via the stork" in November, 1941: a son for **Dick and Merideth Hainesworth**¹²¹, a daughter for **Tennys and Evelyn Bellamy**¹²², a son

for **Francis and Burgess LeSourd**¹²³, a son for **Blanche Tepley Davis**¹²⁴ (then living in Honolulu), and, expecting, were **Jack and Dorothy Reardon**^{125 126}.

Then the war came, or rather America's involvement in it, with the Japanese attack at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. A month later, **Bill Redlin**, U.W. star and national ski champion, quit school to volunteer as instructor for the U.S. Army parachute troops in Utah.^{127 128}

Bob Woodward, who taught skiing to Sahalie members before the war, took over Army Ski Patrol duties at Mt. Rainier. (I'll write a separate article about these war-time skiers.) Many members, especially the men, served in the war effort. **Dick Luce**, not mentioned in the articles noting servicemen above but a Sahalie member racing with the club in 1940, died as a prisoner of war in Italy in 1944. **Milton King** died "at sea" near the Philippines in 1945. Both received posthumous Purple Hearts.



Bill Redlin, formerly of Sahalie, racing for the U.W. ski team before he quit school to join the U.S. Army ski troops in early 1942; photo from the *Tyee* yearbook.



Norma (Larsen) Zimmer sang on TV as Lawrence Welk's "champagne lady" for 20 years, after growing up in Tacoma and Seattle.

Note skis in background! Photo from WelkMusicalFamily.blogspot.com .

Around the Christmas holidays in 1941, **Norma Larsen**¹²⁹ ended up at Sahalie lodge when she and a friend couldn't get a fire going at a nearby cabin at the Pass. There she met **Randy Zimmer**¹³⁰ (who was disqualified from the service after breaking his back downhill racing on Mt. Rainier a few years before). Norma developed her singing voice at the University Christian Church in Seattle, and was discovered while singing on the return boat from a weekend trip to Victoria. She moved to Los Angeles and enjoyed a recording, movie and TV career, best remembered as Lawrence Welk's "Champagne Lady" on his weekly TV music show beginning in 1960.¹³¹

During the war, some competitions went on for those who were still at home. **Herb Lonseth** served as PNSA secretary through these years, helping to organize official competitions throughout the region amidst loss of significant Class A competitors to the war effort plus issues of closed ski areas such as at Paradise, Mt. Baker and Sun Valley, as well as gas rationing and tire (rubber) scarcity. **Elsie Nelson** from Sahalie (and also skiing for Penguin SC) won combined

honors at the PNSA Zone 1 championships in early January, 1942, and represented Washington in the Jeffers Cup Western States Ski Tournament at Sun Valley later that month.¹³² The ski jumping competitions at the Hyak hill in late January, 1941, proceeds from which were to support the Red Cross War Fund, were assisted by measurers, **Jim Patchell** and **Lars Nerland**, and distance recorder, **Herb**

Army Calling Skiers For Mountain Troops

Hey, Skier!

What's your draft status? If you're due to be inducted into the Army within the next few weeks, or if you come under the 18-26 age group, you may qualify for the Mountain Troops.

The National Ski Association of America again has been asked by the Army to submit names of skiers who wish to apply for the Mountain Troops. The selection of personnel for service, suspended on July 8, has been resumed.

Men who have lived and worked in the mountains, such as rock climbers, trappers, packers, guides, prospectors and timber cruisers are preferred. If they ski, so much the better. Applications of new men who can show evidence of exceptional fitness will be considered, even though applicants have had no broad mountain experience. The emphasis is on toughness and the ability to take it.

Information concerning enlistment in the Mountain Troops can be obtained from **Herb Lonseth**, secretary of the Pacific Northwestern Ski Association. Lonseth's telephone number is Elliott 1712.

Seattle Daily Times, October 22, 1942, p. 30.

Lonseth.¹³³ The 4-Club Snoqualmie Pass meet was held on February 15, 1942; Sahalie came in third overall.¹³⁴ Class B PNSA championships were hosted by Hans Grage of Penguin Ski Club at Stevens Pass in March, 1942; Sahalie sent racers **Earl Horngren**¹³⁵, **Dick Greenway**, **Bill Turner**, **Tennys Bellamy**, and **Margie** and **Virginia Burke**.^{136 137} Margie Burke came in fifth in the women's slalom.¹³⁸ **Herb** and **Aurelia Lonseth** and **Tennys Bellamy** represented Sahalie at the Huntoon Handicap ski races on Mt. Baker in April, 1942.¹³⁹ **Carl Neu**, captain of the U.W. ski team, led it to the Pacific Coast Conference championships for the sixth straight year even after losing the services of **Bill Redlin** early in the season.^{140 141}

Marjorie Burke married **Steven Skubi** sometime in the fall of 1942.¹⁴² **Virginia Burke** married **William O. ("Bill") Smith** on December 5, 1942; both were noted in the newspaper as members of Sahalie Ski Club. **Lars Nerland** and **Oscar Maudslien** were ushers; **Betty Playman**, also of Sahalie, assisted.¹⁴³ Bill would have been 27 years old, Virginia 23.

As the war progressed, Sahalie played a key role in helping out locally-stationed service men. The February, 1943, newspapers noted that, "Sahalie Ski Club, which quietly has been playing an important role in making skiing possible for service men in the Seattle area, will be host to another Uncle Sam contingent today...."¹⁴⁴ And: "PNSA officials will meet Wednesday night ...to discuss furthering the service skiing program in which Sahalie has taken the lead. 'It's Sahalie's policy to house as many service skiers as can come to the Summit,' [**Herb**] **Lonseth** explained yesterday. ...Most of the service men who are guests at Sahalie have never had skis on before, and many have never seen snow, Lonseth said."¹⁴⁵

Sahalie championships were held on February 21, 1943, for those members not serving in the war effort somewhere else. **Herb Lonseth** was quoted as saying there was ten feet of snow on

the ground; conditions were said to be the best in ten years. Herb acted as official timer, **Lars Nerland** as starter and **Norm Cressy** as recorder.¹⁴⁶ **Randall Zimmer** won the downhill race; **Howard Miller**¹⁴⁷ won the slalom; they tied for combined honors, with the cup going to Zimmer on the basis of his downhill win. **Betty Malone**¹⁴⁸ won the women's combined crown.¹⁴⁹ Other members who participated included **Stan DeBruller**, **Walt Madden**, **Gus Eriksen**¹⁵⁰, **Pat Calvert**¹⁵¹ and **Mimi Van Waters**^{152 153}. This was the club's 12th annual Carnival. It was the last reference to Randy Zimmer, who moved south to marry Norma Larsen and support her in her singing career in southern California. They skied at Mammoth and in Park City, Utah.

In March, 1943, Sahalie Ski Club hosted the PNSA women's and junior's slalom and downhill championships, while Seattle Ski Club joined in with jumping events. In the junior events, **Bob** (typo for **Don**?) and **Bruce MacDonald**¹⁵⁴ and **Bob Winder**¹⁵⁵ competed for Sahalie. Proceeds were donated to the Jefferson Park Army Recreational Center.^{156 157 158}

Lieutenant **Carl Neu**, formerly of Sahalie and leader of the U.W. ski team in the early 1940s, married Mary Anne Shiel in March, 1943, before rejoining his U.S. Army Air Corps group in Indiana.



Sahalie's service skiing program plus its own skiing at the Pass were cut short by the tragic fire of April 16, 1943, when Sahalie's lodge burned to the ground. Luckily no one was inside the building at the time. In publicity related to that event, it was noted that **Leonard Hamilton**¹⁵⁹ was the caretaker (although at the time the fire was discovered he was "working on the building's water supply system a short distance away.") The "youths" who discovered the blaze as they hiked in from the road early on that

Friday evening were **Hugh Brown**¹⁶⁰ (age 17), **Larry Brown**¹⁶¹ (age 10), **Bruce MacDonald** and **Don MacDonald**¹⁶² (twins age 14). **Herbert Lonseth**, past president, and **Elwyn Weide**, current president, were quoted in the newspapers lamenting the event.¹⁶³

A year later, a brief note appeared in the newspaper indicating that Sahalie Ski Club was still alive, "...carrying on social activities in spite of the fact so many members have joined the armed forces ..." and despite losing their lodge. They were "making plans for a beautiful new ski lodge to replace the one lost by fire... [to] be constructed as soon as materials are available."¹⁶⁴

There was a note in the PNSA annual summary for the 1944/'45 ski season that **Don McDonald**, racing for Sahalie Ski Club, came in second in the Class B giant slalom on March 11, 1945 (Don would have been 16 at the time). The event was hosted by the Penguin Ski Club, at Stevens Pass.^{165 166}

I assume that this is the same Don MacDonald who discovered the 1943 Sahalie lodge fire. But by chance were there two strong Don MacDonald skiers at around the same time? One Don went on to ski for U.W. in the late 1940s, under coach Gus Eriksen, also a Sahalie member. The Don MacDonald associated with



Don MacDonald racing for the U.W. Ski Team in 1946. Photo from the *Tyee* Yearbook.



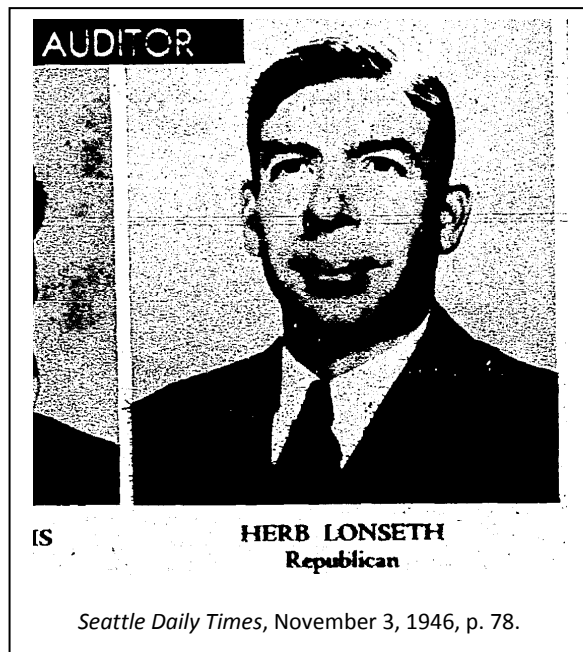
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BRUCE, left, and DON MacDonald
Tacoma brothers dovetail studies with skiing

Photo from *Seattle Daily Times*, January 17, 1952, p. 26.

finding the lodge fire had a twin brother, Bruce. Both enlisted in the Army in 1945 at age 16 by lying about their age, and were assigned to the 10th Mountain Division. They both broke their backs while training on Mt. Rainier. After the war they used the G.I. Bill to study at Grenoble and Innsbruck, where they became well known on the European ski racing circuit.¹⁶⁷

Herb Lonseth, former Sahalie president and long-time PNSA official, ran unsuccessfully for King County Auditor in the fall of 1946, and for State Insurance Commissioner in 1948. He was active in the local and state Republican party.



News of Sahalie quickly disappeared after the fire. I can find no mention of further activities, no articles regarding rebuilding of the lodge after the war, no further focus on ski clubs to the extent found in the newspapers' sports pages in the '30s and up to the middle of the war in the early '40s. It seems that both Sahalie and focus on skiing in general slipped to the background; local news coverage for the ski clubs and local skiing would never return to its pre-war high. Life moved on to other interests as America settled back in after the war ended in 1945.

Older members report that the mid 1940s were a turning point for the club. Many members had been away for four or more years serving in the war effort, and ended up resettling elsewhere. The loss of the lodge was devastating. Plus America seemed to switch gears at war's end, closing earlier chapters and branching out into many new interests. Of course these interests included skiing, which grew with the development of many new or expanded ski resorts. Yet the ski clubs of the 1930s seem to take a back seat to this growth in commercial recreational skiing. Only a small band of stalwart members kept Sahalie going, and spent the latter 1940s rebuilding the lodge and beginning to recruit new members to the club.

There is much to fill in here, especially after the lodge fire of 1943 and the rebuilding effort after the war ended in late 1945. Any and all input from older members or their families will be helpful to fill in the gaps of this draft article. Stay tuned for updates of this living history.

- Dave Galvin, February 2011

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'HUSKY' BILL HAS THE KNEE ACTION



Alf Engen Jumps Only 236 Feet

ECKER HILL, Utah, Saturday, Feb. 22.—(UP)—Al Engen, Sun Valley ace, today retained his national combine cross country and ski jumping championship by leaping 236 feet on the Ecker Hill jump.
Engen yesterday took second place in the 11-kilometer cross country run.
However, the attempt by Engen to recapture the North American

Bill Redlin, who started out skiing for Roosevelt High School and Sahalie Ski Club, went on to national fame as a member of the U.W. ski team in the early 1940s; photo from *Seattle Daily Times*, February 23, 1941, p. 15.

¹ **William O. (Bill) Smith**, born in 1915, probably joined Sahalie in the 1930s; the earliest tangible proof of his association with the club is his membership card now displayed at the lodge, dated January, 1940. Bill first appears connected to Sahalie in the published record in June, 1941, for a golf tournament. He was involved in the Northwest fishing industry and often spent the summers in Alaska. He and Virginia Burke were married in December, 1942, when he would have been 27 years old. Bill served as president of Sahalie in 1957/58. He was renowned for his constant work on the lodge, tows, water line, bridge, whatever needed fixing. He died on April 29, 1988. His son, Larry, is still a Sahalie member – the Smiths represent one of the longest-running families in the club.

² **Whitney V. Venen**, born in 1897, was living in Seattle at the 1910 census; his mother was Bertha Venen. There was no further mention of him associated with Sahalie before or after her appears as the club's president in 1940, signing membership cards. His name shows up in a directory living in Seattle in 1982.

³ **C. D. Sanborn**, no information available.

⁴ "Sahalie Trials Held at Summit," *Seattle Daily Times*, January 15, 1940, p. 21.

⁵ **William Redlin**, born in either Seattle or Ellensburg on 5/2/1918, Sahalie member beginning in 1939, went to Roosevelt High School, then on to U.W., where he was one of the great U.W. ski team racers from 1940-1942. He quit school within a month of Pearl Harbor and volunteered to teach skiing to the U.S. Army paratroopers in WWII. He joined the U.S. Navy later that year to serve directly in the war. After the war he settled back in Seattle but didn't race anymore. He died in Seattle in January, 1981.

⁶ **Richard Luce**, born 2/17/1922, enlisted in the Army at Fort Lewis in November, 1941. He died as a prisoner of war in Italy on 8/16/1944, and was awarded the Purple Heart and other honors.

⁷ **Elsie Nelsin** (probably **Nelson**). There was an Elsie Nelson, born 1909, living in Seattle at the 1930 census, daughter of John P. Nelson; a separate Elsie Nelson, born 1917, living in Seattle at both the 1920 and 1930 censuses, daughter of Albert P. and Hanna/Hilma Nelson, graduated from Lincoln High School in 1934; and a third Elsie E. Nelson, born 1918, living in Seattle at the 1930 census, daughter of Oscar N. and Ottilia M. Nelson (ancestry.com).

⁸ **Marjorie J. Burke**, born 1917, Sahalie member since 1939, was living in Seattle at the 1930 census, graduated from Lincoln High School in 1934, married Steven Skubi in 1942, and died in Seattle on 1/4/1968. Her younger sister, Virginia M. Burke, born 1/23/1919, was also a Sahalie member as of 1941; she married Bill Smith.

⁹ **James Patchell**, born 8/20/1908, Sahalie member since 1936, was living with his parents in Seattle at the 1930 census. He was president of Commonwealth Ski Club in mid 1936 at the time its name changed to Sahalie. He married Merle Throssell in 1939. He died in Seattle in January, 1987.

¹⁰ **Robert A. Link**, born 1920, Sahalie member since 1937, was living in Lake, King County, WA, at the 1930 census, in household including parents and an older brother, H. Edward Link (ancestry.com). Both Bob and Ed raced for Sahalie in the late 1930s and early 1940s.

¹¹ **William Eller**. There was a William H. Eller, born in Idaho on 6/10/1916, who was living in Seattle at the time of his death on 11/1/1982. A separate William H. Eller, born in North Dakota on 12/26/1885, married Clara Fritsch in 1925 and was living in Seattle at the 1930 census, but he would have been 55 in 1940, a bit old to be taking up skiing, don't you think?

¹² **Robert W. Fairbairn**, born in 1921/22, was living in Seattle at the 1930 census and a student at U.W. in 1942.

¹³ **Robert W. (Bob) Seelye**, born on 9/17/1923, was living in Seattle at the 1930 census; parents were Ray and Marion Seelye. After one year of college he enlisted in the Army in December, 1942. According to Randi Bley and Pine Turner, Bob Seelye was Bill Turner, Sr.'s cousin. He died in Florida on 11/1/2010.

¹⁴ **Hugh Watt**, born in 1916, was a student at U.W. in 1936. A Hugh Watt, born around 1917/18, was living in Boody, King County, at the 1920 census.

¹⁵ **D. Hensworth**, no information available.

¹⁶ **Judd Nelson**. There was a James J. Nelson, born 1913, living in Seattle at the 1930 census; a Donald J. Nelson, born 1918, living in Seattle at the 1930 census; and a Walter J. Nelson, born 1920, living in Seattle at the 1930 census.

¹⁷ **Bernice Merle Throssell Patchell**, born 11/13/1910 in Roy, WA, Sahalie member since 1936, graduated from U.W. c. 1932, and taught school in Kirkland. She married Jim Patchell in 1939. She remained one of the longest-running members of Sahalie, still chairing Carnival in the spring of 1982. She died in Seattle on 9/17/1990.

¹⁸ **J. Jacobsen** (female), no information available.

¹⁹ **H. Edward Link**, born 1915, Sahalie member since 1937, living in Lake, King County, WA, at the 1930 census (ancestry.com). He started skiing with Boy Scout Troop #327 in the late 1920s at Snoqualmie Pass, served in the 10th Mountain Division in WWII, and was president of Crystal Mountain for 13 years (Lowell Skoog, 2002, "Ancient Skiers 1904-1984," on-line history of Northwest Skiing at <http://www.alpenglow.org/ski-history/notes/misc/ancient-skiers-1984.html>). Ed and his younger brother, Bob, skied with Sahalie from the late 1930s until the war.

²⁰ "Sahalies Win Meet," *Seattle Daily Times*, January 22, 1940, p. 13.

²¹ **Henry Jacobsen**. There was a Henry H. Jacobsen, born in Illinois in 1906, living in Seattle at the 1930 census, and a Henry T. Jacobsen, born in 5/28/1923, living in Seattle at the 1930 census. There was a Henry Jacobsen (maybe Henry T?) who was a student at U.W. in 1944.

²² "Summit Meet Set for Feb. 18," *Seattle Daily Times*, January 28, 1940, p. 18.

²³ "Yakima Set for Sunday Snow Meet," *Seattle Daily Times*, February 9, 1940, p. 25.

²⁴ **Carl H. Neu**, born in Seattle on 12/26/1918, Sahalie member from 1935 through 1938, was one of the top Northwest skiers in the late '30s and early '40s. He graduated from Queen Anne High School in 1937, already rated by the PNSA. He raced for the U.W. ski team in 1939-1942, and was National Intercollegiate Slalom Champion while a sophomore in 1939. He married Mary Anne Schiel on 3/6/1943 while a Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Air Corps. He died in Seattle on 5/8/1999. Carl's father, Dr. Carl Neu, M.D., was born in Germany in 1874, and immigrated to Seattle in 1908; he served on Commonwealth's board in 1935. His sister, Juliana Neu, was also a Sahalie member in the 1930s.

²⁵ **Hans Grage** was born in Germany in 1910, immigrated to Seattle when he was 15, attended Roosevelt High School, and proceeded to become one of the great Northwest ski racers of the 1930s and early '40s. He was one of the founding members of Commonwealth Ski Club (later renamed Sahalie) in 1931, before moving on to race for Washington, Seattle and, finally, Penguin ski clubs in the latter 1930s. He died at the Penguin Ski Club's lodge at Stevens Pass on April 2, 1956.

²⁶ **Frank Buhler**, born in 1920, went to Garfield High School and then to U.W., where he was part of the legendary ski team that included Bill Redlin and Carl Neu (also Sahalie members).

²⁷ **Margaret Schuehle**, born in 1916, was living in Seattle at both the 1920 and 1930 censuses; her parents, George and Marie, were both German immigrants (ancestry.com). She was one of the top woman ski racers in the late 1930s and early 1940s. She moved to the Penguin Ski Club in the early 1940s.

²⁸ "Redlin Wins Northwest Downhill Title: Opening Event of Meet Taken by Seattle Ace," *Seattle Daily Times*, February 11, 1940, p. 17.

²⁹ "Redlin Wins Title: Seattle Skier Leads At Yakima," *Seattle Daily Times*, February 12, 1940, p. 15.

³⁰ **Harry James**. There was a Harry M. James, born in 1915, living in Seattle at the 1930 census, and a Harry E. James, born in 1916, living in Seattle at the 1930 census.

³¹ "**Bobbie**" **Fry**. There was a **Roberta Fry**, born c. 1911, who was a senior at U.W. in 1933. A **Roberta F. Fry** was born 12/7/1906 in Olympia, WA, and was living there at the 1920 census. There was a Bertha A. Fry, born 1917, living in Hoquiam, WA, at the 1930 census (ancestry.com). Bobbie Fry was a Sahalie member beginning in 1936, and was one of the top woman racers of the day through the early 1940s.

³² "Deer Park Host to Meet Sunday," *Seattle Daily Times*, February 23, 1940, p. 17.

³³ "Slalom Race Due At Mt. Baker Today: Downhill Race Won by Hall in Four-Way Series," *Seattle Daily Times*, March 14, 1940, p. 29.

³⁴ **Herbert C. Lonseth**, born c. 1904, Sahalie member since 1938, was a graduate of Queen Anne High School and a student at U.W. in 1923-24, including being "yell-king" for the pep squad. He was married to Aurelia A. Lonseth, born 5/21/1906, who first showed up at Sahalie in 1937. They were living in Seattle at the 1930 census (ancestry.com). Herb was president of Sahalie in the early 1940s. Herb served as representative to the PNSA and National Ski Association meetings in the early 1940s, and was one of the key officials involved in the PNSA during the war years. He ran unsuccessfully for County Auditor and State Insurance Commissioner in the late 1940s; he

was successful (and one of the rare men of the times) as president of the Mapleleaf PTA. He died in Seattle on March 15, 1983.

³⁵ "Skiers To Meet in Hall Hearing," *Seattle Daily Times*, April 14, 1940, p. 26.

³⁶ "Ski Delegates Vote Against Rezoning Plan," *Seattle Daily Times*, October 13, 1940, p. 30.

³⁷ **Mildred Erickson**. There was a Mildred J. Erickson, born 11/1/1911, living in Des Moines, WA; a Mildred Erickson, born 4/4/1914, living in Shoreline, WA; and a Mildred Erickson, born c. 1911 who was a student at U.W. in 1933 (ancestry.com). Mildred was a member of Sahalie since 1939. She married Raymond Reise in 1939.

³⁸ **Raymond Reis**, no information available.

³⁹ **Gabriel R. Forgey, Jr.**, born 1913, Sahalie member since 1936, was living in Seattle at the 1920 census and shows up on ferry passenger lists a lot between Victoria, B.C., and Port Angeles and between Sidney, B.C., and Anacortes in the mid 1930s (ancestry.com).

⁴⁰ **Norman Cressy**, born 4/13/1904, a Sahalie member since 1938, was issued a WA Social Security number, died in Seattle in December, 1979 (ancestry.com).

⁴¹ "Mildred Erickson Becomes Bride of Mr. Raymond Reis," *Seattle Daily Times*, June 9, 1941, p. 41.

⁴² **John K. Spillane**, born 11/14/1916, was issued a WA social security number, and died in Seattle on 6/22/2001.

⁴³ "Dorothy Larson Becomes Bride of John K. Spillane," *Seattle Daily Times*, June 10, 1940, p. 9.

⁴⁴ **Juliana Neu**, born 10/12/1913 in Seattle, a Sahalie member since 1935, was the older sister of Carl Neu and the daughter of Dr. Carl Neu. She attended U.W. in the early 1930s, where she met her future husband, Marion Felt of California; they were married in June, 1940 (Elizabeth Phillips of Sahalie was a bridesmaid; Herb Lonseth and James Q. Ronald also participated in the ceremonies; *Seattle Daily Times*, June 11, 1940, p. 11).

⁴⁵ **Elizabeth C. Phillips**, born 1916, a Sahalie member since 1938, was living in Seattle at the 1920 and 1930 censuses, and was a student at U.W. in 1936 (ancestry.com).

⁴⁶ **James Q. Ronald**, born 9/29/1905, a Sahalie member since 1936, was on Commonwealth's board in 1936.

⁴⁷ "Juliana Neu and Mr. Felt Are Married," *Seattle Daily Times*, June 11, 1940, p. 11.

⁴⁸ **Lars Nerland**, born in Kalvi, Norway, on 7/13/1902. He immigrated to the U.S. via Canada in 1926. He married Emma Evensen in Seattle on 9/21/1929. They both joined Sahalie in 1938 and were stalwarts of the club through the 1970s. He died in Seattle on September 3, 1987 (ancestry.com).

⁴⁹ **Al Swan**, born 7/12/1920, a Sahalie member since 1939, was issued a WA Social Security number, and lived in Edmonds, WA. He was president of Sahalie in 1941/'42, and an active member through the late 1960s. He died in February, 1982 (ancestry.com).

⁵⁰ "Sahalies Busy," *Seattle Daily Times*, December 8, 1940, p. 20.

⁵¹ **Chick Garrett**, born in 1911, graduated from Roosevelt High School and was a student at U.W. in 1931-1933, where he ran track. He was involved in forming the Washington Winter Sports Association in 1934, serving on its publicity committee. He was a timer at the 4-Club races at Snoqualmie Pass in late 1935, and at the first PNSA-sanctioned downhill race held at Snoqualmie Pass (hosted by the Seattle Ski Club) on January 12, 1936. He was a columnist for the *Seattle Star* and the *Seattle Times*; his first byline appeared in the *Times* on 7/28/1940; starting on 10/6/1940, he wrote a special column about skiing in the sports section, called "Sitzmarks...and Remarks," which frequently mentioned Sahalie people and events; it ran until 12/26/1941.

⁵² **Clement H. Becker**, born in Germany on 4/13/1893, was living in Seattle at the time of his WWII draft registration in 1942. He was proprietor of "Clem's Café" on E. Marginal Way. He noted on his draft card in the space for "name and address of person who will always know your whereabouts," Whitney Venen, who was president of Sahalie in 1940.

⁵³ Chick Garrett, 1940, "Sitzmarks...and Remarks" column, *Seattle Daily Times*, December 15, 1940, p. 24.

⁵⁴ **Aurelia Lonseth**, born 5/21/1906, Sahalie member as of 1937, was married to Herbert C. Lonseth and living in Seattle at the 1930 census. She died in Seattle in May, 1986 (ancestry.com).

⁵⁵ Chick Garrett, 1941a, "Sitzmarks...and Remarks" column, *Seattle Daily Times*, January 17, 1941

⁵⁶ **Charles A. "Mike" Petherick**, born 10/5/1910, was living in Seattle with his parents at the 1920 and 1930 censuses. He died in Edmonds on 4/7/1997 (ancestry.com).

⁵⁷ "Cross-Country Due, *Seattle Daily Times*, January 12, 1941, p. 15.

⁵⁸ "Cross-Country Men To Tackle Giant Figure-8," *Seattle Daily Times*, January 15, 1941, p. 22.

⁵⁹ **Howard Berglund**, born c. 1920, was a Queen Anne High School graduate noted in the 1943 QAHS yearbook as being in the U.S. Navy in WWII. There was a Dennis H. Berglund, born 10/17/1920, living in Seattle sometime later. There was a Howard D. Berglund, born c. 1921, living in Seattle at the 1930 census.

⁶⁰ **William (Bill) Ellis**. There was a William J. Ellis, born in 1921, who was living in Seattle at the 1930 census; parents were Harry and Margaret Ellis. There was a William Ellis, born in 1916, who was living in Seattle at the 1930 census; mother was May Ellis. There was also a William W. Ellis, born in California in 1911, who was living in Seattle at the 1930 census. And there was a William Ellis from Ellensburg, born c. 1920, who was a student at U.W. in 1937 - 1941.

⁶¹ "Bert Mortenson Wins Langlauf Title: Swedish Skier Paces Field In Tough 10-Miler," *Seattle Daily Times*, January 20, 1941, p. 17.

⁶² **Elsa Engstrom Turner**, born 12/28/1916, first appears associated with Sahalie in January, 1941, in a newspaper notice that she and Bill Turner were engaged. She would have just turned 24. She is the longest-running living member of the club as I write this, at age 94. Her daughter, Randi Bley, Elsa's son, William (Bill, Biff, Pine) Turner, Jr., Biff's daughter, Carli, Elsa's grandson, Hans Bley, Hans' wife Rachel, and Elsa's great-granddaughters, Grace Ann Bley and Elsa Marie Bley, are members in 2011, the oldest family in the club with four generations represented.

⁶³ **William W. (Bill) Turner**, born in Seattle on 10/17/1916, graduated from Broadway High School, first shows up connected with Sahalie in the announcement of his engagement to Elsa Engstrom in January, 1941; he would have been 24 at the time. He was a life-long Sahalie member, a stalwart of work parties along with the likes of Bill Smith. He died on December 3, 2006 (age 90). His daughter, Randi Bley, son, William (Bill, Biff, Pine) Turner, Jr., Biff's daughter, Carli, Bill, Sr.'s grandson, Hans Bley, Hans' wife Rachel, and Bill, Sr.'s great-granddaughters, Grace Ann Bley and Elsa Marie Bley, are members in 2011, the oldest family in the club.

⁶⁴ Chick Garrett, 1941b, "Sitzmarks...and Remarks," *Seattle Daily Times*, January 19, 1941, p. ____.

⁶⁵ "4-Way Mix Due Jan. 26," *Seattle Daily Times*, November 13, 1940, p. 33.

⁶⁶ **Walter Madden**, born c. 1922, was a student at U.W. in 1944. Walter K. Madden, born 4/6/1922, was given a WA social security number; his wife's name was Sylvia, children were Colleen Nyholm, Ken Madden and Steve Madden; he died in Seattle on 10/14/2010.

⁶⁷ **Bob Kruse**. There was a Robert Kruse, born in 1921, living in Seattle at the 1930 census; parents were Fred and Mary Kruse. There was also a Robert W. Kruse, born 3/13/1926, living in Seattle at the 1930 census; parents were Seymour and Emma Kruse; he had a Bothell address sometime later (no date). A Bob Kruse was a student at U.W. in 1942. A Bob Kruse raced "unattached" in a Penguin-sponsored ski meet at Stevens Pass on 3/24/1946.

⁶⁸ "Field Set for 4-Way Summit Ski Club Meet," *Seattle Daily Times*, January 24, 1941, p. 24; "Seattle Ski Club Retains 4-Way Title," *Seattle Daily Times*, January 27, 1941, p. 15.

⁶⁹ **Virginia Burke**, born 1-23-1919, first shows up at Sahalie in January, 1941, when she would have just turned 22. Ginnie met Bill Smith at the ski club. They were married on December 5, 1942. She continued to be active in the club through the rest of the century. She was the one to call for lodge reservations all through the 1950s and much of the 60s, and served as the club historian after that (although most of her records were lost). She died in 2001. Her son, Larry, is a member as of 2011.

⁷⁰ **Emma Nerland**, born in Mesnali, Norway, on 2/6/1904. She came to the States in 1928. She married Lars Nerland on 9/21/1929. They both joined Sahalie in 1938 and were stalwarts of the club through the 1970s. She died in Seattle on February 10, 1981 (ancestry.com).

⁷¹ Chick Garrett, 1941c, "Sitzmarks ...and Remarks: This and That," *Seattle Daily Times*, January 29, 1941, p. 15.

⁷² "Jumpers Cheered," *Seattle Daily Times*, January 28, 1941, p. 15.

⁷³ "Skiing," *U.W. Tyee Yearbook*, 1941, p. 275.

⁷⁴ Chick Garrett, 1941c.

⁷⁵ Chick Garrett, 1941d, "Sitzmarks...and Remarks," *Seattle Daily Times*, February 2, 1941, p. 16.

⁷⁶ **Oscar C. Maudslien**, born 10/26/1914, a Sahalie member since 1937, was issued a Social Security number in WA. His father's name was Nels. He originally came from Great Falls, Montana but attended schools in Seattle. He married Phyllis Whiteside (also a Sahalie member) on 7/1/1939. He died in California on 2/28/1989 (ancestry.com).

⁷⁷ Chick Garrett, 1941e, "Sitzmarks...and Remarks," *Seattle Daily Times*, February 16, 1941, p. 20.

⁷⁸ "10 N.W. Skiers Named for Sun Valley Tournament," *Seattle Daily Times*, March 11, 1941, p. 20.

⁷⁹ "Sick Takes Job as Ski Jump Chief: Baseball Boss Enthused Over Big Snow Event," *Seattle Daily Times*, February 2, 1941, p. 16.

⁸⁰ **Elwyn H. Weide**, born on 2/26/1911, was living in Seattle at the 1920 and 1930 censuses; his parents were Otto and Minnie Weide from Minnesota. He was president of Sahalie at the time that the original lodge burned down in 1943. He was living in Maple Valley in 1993.

⁸¹ **Marjorie Lines**. There was a Frances M. Haw Lines, born in 1912, married to Arthur T. Lines and living in Seattle at the 1930 census; her parents were Arthur and Effie Haw.

⁸² **Helen C. Hemen**, born 1918, was living in Bremerton at the 1920 census and in Seattle at the 1930 census; her parents were Albert and Myra Hemen. She was a student at U.W. in 1937.

⁸³ **Bobbie James (Mrs. Harry)**. Is this "**Bobbie**" Fry? There was a **Roberta Fry**, born c. 1911, who was a senior at U.W. in 1933. A **Roberta F. Fry** was born 12/7/1906 in Olympia, WA, and was living there at the 1920 census. There was a Bertha A. Fry, born 1917, living in Hoquiam, WA, at the 1930 census (ancestry.com).

⁸⁴ **Harold D. Shaw**, born in 1912, was living in Seattle at the 1930 census; his parents were James and Gertrude Shaw. A Harold Shaw was a student at U.W. in 1928. A Harold E. Shaw, born on 7/29/1913, was issued a WA social security number and died in Seattle on 5/4/1998.

⁸⁵ "Card Party Tomorrow," *Seattle Daily Times*, February 6, 1941, p. 16.

⁸⁶ **Dallas D. Long**, born in Illinois in 8/22/1911, was living in Seattle at the 1930 census; his parents were Luther and Babe Long. Randi Bley and Pine Turner report that Dallas was their dad's best friend; they and most other kids growing up in the club called him "Uncle Dallas." He was one of the stalwarts of the club through the 1950s and '60s. He never married. He died in Seattle on 3/28/1985.

⁸⁷ Chick Garrett, 1941f, "Sitzmarks...and Remarks," *Seattle Daily Times*, February 6, 1941, p. 24.

⁸⁸ **Stan De Bruler**, no information available. A Jean De Bruler was racing for Syverson's Ski School in 1946.

⁸⁹ "Silver Skis Draw," *Seattle Daily Times*, April 4, 1941, p. 33.

⁹⁰ **George Squillace**, born in Italy in 1909, a Sahalie member since 1939, was living in Seattle with his sister, Pauline Knight, and his mother, Geresa Squillace, at the 1930 census; all of them were Italian immigrants (ancestry.com).

⁹¹ **Frank Williams**. There was a Frank D. Williams, born in 1911, who died in WA on 11/13/1941. Frank L. Williams, born 1910/1913, shows up on various Seattle-area passenger lists in the 1940s and '50s. Frank B. Williams, born 1907, enlisted in the Army in 1944 from King County.

⁹² **Arthur L. Haigh**, born 1917/18, was living in Seattle at the 1930 census; mother was Mildred Haigh. He enlisted in the Army in 1942.

⁹³ **Steve Gabrielson**, born c. 1912, was a student at Broadway High School in 1928 (graduated c. 1930).

⁹⁴ "Ah! Snow Birdies: Skiers Prep for Golf Tourney," *Seattle Daily Times*, June 22, 1941, p. 8.

⁹⁵ **Viola Squillace**, no information available. There was a Rosario Squillace, born in Italy in 1908, who immigrated to Seattle in 1920 and listed her occupation as "student" on her naturalization papers in 1926. A George Squillace, born 1909 was living in Seattle at the 1930 census with his sister, Pauline Knight, and his mother, Geresa Squillace; all of them were Italian immigrants. There were also a Ralph and Lois Squillace living in Seattle at the 1930 census, also born in Italy. No records mention Viola (ancestry.com).

⁹⁶ **Mae Williams**. There was a Lorna Mae Williams who was a student at Washington State University in 1938-1941.

⁹⁷ **Phyllis Berylmae Whiteside Maudslein**, born 4/10/1911 in Winnipeg, Manitoba, a Sahalie member since 1938, immigrated to Seattle around 1930. She was an officer in the Epsilon Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, a non-academic sorority, at the time of her engagement in 1938. She married Oscar Maudslien (also a Sahalie member) on 7/1/1939. She petitioned for U.S. naturalization/citizenship in 1941. She died in California on 8/15/1987 (ancestry.com).

⁹⁸ **Cleo Ronald**. There was an **Isabel C. Ronald**, born in 1911, younger sister to James, living in the same household at the 1930 census (ancestry.com). Cleo Ronald was a member of Sahalie since 1936.

⁹⁹ **Gertrude A. (Trudy) Watson Minter**, born in Canada on 3/21/1904, came to Seattle in 1923, married Donald A. Minter in Tacoma in 1933. She petitioned for citizenship in 1940; Herb Lonseth was one of the witnesses on her naturalization document. She was living in Redondo, WA, later (no date).

¹⁰⁰ **Elizabeth D. (Betty) Playmen**, born in 1918, was living in Tacoma at the 1920 census.

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- ¹⁰¹ **James Q. Ronald**, born 9/29/1905, a Commonwealth/Sahalie member since 1936, was living in Seattle at the 1930 census with younger sister, Isabel C. (Cleo) Ronald.
- ¹⁰² **Steven W. Skubi**, born 6/26/1911, married Marjorie Burke in 1942. Steve was in the food business, owner of the Lincoln Market and the Blue Diamond Meat Market at the Security Public Market in Seattle (located between 3rd and 4th Avenues on Lenora Street), and served as an officer in the Washington Food Merchants Association. He was active in the club all through the 1950s and into the late '60s, when Margie died. He died in Seattle on October 2, 1993.
- ¹⁰³ **Donald A. Minter**, born in Tacoma on 5/30/1901, married Trudy A. Watson in 1933.
- ¹⁰⁴ **D. Richard (Dick) Greenway**, born in 1923, first appears connected to Sahalie in June, 1941, for a golf tournament, when he would have been 18 years old.
- ¹⁰⁵ "Sahalies Enter Ski-Golf Meet," *Seattle Daily Times*, June 24, 1941, p. 19.
- ¹⁰⁶ Chick Garrett, 1941g, "Granstrom New N.W. Ski Boss: 15 Sanctioned Events Listed for '42 Season," *Seattle Daily Times*, October 13, 1941, p. 15.
- ¹⁰⁷ **Vernon D. Phillips**, born on 3/5/1916, was living in Seattle at the 1920 and 1930 censuses; parents were Fredrick and Anna Phillips. He enlisted in the Army in February, 1941. He died in Seattle on 9/16/1999.
- ¹⁰⁸ **Milton E. King**, born in Seattle on 4/4/1915, was living in Seattle at the 1920 and 1930 censuses; his parents were Ralph and Mina King. He was inducted into the Navy from WA, and died "at sea" in the Philippines on 11/4/1945; he was awarded the Purple Heart.
- ¹⁰⁹ **Ed Maudslien**, no information available. Oscar Maudslien, born in 1915, was a Sahalie member in the late 1930s and married fellow member Phyllis Whiteside in 1939; his father, Nels, lived in Seattle at the time of the war. These guys must be related with a last name like that, but I can find no trace of Ed.
- ¹¹⁰ **Wayne E. Owen**, born in Missouri in 1911, enlisted in the Army from King County in February, 1941.
- ¹¹¹ **Charles W. Miller**, born in 1916, enlisted in the Army from Seattle in October, 1940.
- ¹¹² **Eric L. Pousard**, born on 3/18/1921 in WA, died in California on 1/11/2007.
- ¹¹³ **Joseph Abel**, born in 1915, was living in Seattle at the 1920 and 1930 censuses; his parents were Harry and Margaret Abel.
- ¹¹⁴ **Charles A. Barlow**, born in Illinois n 2/27/1914, enlisted in the Army from King County in April, 1941. He died in Seattle on 4/18/1997.
- ¹¹⁵ "Sahalies Are Marching Now," *Seattle Daily Times*, November 12, 1941, p. 23.
- ¹¹⁶ Chick Garrett, 1941h, "Sitzmarks...and Remarks," *Seattle Daily Times*, October 5, 1941, 9.
- ¹¹⁷ **Jack Reardon**. There was a Jack H. Reardon, born 7/15/1915, living in Everett (no date). There was a Jack L. Reardon, born 8/4/1923, who died in Kelso, WA on 8/19/1992.
- ¹¹⁸ "Sahalie Hill is Improved," *Seattle Daily Times*, November 12, 1941, p. 25.
- ¹¹⁹ Chick Garrett, 1941i, "SitzMarks...and Remarks" column, *Seattle Daily Times*, October 5, 1941.
- ¹²⁰ "Sahalie Hill is Improved," *Seattle Daily Times*, November 12, 1941, p. 25.
- ¹²¹ **Richard H. (Dick) Hainesworth**, born in 1917/1918, was living in Seattle at the 1920 and 1930 censuses; his parents were William and Regina Hainesworth. There is no information about **Merideth Hainesworth**.
- ¹²² **Tennys F. Bellamy**, born on 8/15/1906, was living in Seattle in the 1910, 1920 and 1930 censuses; his parents were John and Amanda Bellamy. He was a student at U.W. in 1926-1928. He died in Seattle on 5/28/1974. **Evelyn Marie Bellamy**, born in Oregon on 2/7/1925, died in Vancouver, WA on 1/30/2008.
- ¹²³ **Francis A. LeSourd**, born on 6/22/1908, was living in Seattle at the 1910, 1920 and 1930 censuses; his parents were Charles and Edna LeSourd. He was a student at U.W. in 1927 – 1932. He died in Seattle on 7/17/2010. **Burgess R. LeSourd**, born on 8/7/1910, died in Seattle on 4/5/1979.
- ¹²⁴ **Blanche Tepley Davis**, born in Seattle on 7/30/1910, Sahalie member since 1935, married Francis Davis in 1938 or '39 and moved to Hawaii. She died in Honolulu, HI, on 5/27/1992 (ancestry.com).
- ¹²⁵ **Dorothy Reardon**. There was a Dorothy M. Reardon, born 8/19/1913, who died in Seattle on 2/5/2005. A Dorothy J. Brown Reardon, born 12/12/1924, was living in Maple Valley, WA in 1988.
- ¹²⁶ Chick Garrett, 1941j, "Sitzmarks...and Remarks," *Seattle Daily Times*, November 12, 1941, p. 25.
- ¹²⁷ Chick Garrett, 1942, "Redlin Will Forsake N.W. Ski Ranks As Army Tutor: Ace to Teach Paratroopers at Alta Resort," *Seattle Daily Times*, January 5, 1942, p. 16.
- ¹²⁸ "Bill Redlin Leaves for U.S. Ski Post," *Seattle Daily Times*, January 15, 1942, p. 23.

¹²⁹ **Norma Larsen Zimmer**, born on 7/13/1923, went to Lincoln High School in Seattle, and met Randy Zimmer at Sahalie in late 1941. They were married in June, 1944. Norma Zimmer went on to fame as Lawrence Welk's "Champagne Lady" songbird through the 1960s and 1970s; she also sang vocal back-up for Bing Crosby in "I'm dreaming of a White Christmas," the best-selling recording in history; she also backed up Frank Sinatra, and appeared on an episode of "I Love Lucy," in 1956. (See http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Norma_Zimmer and <http://www.welkmusicalfamily.com/normazimmer.html>.) Elsa Turner remembers meeting Norma at Sahalie, and kept in touch with Randy and Norma over the years.

¹³⁰ **Randall H. Zimmer**, born 1918, a Sahalie member since 1937, was living in Seattle at the 1920 and 1930 censuses; his parents were Hugo and Berdie Zimmer, living on Queen Anne Hill adjacent to Kenear Park. He was one of the better ski racers from the club in the late 1930s, until breaking his back at Mt. Rainier c. 1939. He married Norma Larsen in 1944, and stayed with her in Southern California while she pursued her singing career. They both enjoyed skiing well into their later years, moving to Park City, Utah. Randall died in 2008.

¹³¹ Norma Zimmer, 1976, *Norma*, Wheaton, Ill.: Tyndale House Publishers (Guideposts); see especially Chapter 15 (pp. 97-103) which describes how she arrived at Sahalie lodge and met Randy Zimmer there.

¹³² "10 Seattle Skiers Seek State Title," *Seattle Daily Times*, January 15, 1942, p. 23.

¹³³ "Tokle Arrives Wednesday for Olymian Jump," *Seattle Sunday Times*, January 18, 1942, p. 7.

¹³⁴ "Seattle Ski Club Wins 4-Way Meet," *Seattle Daily Times*, February 16, 1942, p. 15.

¹³⁵ **Earl W. Horngren**, born 8/22/1922, was a student at U.W. in 1944. He was living in Kirkland, WA in 1993, in Bothell, WA in 1994 and 1995, and back in Kirkland in 1998-2002.

¹³⁶ Rita Hume, 1942, "Skimen Set for Races at Stevens Pass," *Seattle Daily Times*, March 18, 1942, p. 21.

¹³⁷ "Class B Skiers Vie at Stevens," *Seattle Daily Times*, March 21, 1942, p. 8.

¹³⁸ "Nap Roque Tops Class B Skiers," *Seattle Daily Times*, March 23, 1942, p. 25.

¹³⁹ Rita Hume, 1942, "Season's Last Ski Events on Program Today," *Seattle Sunday Times*, April 19, 1942, p. 7.

¹⁴⁰ "Huskies Earn Sixth Straight Coast Ski Title," *Seattle Daily Times*, March 23, 1942, p. 15.

¹⁴¹ "Skiing," *U.W. Tyee Yearbook*, 1942, p. 209.

¹⁴² Marjorie Burke is still listed in a *Seattle Daily Times* article on October 10, 1942, yet appears as Mrs. Steven Skubi at Virginia's wedding in December, 1942. I can find no reference to Marjorie and Steven's wedding.

¹⁴³ "Wedding Bells...Smith-Burke," *Seattle Daily Times*, December 15, 1941, p. 16.

¹⁴⁴ "Ski Stars Jump Today," *Seattle Daily Times*, February 14, 1943, pp. 5, 8.

¹⁴⁵ "Preps To Ski Today; Hostmark in Army," *Seattle Daily Times*, February 28, 1943, p. 7.

¹⁴⁶ "Sahalie Skiers to Race Today," *Seattle Daily Times*, February 21, 1943, p. 7.

¹⁴⁷ **Howard Miller**, born in 1918, was a student at U.W. in 1936-1941. He enlisted in the Army in September, 1942.

¹⁴⁸ **Elizabeth A. (Betty) Malone**, born 3/12/1920, was living in Seattle at the 1930 census; her parents were James and Ada Malone. Betty was a student at U.W. in 1942. She died in Seattle on 5/14/2002.

¹⁴⁹ "Preps To Ski..."

¹⁵⁰ **Lloyd G. (Gus) Eriksen**, born in 1919, was living in Seattle at the 1930 census; his parents were Albert and Maggurtte Eriksen. Gus was a student at U.W. in 1939-1942, where he rowed stroke on the Husky crew team. After the war, beginning in 1946, Gus coached the U.W. ski team.

¹⁵¹ **Pat Calvert**, born c. 1924, was a student at U.W. in 1943.

¹⁵² **Mimi Van Waters**, born c. 1924, was a student at U.W. in 1944-1946.

¹⁵³ "Ski Stars Jump Today."

¹⁵⁴ **Bob and Bruce MacDonald**. There was a Robert MacDonald, born 9/11/1929, who died in Tacoma on 4/8/1978. A Robert MacDonald, born in 1923, was living in Seattle at the 1930 census in the same household as a younger brother, Donald; parents were Alexander and Estella/Ella MacDonald. The newspaper article about the Sahalie lodge fire on 4/17/1943 said that Bruce and Don MacDonald were from Tacoma. A later article (*Seattle Daily Times*, 1/17/1952, p. 26) confirms that Bruce and Donald MacDonald were twin brothers, born in Tacoma in 1929 (see further notes under Don MacDonald, below). Since there is no further reference to a Bob MacDonald, I believe that this 1943 newspaper article meant Bruce's brother, Don, and not Bob.

¹⁵⁵ **Robert A. (Bob) Winder**, born on 6/2/1926, was living in Seattle at the 1930 census; parents were Fred and Meta Winder. He was a student at U.W. in 1947. A Robert A. Winder with that birth date was living in Bremerton, La Connor and Oak Harbor later (no dates).

¹⁵⁶ "Ski Meet On Today," *Seattle Daily Times*, March 28, 1943, p. 6.

¹⁵⁷ "Ulland Cracks Jumping Mark at Snoqualmie," *Seattle Daily Times*, March 29, 1943, p. 14.

¹⁵⁸ Howard Clifford, 1944, "Skiing in Western Washington – 1944," *American Ski Annual*, available on-line at: http://hyak.net/lost/skiing_1944.html.

¹⁵⁹ **Leonard Hamilton.** There was a Leonard Hamilton, born n 1921, living in Chehalis, WA, at the 1930 census. There was an older Leonard Hamilton, born 1897, who was living in Ridgefield, Clark County, WA, at the 1930 census, married to Lois; he died on 3/15/1944.

¹⁶⁰ **Hugh Brown.** There was a Hugh G. Brown, born in 1926, living in Seattle at the 1930 census; parents were Ralph and De Brown. He was a student at U.W. in 1947-1950.

¹⁶¹ **Larry Brown.** There was a Larry Brown, born c. 1933, at Cleveland High School in 1951 and on the freshmen U.W. crew team in 1952.

¹⁶² **Don MacDonald.** The newspaper article about the Sahalie lodge fire on 4/17/1943 said that Bruce and Don MacDonald, two of the "youths" who discovered the blaze, were from Tacoma. There was a Don MacDonald skiing for Lincoln High School in Tacoma at Mt. Rainier in January, 1942 (*Seattle Daily Times*, 1/19/1942, p. 14). A later article (*Seattle Daily Times*, 1/17/1952, p. 26) confirms that Bruce and Donald MacDonald were twin brothers, born in Tacoma in 1929, who joined the Army in 1945 (at age 16) by lying about their age, and who then were assigned to the 10th Mountain Division; they both broke their backs while training on Mt. Rainier. After the war, they used the G.I. Bill to study in Europe, first at the University of Genoble and then at the University of Innsbruck, where they got to be fairly well known on the European ski racing circuit. One of these Dons (either the U.W. racer or the brother of Bruce, shows up in 1956 in a Bon Marche ad as a "ski expert." In 1958, Don MacDonald started a "How to Ski" TV series on Channel 9. One of these Don MacDonalds was a student at U.W. in 1946-1949. He was a member of the Husky ski team, under coach Gus Eriksen (also a Sahalie member). He married Mary Rowland in Centralia in 1951 and died in Seattle on 10/16/2008.

¹⁶³ "Fire Destroys Pass Ski Lodge," *Seattle Daily Times*, April 17, 1943, p. 5.

¹⁶⁴ "Plan Indoor Outing," *Seattle Daily Times*, July 30, 1944, p. 26.

¹⁶⁵ Hank Jacobsen, 1946, "Summary of the PNSA Season," *American Ski Annual – 1946*, available on-line at: <http://hyak.net/lost/PNSA1946.html>.

¹⁶⁶ "Hampton Wins Slalom Event," *Seattle Daily Times*, March 12, 1945, p. 11.

¹⁶⁷ "MacDonalds, Who Once Suffered Broken Backs, Ski in Europe," *Seattle Daily Times*, January 17, 1952, p. 26.