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Higgins Mountain Wind Farm 2023 EA barely mentions the historic and current popular angling on the Wallace River, or the Wallace River salmon on federal protections.





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Hello,

Sharing tourism related photos of the Wentworth Valley

The Higgins Mountain Wind Farm 2023 EA mostly misses the nature of tourism in the Wentworth Valley.

30 years of Mountain Biking with new guiding businesses planned in 2023.

Blue Route, by Bicycle NS.

30 plus years of regular guided hiking tours.

100 years plus of waterfall based tourism, including two guide books featuring Higgins Brook Falls on the cover.

Two trail running companies offering three or more Wentworth events in 2023.

Thanks,









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Hello,

Backcountry downhill skiing and Nordic skiing has occurred on Higgins Mountain since at least the 1970's.

The attached photo Higgins Mountain Wind Farm backcountry skiing deep in the headwaters of Smith Brook in the Project Area.

The EA did not address backcountry or Nordic skiing on Higgins Mountain.

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Hello,

While this photo isn't a good visual representation of the big view southwest to Ski Wentworth, and south-southwest views to Higgins Mountain project area, it is a spectacular look-off along the very popular Ridge trail in Wentworth.

Myself, Ski Wentworth and locals have asked for a Visual Impact analysis from this view. In emails, CLC, Open House events from Elemental Energy promised to include this area for an analysis.

This work has not been done, despite Proponent being offered to be guided to the area.

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Hello,

Highway 104 Exits 7 & 11 feature the following type of signage.

EA does not address this Scenic Loop value as a VEC or VC.

Why not?

Thanks,

EXIT 11



**Wentworth Valley
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Hello,

Historic 1930's photo of Ski Train dropping off skiers at Wentworth Station to ski across the valley at what is now Ski Wentworth.

No mention of 90 years of ski history and unique ski tourism culture in the Wentworth Valley in the EA.

Thanks,



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Hello,

More historical context regarding the historic ski outdoors recreation culture in Wentworth.

The attached are from the 1970's, 1960's and 1930's.

Not addressed in the EA.

Thanks,

SKI WENTWORTH

Vol. 1 No. 1

The newsletter of the Wentworth Valley Ski Club

December 6th, 1971

ARE YOU READY?

Early Snow Gives Promise For Another Good Season

Would you believe 6 inches of powder for Remembrance Day? Well if you had been one of those lucky motorists who tried to fight their way from Moncton to Truro during the weekend of the 13th, seeing would be believing.

What does this point to? Well, if you can believe the meteorologists (or as they are now called, atmospheric environmentalists), good snow seasons occur in cycles so that we could well be going again by the middle of December.

Fortunately, the Ski Club and the Development Company have been working throughout the off-season and the area is pretty well set to go. Area Manager Ed Chambers has been keeping his eye on things all summer and probably for the first time we were able to have all of the necessary maintenance performed well before the start of the season.

Amongst other things, the Club House has received a long overdue coat of paint, the parking lot has been graveled, a drainage problem on the hill put right, a new section of hill (above the bunny slope) opened for use. The growth of alders on all the trails has been cut back and Paul Vincent along with members of the ski team have cut back the undergrowth on the Embree headwall.

Anyone For Touring

Not all skiing is downhill. The growth of cross country skiing, or touring as it is now commonly referred to, in many respects matches that of the Alpine variety. Groups throughout the province are getting together to explore new trails, enter competitions or just enjoy the comradeship which a common interest in this activity affords.

The touring enthusiasts hope to promote the participation further this year both by encouraging those who are interested to meet and plan group excursions, and secondly to organize three sno clinics early in the New Year. The dates and locations of these clinics are:

Jan. 9, 10-Wentworth Valley
Jan. 16, 17-Point Pleasant Park
Jan. 24, 25-Annapolis Valley

Anyone interested in obtaining further details should either contact the Editor or The Canadian Youth Hostel Association 423-8736.

Junior Development Programme off to an Early Start

'Ski training will take place providing it does not snow'

This might sound strange, but it is in fact the condition under which the Junior programme has been functioning for the past several weeks. This is because every Wednesday night all those interested in getting in condition (upper age limit 85) have been meeting at the Dalhousie University Athletic field to be put through pre-season exercises.

As in previous years, the Junior Programme will offer a chance for all children and young skiers to take part. The Club wants to help both beginners and experts to ski better and to have more fun.

1. **Junior Ski School** — This is where you learn to ski or to improve your skiing. Lessons will be held each Saturday morning as long as the snows lasts. Starting time for lessons is 11:00 a.m., and will continue for 1 1/2 to 2 hours.

The age limits are from 3 to 14. There will be races as well as an end of season party.

Special rate to Club Members: \$10.00 per youngster, maximum \$30.00 per family, including lessons and ski tows while in class.

First lessons: Saturday, January 8th, 1972, at 11 a.m. (Note: Even if you are a Nancy Greene Ski League member, you should join the Junior Ski School where you will learn to ski and to race better.)

2. **Nancy Greene Ski League** — If you want to take up racing in a fun way and are not past your 14th birthday as of last August 31st, the Nancy Greene Ski League team is the place for you. There will be at least four team races, mostly against clubs from other areas.

Ski Manufacturers and others in the industry carry our countless surveys to see where the action is.

Approximately 25,000 pairs of ski boots were manufactured in Canada during the 1970-71 ski season.



Mountain Sprawl—A view of the Wentworth Ski Area from across the valley gives an idea of the extent of the 8 miles of trails. (Photo by A. A. Irwin).

Support Your Ski Teams

The Nova Scotia Zone, Canadian Ski Association, is again holding its annual car raffle.

Drawing for the beautiful 1972 Chevy Nova Automatic with radio, will take place December 23, 1971.

Sales have been going very well, but skiers should take at least ten books and circulate these to their friends.

You should be able to contribute a few hours of spare time to assist in ticket sales at Shopping Centres on weekends.

Offer your services by phoning Mrs. Paul Vincent 466-1931



Wentworth at a Glance

Vertical Drop	750 feet
Length of Runs	Longest 8,000 feet 2 runs of 3,800 feet 15 trails plus 2 practice slopes
Lifts	2 T-Bars of 3,800 feet each Bunny Slope with own tow
Times Open	9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. every day depending upon season
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Facilities	Lodge, Members Lounge, Cafeteria, Ski Shop.
Location	90 miles north of Halifax situated midway between Halifax and Moncton
Ski Patrol	Yes
Professional Instruction	Yes
Equipment Rental	Yes

Ski Wentworth is published by the Wentworth Valley Ski Club during the ski season. It is distributed free of charge to all members of the Ski Club and anyone else who is interested in keeping in touch with skiing in the Province. Comments or enquiries should be directed to The Editor, 5786 Ogilvie St., Halifax, N.S. or telephone 428-2782.

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SKI WENTWORTH

As I hope you noticed we are using a different approach to the Newsletter this year. With the good Season last year and the resulting expanded interest in the sport, we want to spread the word far and wide. The response so far from the advertisers who make it all possible has been encouraging and it is hoped that we will be able to produce at least four issues.

Anyone wishing to either advertise or contribute news items are strongly urged to contact the editor. Letters either commenting on this approach to the Newsletter or skiing in general will be appreciated and printed if possible depending upon the space available.

So now let's all pray for snow so that you can pick up your next issue at the Hill.

Ski Instructor's Certification Course

The Canadian Ski Instructor's Alliance will be running a seven day ski instructor's clinic commencing Feb. 13 - 19, 1972. Interested skiers may write for application forms:

Mrs. Marion Hennessy,
Secretary,
C.S.I.A. Atlantic Div.,
P.O. Box 890,
Halifax, N.S.

Application deadline Jan. 23, 1972.

A second ski instructor's clinic by the C.S.I.A. will be held at Martock Ski Area commencing Feb. 26 - Mar. 4, 1972. Saturday, Sunday, week nights through to Saturday. Application deadline Feb. 5, 1972.

The Wentworth Valley Development Company

Many newcomers to the Club have asked why there is a Ski Club and a Development company.

Years ago, in the rope tow era, if we made improvements, a few people signed notes at the bank, we received the money and we operated for another year.

In 1963, the first T-Bar was installed and because of the great expense, it was impossible to borrow money as a Club and the Wentworth Valley Development Company was formed.

As with most ski developments, there were fairly good years and bad years and the Company usually broke even or met expenses. And when a critical stage arose, a few more people purchased shares and saved the ship.

The Company owns the lift equipment, half of the old ski lodge and the hill grooming equipment.

The Club owns half the old lodge, the new lodge entirely and the hill.

The Club is responsible for the property. However, the Company has actually operated the area looking after the maintenance problems, hiring staff, and the day to day operation. The Club operates the racing programme and social events.

The Company comprises of just under fifty shareholders who have invested large sums of money, never receiving any interest or dividends whatsoever.

Mr. John Dickey is the Company President, supported by nine other directors: from Truro



A Good Way To Get In Condition. Paul Vincent is shown with some of the Ski Team hopefuls doing work on the trails earlier this fall. (Photo by A.A. Irwin)

are: John W. Snook, Dave Wilson, Don Goodspeed, Rod McLennan, and Bill Horner; from Halifax are: George Mitchell, Norman Newman, Don Mahon, and Arthur Irwin.

These people travel year round to meetings, spend much skiing time trying to solve area problems and skiers could make their work-load lighter by understanding the problems of operating a ski area.

Don't let the word "Company" mislead you. It is actually a group of Club Members who wanted to see Wentworth succeed and had enough foresight to develop the area.

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Snoopy's Word

Boots:

To avoid sore ankles take a pint beer bottle and insert it vertically into the heel of the boot. Buckle the boot tightly. This area of the boot will lose it's flat shape and take on a round natural form. The soreness around the ankle area should reduce.

Skis:

The steel edges of your skis will have rusted over the summer months, and it is important to get rid of this rust for smoother skiing. Simply take ordinary steel wool and run it over the edges.

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Les Espoirs

A new program for skiers between the ages of 12 and 16. It is designed to help improve the skier's ability and at the same time learn the basic

fundamentals of racing. This program will run every Saturday at 10:30, commencing January 8th, 1972. A seasonal charge of \$14.00 per skier or single lessons at \$2.00 per session.

The ski school will also offer as last season, the regular program for adults with group lessons programmed for Saturday at 10:30 to 12:00 and 2:00 to 3:30. Sunday's lessons will commence at 11:00 to 12:30 and 2:00 to 3:30. These group lessons are \$2.00 per person. Private lessons are available on Saturday and Sunday from 12:30 to 1:30.

Arthur A. Irwin

President - N.S. Zone - C.S.A.

National Public Relations

Chairman - C.S.A.

Anne Downie
Director
Wentworth Valley Ski School

LES ESPOIRS



Maybe Some Day the Canadian Team. Members of the Nancy Green Ski League go through their paces under the watchful eye of their Instructor. (Photo by A.A. Irwin)

Why Join the C.S.A.?

You the skier, have, no doubt, received along with your club membership card, an additional card stating you are a member of the Canadian Ski Association.

If you are strictly a recreational skier, you may ask, why should I belong?

Before the question is answered, let us look at the Association and find out what it really is.

The Canadian Ski Association was formed in 1920 and is presently one of the most active sports governing bodies in Canada.

Across Canada, the Association is divided into Divisions and these in turn are divided into Zones which are directly structured from the Clubs.

For example, the Atlantic Division is comprised of the Nova Scotia Zone, P.E.I. Zone and liason is maintained with the Newfoundland - Labrador Zone. The Nova Scotia Zone is made of ski clubs within the Alliance.

Nationally, the C.S.A. has an elected President, eastern and western vice-presidents, a board of directors made up of Division

Presidents and chairmen of national standing committees, and a full-time national staff under the direction of a General Manager.

In short, it is an association of ski clubs across Canada, which promotes the development of all phases of skiing in Canada.

It selects, trains and finances national alpine, cross country and jumping teams for competitions in world skiing.

Coaching schools, racing clinics, organizing of Nancy Greene ski league for youngsters. National Skiathon plus many programmes aimed at all levels of skiing are conducted by the organization.

Many standards have been established both for competitions and recreational skiing. A close liason is maintained with the Canadian Ski Patrol System and the Canadian Ski Instructors Alliance. A budget of over \$400,000 is necessary to carry on the very active programme and a strong financial supporter of the sport.



Help! Help! It would almost be worth a fall to have this pretty member of the Ski Patrol come to your aid. (Photo by A.A. Irwin)

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Safety Tips

A recent survey conducted by the Canadian Ski Patrol System has come up with some interesting statistics:

If you fall into any of the following three categories, the statistics say you should exercise caution as to how you proceed:

1. If you are a beginner
2. If you haven't had lessons
3. If you are a girl.

The particularly interesting features about all of these conditions is that much can be done on behalf of the individual to prevent an accident.

In the first place, if you are starting out don't attempt to test your aptitude by going to the top of the hill to see what happens. Master the basic techniques of **SKIING UNDER CONTROL** before you strike out to sample the steeper slopes. In most cases, this should take less than one day of instruction.

One tip for the girls starting out is that your man friend might be tops in most things but that does not necessarily mean that he is a qualified ski instructor. A mastery of the fundamental techniques of control are even more important for you, or so the statistics say. However, there is one point of consolation, injuries suffered by women are much more likely to be sprains than fractures, which is the reverse of the male situation.



The Ski School Set For The Afternoon Class (Photo by A.A. Irwin)

The average age of the Canadian Skier is 26.5 years and 80% of the total are over 18 years of age.

It is estimated that \$16,202,000 was spent in Canada on skis alone last season.

Ski Club Executive

1971/ 72 EXECUTIVE
WENTWORTH VALLEY SKI CLUB

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HALIFAX, N.S., MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1936

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READY FOR WINTER DAY'S OUTING



FIRE TELE FIRE

The Mayor of Halifax, N.S., called for a "drive" to correct the fire insurance situation in the city. He said that the Y.W.C.A., a many buildings in the city, most part existing in the same as other buildings, known crucifixion, audience year, should be taken it lying down if we have to.

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Here are some members of a happy group from the Halifax club ready to leave for a day's outing at Sackville where they enjoyed glorious winter weather on the snow-covered hills.

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Is the Higgins Mohntain Wind Farm project using fire automatic fire suppression systems in their turbines?

Considering problems with their 2006 Higgins Mountain Road wind project, and the many modern turbines that are failing prematurely around the world how does the Proponent plan to mitigate these risks.

Thanks,

Wind turbine catches fire in West Pubnico



Huge turbine threw burning hunks of material 100 metres to the ground

CBC News

Posted: March 16, 2019



'Forgotten washer' heard in hub before wind turbine collapsed in Cape Breton



Point Tupper turbine's blades hit the tower 'bending it like a straw,' say documents obtained by CBC News



Brett Ruskin - CBC News

Posted: May 15, 2017



Second collapse

Less than five months after the collapse, a 50-metre turbine in Grand Étang, N.S., snapped in half during winds reaching 160 km/h. The turbine was made by Denmark-based Vestas.

Nova Scotia Power said no one was at the site at the time and no one was injured.