

= SK Ull =

Skiklubben Ull was a Norwegian Nordic skiing club based in Oslo . Founded in 1883 , Skiklubben Ull attracted several skilled sportsmen who between 1883 and 1891 won six Ladies ' Cups and one King 's Cup in national skiing events . The sporting facilities belonging the club were located in Vestre Aker , with the ski jumping hill Ullbakken near Frognerseteren being opened in 1884 . The prestigious Husebyrennet was staged there once . Members of SK Ull were later instrumental in moving this prestigious contest to the hill Holmenkollbakken .

Club members also held important positions in the general administration of skiing in Norway . The first Ull chairman Johan Bechholm was also the first secretary of the Association for the Promotion of Skiing ; Karl Roll became the first chairman of the Norwegian Ski Federation , Hjalmar Krag became chairman in the Confederation of Sports and Fritz R. Huitfeldt was a pioneer in several respects .

The club was founded by students and its membership later drew from the upper social strata . During the first ten years of club history , forty @-@ four of the sixty members admitted into the club belonged to one of four prestigious professions ; physician , military officer , jurist or engineer . The club was furthermore exclusive , in that it only had 119 members during its first 100 years of existence . In 1893 the club raised its own cabin , thus grouping it together with other so @-@ called " cabin ski clubs " such as Christiania SK . SK Ull eventually evolved from a skiing club to a social club in a skiing setting , using the old cabin for member meetings , which were also visited by the King of Norway .

= = The most active sporting period , 1883 ? 1898 = =

Skiklubben Ull was founded on 29 January 1883 , and named after the Norse deity Ullr . In Norse mythology , Ullr was a god for hunting and competition , superior with his skis and his bow . SK Ull has been credited as being the second @-@ oldest skiing club in the world , after Christiania SK . The club founders were a group of university students who socialized in apartments in Wessels gate . The young men usually conversed about their studies or played card games , but they were also hobby cross @-@ country skiers , and decided to take up skiing in a more organized form by starting a club . The term describing a club member was ullaner .

The founding members were Thoralf Fabritius , Paul Lorck , Petter Dahl Thams , Andreas Bechholm , Johan Bechholm , Otto Dahl , Sigurd Gotaas and Michael Strøm Lie . New members were allowed every year until 1887 , after which new members were usually admitted biannually , in 1889 , 1891 , 1893 , 1895 , 1896 and 1897 . Notable members who joined the club shortly after the foundation include Fritz R. Huitfeldt , Henrik Florentz , Hans Grüner , Marius Grüner and Stefan Meidell . The first chairman was Johan Bechholm , followed by Sigurd Gotaas from 1885 and Fritz R. Huitfeldt from 1887 to 1891 . The three honorary memberships proclaimed in the early period were Fritz R. Huitfeldt ( 1883 ) , Hans Grüner ( 1884 ) and Axel Huitfeldt ( 1889 ) .

The club saw sporting success on the national level ( international competitions were few or none ) in its first years . Johan Bechholm finished eleventh and won the Ladies ' Cup in Husebyrennet of 1883 . In 1884 Ingvald M. Smith @-@ Kielland , Sr. won the Ladies ' Cup and Richard Blichfeldt won the King 's Cup . Vilhelm Nicolaysen finished fourth and won the Ladies ' Cup in 1886 , Karl Roll won the Ladies ' Cup in 1889 , Vilhelm Heiberg in 1890 and Otto Orre in 1891 .

Ull maintained its own ski jumping hill , Ullbakken , near Frognerseteren in Vestre Aker . It was opened in 1884 with a festive ski jumping contest , attended by Prince Eugen of Norway and Sweden . Ullbakken was the site of Husebyrennet in 1890 , when Kastellbakken was unusable . The dinner after this race was attended by Crown Prince Gustaf of Norway and Sweden . Karl Roll had an especially close relationship with the Swedish royal family , being a ski tutor for the princes while stationed in Stockholm between 1898 and 1904 . After Norway abolished the personal union in 1905 and elected its own king , Roll immediately became an aide @-@ de @-@ camp for the new monarch .

The club also staged the members @-@ only contest Ullrennet . In the invitation for Ullrennet and

the subsequent banquet in 1897 , the members were asked to take their place at the table " according to rank , estate , age , dignity and skiing profess " . SK Ull also became the second in Norway to raise its own skiing cabin , " Ydale " at Voksenkollen in 1893 . This was named after Ýdalir , the mythological dwelling of the deity Ullr . Some of Ull 's rival clubs were Christiania SK , Skuld , Fram and Ondur . Christiania , Skuld and Fram owned skiing cabins similar to that of Ull ? they were collectively referred to as " cabin skiing clubs " .

Reportedly , it was SK Ull 's forays into the district around Holmenkollen for sporting purposes that spurred the establishment of the new hill Holmenkollbakken in 1891 . The knowledge of the area spurred Fritz R. Huitfeldt to pinpoint the location of the new hill , together with Hans Krag . This hill lay at a higher altitude than Kastellbakken , and thus had more favourable snow conditions . Holmenkollbakken quickly replaced Kastellbakken as the main hill in the district , and eventually became world @-@ famous .

SK Ull also saw some sporting success in the 1890s , although the last Ladies ' Cup was taken in 1891 . The club was joined by top skiers like Tobias Bernhoft and Jørgen Berg . In the late 1890s , however , as many members reached higher ages , SK Ull became more of a gentlemen 's social club than an active skiing club . This social club was exclusive by nature , with a clause in the by @-@ laws that the membership could not surpass forty . Actually the club never had more than thirty members , which was the case in 1890 , and rarely more than twenty . The members were drawn from the higher social strata of Norway 's capital region . Forty @-@ four of the sixty members admitted into the club up to the opening of Ydale belonged to one of four prestigious professions : physician , military officer , jurist or engineer .

= = 1900 ? 1945 = =

After 1898 , there was a pause in admitting new members . Four were admitted between 1906 and 1908 , followed by only one in the 1915 , three in 1924 , and two in 1935 . In 1940 the average member age was 69 .

After finishing their active careers , some of Ull 's members entered the ranks of sports officials and administrators . Most notable was Karl Roll , who became the first chairman of the Norwegian Ski Federation in 1908 . Several members had already held positions in the older organization Association for the Promotion of Skiing , founded three weeks before Ull , in 1883 . Johan Bechholm was its first secretary , from 1883 to 1886 , and many others followed . Johan Sverre ( member since 1896 ) was a notable Olympic administrator after the Norwegian independence in 1905 , and Hjalmar Krag ( member since 1887 ) became chairman in the Confederation of Sports . Fritz R. Huitfeldt also became a known figure in his field ; for his ski bindings , and for pioneering Telemark skiing . Huitfeldt 's ski factory , which he started together with Richard Blichfeldt , was named Ull .

During the first years of the occupation of Norway by Nazi Germany , Ull continued to host private parties . Later , however , the club 's cabin Ydale was occupied by the Germans from December 1942 to March 1945 . Ull instead used the Grand Hotel for its sixtieth anniversary in 1943 and the annual convention of 1944 . Two new members were admitted during the war ; Sverre Martens and Einar Poulsson .

= = After 1945 = =

At the war 's end in 1945 , Ull only had fourteen members . Its average member age was lowered to 65 years after the admission of five new members in 1946 and 1947 . The post @-@ war period also saw the admission to SK Ull of men from more professional groups . One of the new members , Erik Plahte , would serve as chairman from 1951 to 1973 , when he backed down at the age of 84 . Another of the new post @-@ war members , Jakob Vaage , took over . He was then aged 68 . By 1953 , all the club 's elected positions were held by post @-@ war members . Three of the older members , some with experience dating to the 1880s , were admitted as honorary members , the first honorary members in SK Ull since 1889 .

After professor Johs . Andenæs was admitted as a member in 1949 , the club admitted thirteen

members in the 1950s ; seven in the 1960s as well as a corresponding member , Norwegian @-@ Canadian Herman Smith @-@ Johannsen ; and only three in the 1970s . One member was elected i 1980 , and three in 1983 ; Arvid Fossum , Odd Harsheim and Birger Ruud . Three honorary members were proclaimed after 1960 : Erik Plahte in 1969 , Herman Smith @-@ Johannsen in 1975 and Jakob Vaage in 1983 .

The cabin Ydale was still used for festivities , and became a small " museum " with skiing antiquities left behind by former members . The cabin was also used during the 1952 Winter Olympics as the residence of the Danish skiing team . A road leading to the cabin was named Ullveien in 1964 . In 1983 the 100 @-@ year anniversary of Ull was hosted at Ydale with attendance from King Olav V of Norway .

= = List of position @-@ holders = =

This is a list of chairmen , deputy chairmen and managers / secretaries of SK Ull .