

CLUB REPORTS

MONTREAL SKI CLUB

LAST year was a poor season as regards snow, and our events were per force considerably postponed, the first one being held on February 4; yet in spite of lack of snow and delay in training our club did remarkably well, winning nearly all the major competitions.

At the Ontario Championships held at Lucerne-in-Quebec, Erkki Penttila came first in the cross-country race. In the Quebec Championships held by our own club Penttila also placed first in the cross-country race while Art Gravel was second in the jumping, Len Lehan, third and Howard Smith, fourth. Art Gravel also placed fourth in the cross-country race and by so doing, with his position of second in the jumping, gained the combined Quebec title.

In the Dominion Championship, the major ski-ing event in Canada, once more Penttila came first in the cross-country race, so I don't think another ski club can boast of winning as many major competitions as our club did last year.

In other open events held by various ski clubs our club was also well represented. In the St. Jovite Championships, Penttila won the Gray Rocks Inn trophy, was placed first in the cross-country race and also in the slalom and seventh in the jumping, giving him the best aggregate score. Art Gravel tied for first place in the slalom and placed fifth in the cross-country race, while L. Gagne placed second in the jumping and C. Evensen placed third in the cross-country and the same place in the slalom. A splendid record.

In the Laurentian Championships held at St. Margarets, Norman Gagne won the jumping, P. Bott placed third, while in the downhill race Art Gravel was third.

In the Viking Ski Club open event at St. Margarets for the Nansen Memorial Trophy, Art Gravel placed second and C. Evensen third in the jumping. Art Gravel also placed third in the cross-country race.

I have recently heard that our good friend Erkki Penttila has returned to his native

Finland, and his going will be greatly felt by our club and the ski-ing fraternity as a whole, as undoubtedly he was one of the finest runners Canada ever had. His record of last year alone proves that, winning as he did every major championship, quite apart from his ability as a runner, he was a fine sportsman, never hesitating to give fellow members any ideas regarding waxing skis or other information that he thought might be helpful to the boys. Truly, our loss will be Finland's gain.

At the last general meeting I asked for any suggestions to improve the club and also any constructive criticisms, as it is only by these that we can ever hope to progress. For example, this year I thought it might be a good idea to hold a relay race open to any bona fide ski club, say over a course of three miles, and say with a team composed of four men. I think it would create great enthusiasm amongst our young members and also amongst other clubs as it would be a real honour for any man to be picked by the club to run on the team. A four man jumping team open to any ski club might also make a good competition and create a lot of interest.

It also occurred to me that for a change we might hold a ladies' and gentlemen's relay race over a short course, which I think would be an interesting event. I am greatly in favour of encouraging the ladies to ski, not merely for pleasure but also to compete in the various events. Last year I think our ladies' race was one of the best races held. It was won by Miss M. Warhaug of the Viking Ski Club, but I sincerely hope when this event is held this year that one of our members will be fortunate enough to win it.

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