



## THE PENGUIN SKI CLUB

JUST two years ago the Penguin Ski Club was started as the first of its kind in Canada with the idea of encouraging ski-ing among women and improving the general standard. This very active season has provided the growing need for such a group and has opened to it new fields of endeavour.

Our membership has increased steadily during the year, standing now at thirty-two, and great impetus has been given to the club by the keen interest and enthusiasm of our new members.

The official races in which the Penguins took part were as follows:—First: The Park Tobogganing Club Cross-Country Race in which Madeleine and Francoise McNichols took first and third places respectively. Second: The St. Sauveur Ski Club Downhill in which Francoise McNichols ran the Red Bird trail in the best time yet made by a woman. Third: The Red Bird Field Day in which Helene McNichols won the Ladies' Cup in both the Downhill and Slalom events. In the Slalom there were about 70 entries, Helene McNichols taking fourth place with 52.9 mins and Betty Sherrard taking forty-seventh place with 56.5 mins. in comparison with the best man's time of 30 mins.

We held two official meets this year, both of which were most successful. The Club Meet, open to members only, was held at Ivry North on March 10 and 11. Five different events were run: Bush-Whacking, Francoise McNichols; Jumping, Francoise McNichols; Cross-Country, Barbara Meagher; Slalom, Betty Sherrard; Downhill, Betty Sherrard.

The best aggregate scores were: Helene McNichols, thereby winning the Douglas Cup. Francoise McNichols and Betty Sherrard.

We are very much indebted to Messrs. Johannsen, Morrice and Sherrard, our efficient and energetic Committee, on this and other occasions.

The Penguin Slalom and Downhill Meet, open to ladies, was held at Val Morin on March 23, there being 19 entries in all. We again owe a vote of thanks to Mr. Johannsen for setting the courses and also to Betty Kemp for the efficient manner in which she organized the races. Among the competitors were several unattached skiers and also members of the Montreal and Val Morin Ski Clubs. The results were as follows:—Slalom, Francoise McNichols; Downhill, Madeleine McNichols. Final standing:—Madeleine McNichols, Penguin Ski Club; Francoise McNichols, Penguin Ski Club; Evelyn McKenna, Montreal Ski Club.

Mr. H. P. Douglas and Mr. H. Smith Johannsen, our Honorary President and Vice-President, have been a great source of inspiration and encouragement, and in closing we would like to express our sincere gratitude for their interest and unflinching co-operation.

## REVELSTOKE SKI CLUB

YOUR editor wrote me some years ago asking "When and where will these long distance ski jumps end?" I, knowing the enthusiasm and determination of the members of this Club, gave no answer. Later, when the unofficial distances of 281 and 287 feet by Gunnarson and Lymburne had been recorded, ski fans, in this corner of the winter sport world lay back and reflected with assurance that the limit had been reached, justly reasoning that standing ski jumps in excess of 300 feet were next to impossible. So the news of a jump of 308 feet by a member of that remarkable Norwegian ski family, Birger Ruud knocked us so far out of the ski picture that ski are now shouldered with an air of nonchalance plainly meaning that the limit has been reached, and we may now settle down to "sane ski-ing." Disappointed as we may feel by such stunning defeat to our several good records, interest in the game will by no means suffer a waning apathy, but

rather have the effect of curbing our impropriety and cooling off our heretofore use, or abuse, of a "red-hot" vocabulary of adjectives describing the spectacularity of Revelstoke's presentations. The Revelstoke Hill will not be deliberately extended to permit of further records, and it is noted that our class of long distance fellows are taciturn about regaining world honours. Amongst the younger element there are no surface showings denoting ambition sufficient to hazard a guess in the same direction. Rumour has it, from good authority, that interest is centering around Lake Louise for future activity and the building of a tremendous hill that may permit of beating the 308-foot record.

A feature of the 1933-34 meet here, celebrating the Twentieth Anniversary, was the recording of ninety-nine per cent local born entrants, the first crop of the new generation of skiers, as it were, and all gave excellent displays of ski talent. Credit again goes to an able executive for good policy and financial success, showing profits, despite depression conditions, and the aftermath decision of spending the whole in sending out representative teams to various western meets. Over thirty went to Grouse Mountain, Vancouver, B.C., and a team of twelve spent a most enjoyable week journeying to Trail by lake steamer, where they were met and greeted by the genial hosts of that coming club, returning successful with leading places in the lists.

Old time officials of the Club were again returned to office at the winding up of the season's activities, and Dave Orr, recalled again and again as secretary, was presented with the first life membership to the Club.

To one experienced in club administration, and versed in the study of public reaction, the writer has no doubts regarding the successful future of the sport, providing tournaments are presented on clean-cut sporting and showmanship business lines, but feels that changes are timely regarding the treatment of leading Class "A" skiers, to whom the highest commendation is due for the sacrifices they have made for the good of the sport, particularly in a financial way. Tournaments are suffering by their absence through club and personal financial stringency, and in many instances our best skiers are attending tournaments at their own expense, and modestly giving of their talents without reward. The segregation of this class by the formation of an exclusive club of Class "AA" men might well receive discussion by governing council, with a view to having them perform with amateurs at leading meets, but on different dates. In the opinion of the writer, the sport is on the verge of exploitation in large centres, and this idea might well help to solve the question of obtaining the best talent available, and guaranteeing equitable selection from their membership on a basis commensurate with their ability. Details of such a scheme have received discussion by members of this Club, as a result of observation. The season for this Club terminated successfully in every way.

## RED BIRDS SKI CLUB

ALTHOUGH members of the Red Birds Ski Club did not star particularly in competitions during the season 1933-34, in all other respects they had a most active year. An enthusiastic meeting in November marked the beginning of the winter program, when the following officers were elected: Mr. W. B. Converse, Honorary President; A. H. Pangman, President; H. H. Marcou, Vice-President; N. A. Fellowes, Secretary-Treasurer. As the new clubhouse at St. Sauveur was not completed till after the New Year, the members were rather scattered up till then and little of interest happened.

What we hope to be the beginning of a new series of International competitions took place during the New Year, when the Hochebidge Ski Club of Boston challenged us to a friendly contest. As there was an ugly crust the events were limited to slalom races only, at which we were soundly beaten.

The following week-end, January 7, the clubhouse was formally opened. It was designed by one of our own members, N. Fellowes, and furnished due to the generosity of our Honorary President, Mr. W. B. Converse. Situated in a grove of spruce trees at the foot of "Hill 70," within a few minutes ski of the railway station, the club is ideally placed for the skier. There is not only every size of hill close by, but