



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 unfailing 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



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also an eighty-foot ski jump for those desiring that type of sport. A large party of friends of the club were invited up for the opening, and after being entertained at lunch at Nymark's Lodge, witnessed an exhibition of downhill racing in heats and formation ski-ing.

On January 19 and 20 the first Interscholastic Ski Meet, open to all schools on the island of Montreal, was held under the auspices of the Red Birds Ski Club, the idea being to encourage schoolboys not only in jumping and cross-country ski-ing, but also in downhill and slalom. Also to encourage them to make use of the Laurentian mountains, with their magnificent ski-ing slopes. All the events with the exception of the jumping were held at Shawbridge. A detailed report of the meet appears elsewhere.

On January 27 and 28 a Red Birds Ski Club team was victorious in the first Inter-City Slalom and Relay Championship held at the Seignior Club. A team composed of W. Dorken, W. Ball, J. Blair, and H. Pangman won the slalom in decisive fashion, and also won the seven-mile relay race, although closely pressed in the latter by the Ottawa and Viking Ski Clubs.

On February 4 the club held its annual cross-country and jumping competitions. These events also acted as trials for the McGill Undergraduate Ski Team. The executive excelled themselves as Pangman won the cross-country and Marcou the jumping. It was just after the races were finished that Frank Campbell, captain of the McGill Ski Team, broke his leg in collision with another skier while sliding down the landing hill.

Campbell's loss was keenly felt when on February 10 and 11 the Intercollegiate Winter Sports Union Annual Championships were held at Dartmouth. The undergraduate members made a good showing, but could not obtain enough points to win the meet.

On the week-end of February 24 and 25 a social was held at the Seignior Club, when a party of about sixty members and their friends had an enjoyable time, combining ski-ing, dancing and swimming.

On March 4 an original ceremony was held on the occasion of the Red Birds field day at St. Sauveur, when the big hill was renamed "Hill 70," and dedicated to the memory of the late Sir Arthur Currie, wartime Commander of the Canadian Corps, and late Principal of McGill University. A bronze memorial plaque, attached to a huge boulder in the middle of the hill, was unveiled. The unveiling followed a luncheon given by the Honorary President to life members of the club, governors of McGill University, and representatives of militia headquarters. A unit of the McGill C.O.T.C. on ski acted as guard of honour.

A new record for the number of competitors was established when one hundred and eight entries were received for the slalom and downhill races. The downhill was run off in heats, eight men apiece over a half-mile course, and as the snow was very fast, thrills were plenty. A crowd of about six hundred witnessed the events.

On March 10 and 11, a team of five, consisting of J. Blair, N. Marcou, N. MacTaggart, and H. Pangman, journeyed down to Franconia Notch to compete in the fourth annual downhill team race for the Hochebierge Challenge Cup. There they were joined by G. Jost from Boston. Despite a practice run the team did not show up well, only getting fifth place in the downhill and second place in the slalom.

On March 18 the Quebec-Kandahar race was run down Mont Tremblant under the auspices of the Red Birds. While Art Gravel was the winner in the record time of 5 mins 32 secs., Ball, Thompson and Blair came in second, third, and fourth respectively, to uphold the honour of the Red Birds in downhill and slalom racing.

A great honour was conferred on W. "Bill" Thompson, past president of the club, when he was elected President of the Canadian Amateur Ski Association for the season 1934-35. Bill also acted as coach of the McGill ski team last year.

John Blair again won the Converse Trophy, emblematic of the club championship, for the second year in succession. On the result of the five events, cross-country, jumping, slalom, downhill, and bush-whacking, Blair was well ahead. Pangman was second, and W. Ball third. Twenty-three members, representing sixty per cent of the club's membership, took part in the various events which lasted throughout the season. The club suffered considerably as the result of accidents to its

members last year, as no less than four received either a broken leg or a broken arm, obtained in various competitions.

A well attended dinner at the Arts Club on May 14, brought an active season to a close after one of the longest ski-ing seasons remembered.

Red Birds Ski Club Field Day, held on March 4, 1934. Downhill Race First, Gordon Taylor, Montreal Ski Club; second, Jack Houghton, Red Birds Ski Club; third, Frank Reiffenstein, St. Sauveur Ski Club.

	1st Secs.	2nd Secs.	Total Time
SLALOM RACE			
1 Jim Houghton, Montreal Ski Club...	32.8	32.1	64.9
2 R. Ball, Montreal Ski Club.....	34.0	32.0	66.0
3 P. Renold, Red Birds Ski Club.....	33.7	32.3	66.0
4 J. Blair, Red Birds Ski Club.....	36.2	31.5	67.7
5 S. Maxwell, Red Birds Ski Club....	36.2	33.2	69.4
6 J. Pidcock, Montreal Ski Club.....	33.8	35.8	69.6
7 R. Baldwin, Montreal Ski Club....	34.2	35.4	69.6
8 J. Houghton, Red Birds Ski Club....	32.8	37.0	69.8
9 G. Taylor, Red Birds Ski Club.....	36.2	34.5	70.7
10 O. Nymark, St. Sauveur Ski Club...	35.0	39.3	74.3

	Time
LADIES SLALOM RACE	
1 Miss H. McNicholls, Penguin Ski Club.....	52.9
2 Mrs. E. Sherrard, Penguin Ski Club.....	56.5
3 Miss A. Johannsen, Val Morin Ski Club.....	64.8
4 Miss F. McNicholls, Penguin Ski Club.....	68.2
5 Miss B. Kemp, Penguin Ski Club.....	69.8
6 Miss D. Blair, Penguin Ski Club.....	76.0
7 Miss P. Johannsen, Val Morin Ski Club.....	78.7
8 Miss B. Meagher, Penguin Ski Club.....	86.8

STE. AGATHE SKI CLUB

ON APRIL 20, 1934, members of the Ste. Agathe Ski Club put away their ski after six solid months of ski-ing in one of the most successful seasons yet enjoyed by this Laurentian village club. Ski-ing conditions were a delight and helped greatly to increase traffic to this resort. Twenty-five new members from the United States were added to the membership roll. The municipal authorities were helpful in supplying six men on unemployment relief to help clear and blaze new ski trails. A new trail that completes a circular tour of the mountains surrounding the village was cut and added about twenty miles to the existing net work of trails.

An invitation meet under the auspices of the C.A.S.A. was held on February 11 and attracted a good entry in spite of the fact that there were two other conflicting meets on that date. The results of the Cross-country were as follows:—First, J. Tulku, Viking Ski Club; second, Galt Gillespie, Ste Agathe Ski Club; third, Art Gravel, Montreal Ski Club. For the Downhill the results were:—First, A. Gravel, Montreal Ski Club; second, L. Gagne, Montreal Ski Club; third, J. Shipman, Viking Ski Club. And for the Slalom the results were:—First, Jess Baldwin, Montreal Ski Club; second, Art Gravel, Montreal Ski Club; third, P. Belhumeur, Ste. Agathe Ski Club. The club is also proud to report that two of its native born members, Tommy Gillespie and Galt Gillespie qualified for their third class proficiency badges in the C.A.S.A. tests at Val Morin.

This past summer has seen the completion of the new "David Downhill Run," which for its length is one of the steepest in the Laurentians, and a new ski jump on the northern exposure of the Cross Hill, all made possible through the generosity of Mr. Sidney Dawes and his associates who financed the work. The club is also deeply indebted to Mr. Smith Johannsen and Mr. Harry Pangman who were of invaluable help as technical advisers in the construction period.

Ste. Agathe is to be the scene of the first meeting of the newly formed "Laurentian Village Boys Ski Association" in the early part of February and the club is having an Invitation Meet and Cross-Country Race for the championship of the Laurentian Mountains at dates to be set by the C.A.S.A. The officers of the club are:—Patrons, Hon. Athanase David and L. E. Parent, M.P.; Honorary President, L. E. Stoner, Esq.; President, C. W. Honey; Vice-Presidents, P. Belhumeur and M. I. Walsh; Secretary-Treasurer, Jas. H. Jacobsen; Directors, H. D. Jack, Omer St. Amour, Ed. Clark, H. L. Atto, Gaston Gibeault and A. Kempfer.