

## President's Message

*Fred Hall*

*Fred Hall, our new President, has been prominent in Ontario ski-ing for so many years and has done so much successfully that it is only possible to recount here but a few of his major accomplishments. A member of the Toronto Ski Club for twelve years, active in all capacities and Immediate Past President. For eight years editor of and contributor to their snappy publication, "The Ski-Runner," read all over Canada. One of the prime movers in developing jumping in Toronto, promoter and designer of the Thorncliff Jumping Hill. He planned the trail system of the Toronto Ski Club and designed the attractive trail map. A good all-round skier and jumper, he has devoted much time to teaching others, and his two youngsters, profiting by his instruction, are well on the way to be future champions. This past summer, with U. A. Benson, wrote and illustrated a new book, "Improve Your Ski-ing." With this remarkably useful background of experience and with the strong support he can expect from all clubs and individuals, he should, in his new position, go far in further organizing and developing ski-ing in the Dominion.*



**I**T IS my pleasure and privilege as President of the C.A.S.A. to send a message to the members of our Association, collectively and individually.

First of all, let me explain the organization as it exists in Canada at the present time. We have heard much about the wonderful system of controlling ski-ing in European countries like Germany, Austria and Switzerland. Geographically, these countries are ideally compact for proper and efficient control. Frequent meetings for discussions may be had without the inconvenience of extreme distances to travel and hence the interchange of ideas brought about through a mingling of the various close-centred clubs means that progress is rapid and the interest is sustained. In Canada we have a far different situation. Instead of having all our clubs in one small corral they are spread about on the open range, three thousand miles in length. In fact, most of our Zones cover far greater areas than whole countries in Europe. It is not hard to realize that it is impossible to keep in close touch with all the clubs in this far reaching area. There must be geographical divisions, each of which must be self-governing. At the present time there are two main divisions, Eastern Canada and Western Canada, who, although joined together by one common

bond, the Canadian Amateur Ski Association, are in reality two groups which must be kept separate in order to be governed in the most efficient manner. The executive of the C.A.S.A. is represented by both these divisions, giving each a share in general affairs and also creating an interchange of ideas which makes for better understanding. These two great areas are further subdivided into Zones, each with their own separate problems and difficulties, which they are best qualified to govern by themselves. It is my sincere wish that the chairmen of the various Zones correspond with one another freely in order that valuable ideas and the results of their experience may be used where it is most needed.

It is the plain duty of the Zones to encourage the formation of new clubs and to give their best efforts to show these clubs the benefits of organized ski-ing so that in due course they may become members of the Association. There is a great field for missionary work in the schools and junior clubs should be formed in every locality where ski-ing is practical. These clubs should be taken under the wing of the Zone committees, not with the idea of forcing them to pay fees or any obligations, but merely to stimulate a greater interest in the sport which in time will have its own reward.

To the numerous individual clubs of the Association I ask that you lend your full support to your Zone committee. There is bound to be a certain amount of petty jealousies among rival clubs, which, after all, is a sign of healthy activity. Give and take in equal proportion and keep peace in the family.

Here again the individual clubs may benefit greatly by an interchange of correspondence especially in the nature of club publications or bulletins. On this subject may I stress the point, that some sort of club publication, whether in printed form or even a mimeographed bulletin, is invaluable in keeping your membership together and in keeping the members in close touch with club affairs. One more point I would like to emphasize to the various clubs. I firmly believe that the success of any club depends upon the facilities and services it renders to the individual members in general. Many clubs have been ruined by an over-emphasis toward the competitive branch of skiing with little or no thought paid to the average member who skies for pleasure only. On the other hand we do not want to be entirely

fireside skiers and the competitive angle should be encouraged as much as possible. A happy medium should be easily arrived at which will develop the sport in all branches.

To the individual skiers themselves, I would first sound a note of warning. Do not take unnecessary risks. If you are an expert do not lead innocent beginners over difficult terrain. If you are a beginner do not be led by expert runners over difficult terrain. Wait until you have acquired some measure of control and confidence before attempting anything beyond your ability.

Your next duty is to support your local club "*e pluribus unum*." In this you will be serving a dual purpose. You will be enjoying the benefits and facilities provided by the organized ski bodies and you will be doing your bit toward helping your local club and its affiliations by providing more and better facilities in the future. Do not stop at this but become a self-appointed propagandist and sell the idea of our great sport to your non-skiing friends.

May I wish you, one and all a glorious season on skis.

## Message du Président

**J**E ME sens très privilégié, étant votre président, de souhaiter la bienvenue aux membres de notre Association qui parlent le français. La saison dernière lors du Championnat du Dominion, à Toronto, j'ai eu le plaisir de rencontrer plusieurs délégués et compétiteurs venant des clubs de Québec, et j'ai grandement apprécié l'aide qu'ils ont offerte à l'Association.

Je souhaite et espère que vous allez continuer à être intéressés aux affaires de notre Association, et spécialement en aidant et encourageant les nouveaux clubs. Pendant les cinq dernières années passées, étant membre du Comité de Zone de l'Ontario, j'ai eu beaucoup de plaisir à assister les nouveaux clubs de l'Ontario. C'est en réponse à nos efforts, que la plupart de ces clubs sont devenus de l'Association. Le devoir de tous les clubs et de tous

les officiels est de créer un plus grand intérêt dans l'art de skier, et spécialement dans les petites villes, en les visitant personnellement et en les instruisant de toutes les branches de ce sport. Je suis certain que vous aurez beaucoup de plaisir à faire ce travail, et vous créerez des amitiés durables partout où vous irez.

Il n'y a aucune raison pour qu'il n'existe pas un petit groupe actif dans chaque petite ville du Canada, où il est possible de skier, mais c'est seulement avec la co-opération des plus grands clubs que cela est faisable. De plus, vous ferez bénéficier votre zone locale en augmentant le nombre des clubs actifs. Il faut montrer à ces clubs qu'il est de leur avantage de devenir membre de l'Association.

Je saisis cette occasion pour vous souhaiter une excellente saison de ski.



### *Ski Champion here to instruct*

Switzerland's woman amateur skiing champion is spending the winter in Montreal where she will teach ski technique.

Miss Kuenzli has come to Montreal to be skiing instructress in the Henry Morgan and Company, Limited, store, where she will give actual lessons and demonstrations in what she speaks of as the "gymnastics" of skiing. She holds an official diploma as a skiing instructress.