

Red Birds Ski Club

THE Annual Meeting of the club was held in November and resulted in the election of the following officers for the season 1935-36:—*Honorary President*, W. B. Converse; *President*, Frank B. Campbell; *Vice-President*, W. L. Ball; *Secretary*, John R. Houghton; *Treasurer*, George B. Jost.

Many trips were made to the Laurentian mountains during the fall, where the more enthusiastic members interested themselves in improving trails and digging out Nymark's Jump at St. Sauveur, but no active ski-ing was done until December 14 when the clubhouse at St. Sauveur was opened.

We were again defeated by the Hochebidge Ski Club in our usual New Year's Day competition with them. The fastest time in the St. Sauveur Sports Club Downhill on the same day was registered by Lloyd Brown, of the Shussweirin Club of Boston. First and second places in Class I were captured by R. D. Ball and H. H. Marcou of the Red Birds Ski Club.

We held our club cross-country and jumping competitions on January 12. Bill Tait won the former and Bob Johannsen the latter—both these men are undergraduate members of the club.

The Laurentian Zone Championships were held on the two following week-ends. The McGill Ski Team took first place, with the Red Birds Ski Club Team second. Selden Hannah, McGill, won the individual combined, closely followed by R. D. Ball, J. R. Houghton and G. B. Jost of the Red Birds Ski Club.

We held the Interscholastic Ski Meet on January 31 and February 1. The jumping was won on Friday by "Punch" Bott, as was expected. Saturday morning 106 competitors and about 200 spectators went to Shawbridge on a special train. Fred Moore of Westmount High School, led his team to victory as well as capturing individual honours. Montreal High was second in team standing and Chris. Mamen, representing Lachine High, was runner-up in the combined.

On February 9, G. B. Jost and J. S. Blair came first and second in the Ontario Slalom Championship.

The following week-end saw Jost capture the Quebec Downhill Race at Shawbridge with R. D. Ball a close second.

We were defeated by the Hochebidge Ski Club for the second time in the season on March 1 when we were represented by a team at Franconia, N.H.

The Quebec Kandahar race of 1936 was won by Viateur Cousineau of Ste. Adele in the record time of 3.51.4 mins. The event was held on March 8 and a strong sun tended to cause upsets due to improper waxing. Louis Cochand's first in the slalom and eighth in the downhill gave him secondary position to Cousineau's performance in the downhill when coupled with fourth place in the slalom. Thus the most coveted trophy of Eastern Canadian ski-ing is now held by a "local" boy who has done the greater part of his ski-ing close to his own doorstep and beat the best all could offer on a pair of borrowed skis. The best Red Bird was G. B. Jost, again with second place in the downhill.

The middle week-end in March saw Cousineau win combined honours for the second week in succession, when he won the Nymark Cup at St. Sauveur. R. D. Ball and Jost were first and second in the slalom, and the former won the jumping event. The Red Birds team of Ball, Jost, Houghton and Taylor won the Hill 70 trophy.

On March 25, we held the remainder of the Red Birds Ski Club Championships. The bushwhacking was won by Pangman, the downhill by Pidcock and the slalom by Jost. The Converse Trophy, emblematic of our combined championship, was won by G. B. Jost; R. D. Ball, R. Johannsen, J. R. Houghton and M. D. Taylor, finished in the order given.

This finished our competitive ski-ing in the Laurentians for the season but many of our more enthusiastic members spent a few week-ends south of the "line," especially at Mount Washington in Tuckerman's Ravine, a large party spent the week-end of the

May 24 there and greatly enjoyed everything but the climb before and after.

A. H. Pangman, former member of the Canadian Olympic Ski Team, went to Germany this year as its Manager-Coach. Dr. W. L. Ball was a member of this team also, but both men returned too late to represent us in outside competitions. The latter had the misfortune to fracture his ankle while abroad but from all reports it will soon be strong enough for him to show us the much talked of "tempo" technique, which we have been led to understand will greatly improve our downhill performance.

McGill University Ski Club

LAST YEAR, the McGill Winter Outing Club became the McGill University Ski Club, and had the most active season in its history. The year was featured by greater interest and activity by the general membership, larger turnouts being obtained at the Saturday slaloms on Mount Royal and in the Laurentian Zone competitions. Membership was about sixty.

The most important team event of the year was the Intercollegiate Ski Meet, combined with the Dartmouth Winter Carnival, held at Hanover, New Hampshire. Out of an entry of fourteen universities, McGill placed second to Dartmouth, the perennial winners, only three points behind, out of a possible five hundred. Only one-fifth of a second behind in the total downhill times, and first in running, jumping, and combined, McGill lost out badly in the slalom to drop behind on the total score.

The individual stars of the meet were Bob Johannsen, freshman skier, who took two first places in jumping and combined, and was second by a narrow margin in both downhill and langlauf, and Sel Hannah, late of Dartmouth, who won the cross-country and placed well up in all the other events.

Other events in which McGill teams participated included the Lake Placid Carnival, where a team consisting of Houghton, Hannah, Johannsen, Christie, Denton and Tait, again placed second to Dartmouth; and the Laurentian Zone Championships, won by a team consisting of the same men, minus Denton, and including Tirrell. The Frithjof Nansen Memorial Trophy, emblematic of the provincial combined championship, went to the McGill team of Hannah, Johannsen and Outhet.

In individual competition, Sel Hannah turned in an amazingly consistent record, winning the Laurentian Zone, Quebec, and Dominion Championships. Ronnie Denton placed third in the Dominion, and fourth in the Provincial Jumping. Bob Johannsen was third in the Quebec jumps, while in the Zone Championships, Bob Townsend won the slalom, and Jim Houghton was second in the downhill. Several McGill men took prizes in various third class meets.

The team was again very ably coached and waxed by Bill Thompson and Paul Knowlton of the Red Birds. Coach Thompson placed fourth in the Dominion Championships combined Downhill and Slalom. The Red Birds Ski Club generously gave certain facilities of their clubhouse to prospective members of the McGill team.

The executive for 1936-37 is as follows:—*Honorary President*, Dr. Louis Reford; *President and Captain*, Ronald Denton; *Manager*, Robert Townsend; *Secretary*, Robert Sproule; *Assistant Manager*, Donald Tirrell; *Honorary Coach*, William Ball.

McGill Women's Ski Club

THE FIRST YEAR of the McGill Women's Ski Club has been fairly active and certainly enjoyable to those who took any interest in it. It was unfortunately late in getting started—not until after the mid-term exams—and so was hampered in this respect. This was unavoidable of course because there is seldom any snow before Christmas, and after the New Year most of the