

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 Tucker-man'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

people are busy with exams and so any real organizing is difficult before this.

Practices were held almost every week on Mount Royal under the guidance of our coach, Robert Townsend. Four girls had to be hurriedly chosen for the Inter-City Invitation Meet at Lucerne. These were Phyllis McKenna, Kay Weeks, Barbara Barker and Peggy MacKay.

Six girls were later sent to the Quebec Provincial Ladies Championship at St. Sauveur held by the Penguin Club. The same four went with two additions—Phyllis Jackson and Helen McMaster. We were by no means outstanding but did our best. Phyllis McKenna was, unquestionably, our best skier.

Beginners have also had some excellent opportunities. They have met twice a week on Mount Royal with Miss Wain, also several week-ends were enjoyed at St. Sauveur organized by Miss Wain.

Unfortunately, there is no individual champion in our sport due to the unfavourable March conditions, which month was the only time left us to have held a meet for McGill alone.

I should like to thank Phyllis McKenna for her assistance, and say that I appointed her assistant manager in the middle of the year as I felt that one person was insufficient. Altogether prospects for next year ought to be very good especially if energetic practising and enthusiasm will be our guide.

Penguin Ski Club

A GENERAL MEETING of the club was held on October 2, 1935, when certain changes in the By-Laws were voted upon.

Our previous quarters in St. Sauveur having been too cramped, we moved this year to Piedmont, where we found a house eminently suited to our needs. With very little trouble and at small expense we decorated and furnished it, and the result was most satisfactory.

The Zone Committee honoured us by awarding us the job of running the Quebec Ladies' Championships in Slalom and Downhill. A member who wishes to remain anonymous gave a trophy to be presented on this occasion by the Penguin Ski Club to the winner of the Combined Event; the trophy is for annual competition, a small replica being given the winner to keep. We held the meet on February 16 at St. Sauveur and Piedmont, the Downhill being run down the Redbird Trail, and the Slalom on the Molson Hill. The entries numbered well over fifty, and included ladies, third class men and juniors. Extraordinarily good times were turned in in both events. The Combined was won by Alice MacFarlane, of The Ski Club of Montreal. After the races were finished, competitors, officials and spectators adjourned to the clubhouse for coffee and sandwiches, and the prizes were presented to the winners.

The Club Championships were held on January 19 and on March 7. The Slalom and Downhill were run on January 19 at St. Sauveur and Piedmont. Madeleine McNicholls won the Slalom and the Combined and Helene McNicholls won the Downhill. On March 7, Peggy Johansen won the Cross-Country and Barbara Mactaggart the Bushwhack. Peggy Johansen, with a total of 380.9 points out of a possible 400 won the Club Championship. Francoise and Helene McNicholls placed second and third respectively. It had been intended to hold a competition in jumping as part of the Club Championships, but we, unfortunately, left it until too late and were unable to do so.

During the season members have competed in open meets with the following results:—

January 11 in Montreal, the Barry Morton Trophy cross-country, won by Peggy Johansen.

January 25 and 26 at the Seignior Club, the Ladies' Inter-City Invitation Meet, in which our two teams placed second and fourth. Our first team won the Relay Race.

February 1 and 2 at Ottawa, Ladies' Inter-City, in which Francoise and Helene McNicholls placed third

and sixth in the Downhill, and second and fifth in the Slalom.

February 16 at St. Sauveur and Piedmont, the Quebec Ladies' Championships, in the Combined of which Francoise and Madeleine McNicholls placed fourth and fifth respectively and Barbara Mactaggart seventh.

February 23 at Mont Tremblant, the Taschereau Downhill, in which Madeleine McNicholls placed first of the ladies and bettered the times of many of the men.

March 15 at St. Sauveur, the St. Sauveur Sports Club Slalom and Downhill, in which first place in both events was captured by Francoise McNicholls.

Although we did not repeat last year's performance of a first in every competition entered—that would have been almost impossible—we nevertheless feel that the standard of skiing has been consistently good, and one with which we may well be pleased.

In the middle of the season we bought a stop-watch and a complete set of slalom flags with part of our not yet excessive surplus. We hope, ultimately, to have complete equipment for running a meet. At present we are most indebted to kind friends who lent us stop-watches and such-like; and in particular we are grateful to those who gave their time and effort in helping us run our meets. Without the assistance and advice of our Honorary President, Mr. Douglas, and of our Honorary Vice-President, Mr. Johansen, and of many others we would undoubtedly have fumbled badly on these important occasions.

Ski Club of Montreal

THE SKI CLUB OF MONTREAL was organized in the fall of 1935, as successor to the old Montreal Ski Club, that through an unfortunate chain of happenings, was forced after many years of fine and useful activity to retire. We had a most successful season from a financial, social and competitive standpoint.

The Club conducted three schoolboy events in Montreal, the City of Montreal Jumping Championship and the Zone Cross-Country and Jumping Championships which were held at St. Margarets. We joined the Cote de Neiges Ski Jump Association and took an active part in efforts to keep this jump in operation.

Representatives of the club took part in all the competitions in this district and the jumping team consisting of "Punch" Bott, Jimmy Riddell, Alain Almon and Ted Hogan also took part in the Ontario and Dominion Championships. "Punch" Bott and Jimmy Riddell placed first and second in the Dominion Jumping Championships.

Our Ladies' team, consisting of the Misses A. MacFarlane, E. McKenna, D. Michaels and E. Benning won most of the events in which they entered and Miss Alice MacFarlane won the Quebec Championship. We have been awarded the first Dominion Ladies' Championship, to be held on Mount Baldy at St. Margaret's towards the end of February, 1937.

We made the St. Margaret's Lodge, St. Margaret's, our headquarters in the Laurentians and were very well satisfied with the good food, comfortable quarters and reasonable prices they charged club members.

We are looking forward to another successful season and as our membership grows we intend to expand our activities.

St. Margaret's Ski Club

THE gradual development of downhill racing on the steep wooded slopes of Mount Baldy can be closely linked with the conservative advancement of the St. Margaret's Ski Club, which since its organization has given much thought to this phase of skiing in the St. Margaret's district.

Very definite progress was noted in the club during the 1935-36 season under the direction of President W. J. A. "Bud" Veitch, when the club showed its