

Night ski-ing along wooded trails illuminated with flares and across the lake ski hikes added to the entertainment.

Messrs. Bill Bartlett, Bert Rumball and Frank Tissington organized parties of juniors each Saturday and gave them valuable assistance and coaching.

The season concluded with a favourable cash balance in the treasury, and a great deal of enthusiasm and many plans for the new season.

Uxbridge Ski Club

THE UXBRIDGE SKI CLUB was formed in 1932 and through the kindness of Mr. H. D. Martin they were allowed to use his attractive summer home for the ski-ing season. The clubhouse is not large but by adding bunks to it, we were able to accommodate a dozen enthusiastic skiers every week-end. The clubhouse is located about three miles northeast of Claremont and the rolling hills in this district offer all types of running from open slopes to narrow confined trail running. The season was exceptionally long last year and good snow conditions existed from the first week in November until the end of March.

Since the inception of the club, we have endeavoured to carry on the work started by the Ontario Zone in providing skis for poor children who are not able to purchase them for themselves. Each Christmas we distributed these skis to the children of the farmers over whose property we skied and we are rapidly being paid for our small investment in seeing these youngsters develop into good skiers.

The club, although only with twenty-two members, is very enthusiastic about the sport and is always willing to lend a hand in giving free instruction and further spreading propaganda on the sport. The officers of the club are as follows:—*President*, Jack Martin; *Vice-President*, H. D. Martin; *Secretary*, H. Mathews.

Lookout Ski Club, St. Catherines, Ont.

THE CLUB was organized late in the Fall of 1935 and was very fortunate in having an unusual amount of snow and a much longer ski-ing season than is usually enjoyed in the Niagara Peninsula. The result of this was a larger and more enthusiastic membership than the founders anticipated. We have over 200 members, 125 of whom are juniors, being mostly boys from Ridley College and Grey Gables School.

Thanks to the kindness of the directors of the Lookout Point Golf Club we were able to secure the exclusive use of their property at Fonthill, as well as one of the locker rooms in the clubhouse which we used as a club room. We were also most fortunate in having Mr. Arthur Keeling, the golf professional, allow us the use of his house which adjoins the club property. Several short trails were cut through the wooded sections but most of the members skied on the open slopes which although not very long are steep and sufficiently fast to provide good sport for the average skier. One of the most encouraging features was the general improvement in ski-ing which was noticeably apparent at the close of the season.

No competitions were held this season as our time was given over to the work of organization and of putting the Club on a sound financial basis. However we have ambitions for 1936-1937. Besides holding club competitions we plan on building a junior jump.

We ended the year with an excellent surplus and an enthusiastic and active club, all of which promises well for the future of ski-ing in this vicinity. The officers of the Club are as follows:—*Honorary President*, Mr. Gordon Chaplin; *President*, Mr. Paul Dawson; *Vice-President*, Mr. Bruce McCordick; *Secretary-Treasurer*, Mr. Elon Wright; *Board of Directors*, Mr. L. B. Spencer, K.C., Mr. R. B. Law, Mr. Philip Sullivan, Mr. J. Schiller, K.C., Mr. McLennan.

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Fort William Ski Club

THE FORT WILLIAM SKI CLUB, while it has been quite active since 1929, really came into its own in the Fall of 1932, when the present site was located on the northwest slope of Mount McKay overlooking the city, and being part of the Indian Reserve. Immediately the lease was negotiated operations were started. The slopes had to be cleared of trees and rocks, a new club house built, and trails cut, but after the expenditure of a considerable sum of money and a great deal of time and energy on the part of members, the work was completed in time to hold the District Meet. The result is that the Club now has a site that compares favourably with any other in Canada. Of noteworthy mention is the fact that the most active workers were men nearing the fifties.

The Club now boasts a jump where leaps average around 115 feet, the unofficial record being 140 feet. With additional work jumps in excess of 200 feet are expected.

Immediately adjoining the jump is the nursery slope intended primarily for the use of the younger members and the beginners. The neighbouring slopes provide excellent courses for both downhill and slalom racing, and back of the mountain lies many square miles of wooded hills and valleys forming a most picturesque setting for numerous thrilling cross-country runs. The slopes are floodlighted and night ski-ing is enjoyed by the more enthusiastic members.

Plans for the future include a new clubhouse and an electrically operated endless rope to tow skiers up to the level of the jump take-off, a vertical interval of 250 feet.

The present membership is about 120 and is steadily increasing but, due to our geographical location, there are not as many outside members as we would like to see.

Of interest is the fact that the mountains on the Club's property, all 1,200 feet or more above Lake Superior, include the historic landmark Mount McKay, "Minen" (Blueberry Mountain), "Annotik" (Maple Tree), and "Kishkabeka" (Rock Precipice Mountain).