

### Laurentian Ski Club

FROM THE DREAM in the minds of a few early ski enthusiasts of 1925 has arisen the present progressive Laurentian Ski Club with a membership in 1936 of 311. The Club has some 160 acres under lease, situated in the foothills of the Laurentians. The terrain consists of many varied hills and eight to ten miles of cleared trails.

The clubhouse, built and owned by the members, is up-to-date in every respect, having facilities for the serving of meals. The year's activities consisted of the annual coach trip to Widdifield; an excursion over the T. & N.O. Railways, during which the heated cars remain at the disposal of the skiers during the day; several organized cross-country hikes from Widdifield to the "Chalet," a distance of some fourteen miles; two dances during the ski season for members and their friends. All members are kept in close touch with the club activities through the club publication "Ski Heil," with a circulation of three hundred and fifty for each of twelve issues.

All competitions received every support from the executive. The senior men, ladies and juniors have been classified into A, B and C classes according to the Ontario Zone Bulletins. Each class has its own competitions from which the class champion is chosen. In the case of the junior boys, the competitions consisted of jumping, cross-country, downhill and slalom. For these events, in each class, ribbons were given as prizes to the winners. Each ribbon was given a numerical value, e.g., 1st, ten points; 2nd, nine points; 3rd, eight points; 4th, seven points, etc. The competitor who accumulated the greatest number of points was



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acclaimed class champion and retains possession of the class shield supplied by the Club. This method was developed and adopted during the past season and promises to be most satisfactory. It was found that this method does a great deal towards fostering an interest in all four types of competition. From this we hope to develop all-round skiers in the coming years. In the case of the junior "A" boys, most of whom attend High School, the class winner also is recognized as Collegiate Champion. It was found that in justice to the competitors it was necessary to devote an entire week-end to senior men, one to ladies and junior girls, and similarly to junior boys.

The season of 1936 saw the completion of the club's jumping hill which follows as closely as possible, the F.I.S. standard. Jumping is becoming increasingly popular and should prove of major interest. We are fortunate in having a close relationship with the Temiskaming Ski Club which contains many sterling jumpers.

During the week-end of January 25 and 26, 1936, the club held its first Ontario Zone Invitation Meet. Competitors were present from widely separated points each event drawing a large entry. The manner in which the meet was conducted drew praise from competitors and spectators alike and did much towards making the club a leader in Northern skiing.

Snow conditions were ideal during the months of December, January, February and March with the heaviest snowfalls occurring in February. The past season, which was typical, extended from mid-November until the first week of April.

The Laurentian Ski Club has steadily progressed from year to year. At the present time it enjoys the support of the two local newspapers. The citizens of North Bay and all of Northern Ontario are becoming intensely ski minded. The future of the club seems assured with such a staple background and promising outlook.

### Arvida Ski Club

THE ARVIDA SKI CLUB started its second active year with practically every skier, young or old, novice or expert, in the community on its membership list. Snow was late in coming and it was not until January 5 that the Club was able to start the ambitious program which had been drawn up for the season. The first meet was a general "get-together" and informal cross-country ski-run at which there was a full attendance. Refreshments were served at the end of the run, and an outline of the season's activities given by the club president, Ray Lanctot.

Happy relations between this club and that of the neighbouring town of Kenogami, five miles distant, provided two successful and entertaining "home and home" meets. There were no competitive events, but the novelty of skiing on strange hills, the hike to and from town, and the traditional hot coffee and beans afterwards, made these meets very popular.

The Christmas Tree Trail was the scene of the first downhill and cross-country races of the season, Bill Whitaker winning both senior events.

The first Saguenay District Open Meet was held in Arvida on February 23, 1936, members of the Riverbend, Kenogami and Arvida Clubs participating. The events included downhill, slalom, jumping and cross-country, Bill Whitaker of the Arvida club winning the combined event, for which he received the Annual Challenge Cup presented by the Arvida Ski Club.

This is the first time that an open meet has been held in the district but from the interest shown in it, both by the number of entries and of spectators, there is no doubt that it will become the major winter event of this district.

The final meet of the year was for the Club Senior Jumping and Senior Slalom championships, these events being won by Ed. Clark and Ernie Douglass respectively.

The Annual Meeting, held on April 15, was well attended. The president gave a resumé of the season's