

"La Zone de Ski de la Vallée du St-Laurent"

MALGRE un début de saison lamentable, nécessitant la remise de l'épreuve à relais à la semaine suivante, le magnifique programme sportif tracé par la Zone de Ski en collaboration intime avec les nombreux clubs, a remporté un succès incontesté grâce au dévouement et à l'esprit d'initiative des organisateurs qui ont su donner le coup de collier au bon moment, faisant jaillir des initiatives partout où elles se révélèrent nécessaires, travaillant dans l'abnégation la plus parfaite, bravant une foule d'obstacles et canalisant dans la bonne direction la marée toujours montante des skieurs que l'attrait des pentes neigeuses attire sur notre inégalable empire des neiges.

C'est une belle réussite à l'actif de la Zone de Ski qui justifie une fois de plus son titre et réalise sa double mission; faire connaître le ski de Tourisme et encourager le ski de compétition.

Tous les clubs de la Zone firent leur part dans ce magnifique mouvement pour promouvoir le noble "Sport Blanc."

Voici un résumé de quelques épreuves à leur actif:— Québec Ski Club Inc.—Championnat de la ville de Québec (cross-country, descentes et slalom, seniors et juniors). Athlétique Ski Club Inc.—Championnat de la Vallée du St-Laurent (langlauf et slalom). Montagnard Ski Club Inc.—Championnat de la Rivière-Sud (cross-country), trophée du "Duc Levis-Mirepois. Voirie Ski Club—Concours juniors et interscolaires. Jacques-Cartier Ski Club—Championnat de la ville pour les Dames. Etchemin Ski Club, Inc.—Championnat de la Vallée de la Chaudière (concours seniors et juniors). Snowbirds Ski Club Inc.—Concours variés.

Les efforts et les sacrifices vraiment méritoires de nos jeunes skieurs en ces cinq dernières années ont créé une si profonde impression dans notre district, que l'Association des Sports d'Hiver, emboitant le pas, organisa une souscription à laquelle le public répondit largement, permettant ainsi la création de deux centres de ski sur les monts "Murphy et Taylor", au lac Beauport, dans ce coin si ravissant des Laurentides, à 10 milles seulement de Québec.

Ces deux stations hivernales, sous l'habile direction de monsieur Herman Smith-Johannsen, seront munies de tremplins, pistes de descentes et de slalom, et permettant au Québec Ski Club, d'organiser avec succès les quatre épreuves pour le championnat Provincial le 19 et 20 février 1938.

Au meeting de la C.A.S.A., à Toronto, Marcel Manseau, du Québec Ski Club, président de la Zone depuis deux ans, fut élu à une vice-présidence de l'Association.

Officers de la Zone de Ski de la Vallée du St-Laurent, pour la saison 1937-38:—*Président honoraire*, Marcel J. Manseau; *Président*, Jos. Griad; *1er Vice-Président*, Claude Delisle; *2ème Vice-Président*, Alfred Roy; *Secrétaire-Arch.*, Albert Laliberté; *Trésorier*, Phil. Gignac; *Publiciste*, Michel Dehouck; *Asst.-Publiciste*, R. M. Pouliot; *Directeurs*, Bill Walsh, Frs. Pichard, G. Gravel, L. Gravel, J. Y. Simard, F. Warrender, A. Letarte, R. Lemay, M. Renaud.

Ontario Ski Zone

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ALTHOUGH the second year of the Ontario Zone was handicapped through lack of good snow conditions, great progress was made in organization. With 11 clubs at the start of the season, there were 21 member clubs and 22 non-member clubs, comprising a membership of about 8,000 active skiers in this area at the end of the year.

Problems that the Zone had to deal with were heavy, 700 letters received and 900 replied to. This made it necessary for the Zone to secure a central office at a nominal rental in the Union Station, Toronto, where Zone matters could be handled efficiently. Without this office we do not believe the Zone could have functioned.

The Technical Board was faced with a number of problems on all matters, especially the allocation of tournaments. But, aside from this, a number of other problems were efficiently handled and one of the outstanding points brought to light was the lack of necessary judges to handle the various competitions.

The moving picture film library was started in the Zone this year and so far twenty-five 400-foot reels have been secured. While only a few of these have been purchased outright we hope to purchase others of these as soon as funds are available. Arliss Flint, Chairman of the Technical Board, took a week of his holidays to visit the clubs in Northern Ontario, giving us personal contacts with clubs in this area, and it was the means of creating a great deal of public interest in the sport as well as enlisting new clubs for the Zone. It is estimated that the members putting on these moving picture shows travelled over 4,000 miles during the past season.

The proposed ski school which we have been working on for some time has now reached the stage where it will be started during the coming season. This includes a course of ski gymnastics put on in the various clubs during the fall and followed later by instruction on the snow under qualified instructors.

It was definitely proven that snow reports should be more consistent and give more reliable information in the future than they did last season.

A recommendation has been submitted by E. J. Mulrooney of the Chicopee Ski Club for the formation of a news bureau for the Ontario Ski Zone clubs where they will be able to get the latest up-to-date information on technical matters for use in their local publications.

At the Annual Meeting of the Ontario Zone an endeavour was made to give a free copy of the Canadian Ski Year Book to every member of each club in the Zone. This, however, has not met with very much enthusiasm.

To give you some idea of the travelling that was done on Zone matters last year, it was estimated that the Executive travelled over 12,000 miles or half way round the world in looking after Zone affairs, showing moving pictures, looking after competitions and carrying on the general propaganda of the sport.

The clubs and Executive in the Zone will do every thing possible to carry on the work of the organizing of ski-ing to the best of their ability and we feel sure that we will be able to secure the whole-hearted support from the C.A.S.A. on any matters that we wish their support.