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Connaught Ski Club

FOLLOWING the disbanding of the old Sherbrooke Ski Club about ten years ago, interest in skiing in Sherbrooke and the Eastern Townships faded until a few devotees of the ancient sport finally got together and organized the Connaught Ski Club.

With headquarters at the Connaught Inn, at North Hatley, Quebec, and with the object of reviving interest in skiing in Sherbrooke and the Eastern Townships generally, membership in the Club is limited to active skiers only.

Notwithstanding the poor snow conditions last winter, the Club had a very successful year and it is hoped that this coming season will be even more so. Now that the Club is a member of the C.A.S.A., there are possibilities of promoting some sanctioned events such as downhill and slalom races.

After careful survey of the country around Sherbrooke, there was no room for doubt that North Hatley should be the centre of the Club's activities. This town, situated on beautiful Lake Massawippi, is well known to the people of the Province of Quebec as a summer resort, but until recently few have realized its possibilities as a winter resort, so our Club got going and spread the news that there was good skiing at North Hatley. Fortunately, the roads from Sherbrooke to North Hatley are kept open all winter, and a regular bus service is maintained, which makes this a very convenient spot to reach.

We had numerous visitors from Montreal and the United States last winter, all very active skiers, who definitely decided they would be back again this year to enjoy the skiing, which they consider as good as any to be found in the Laurentian Mountains.

The town of North Hatley has co-operated with the Club by clearing out trails and runs, and they naturally are anxious to do anything possible to popularize the district for winter sports.

For those who prefer a varied program for their week-end activities, excellent skating and bob-sledding can be found there as well. For those enthusiasts who are in the habit of spending Christmas and the New Year holidays away from home, no better accommodation can be found than at the Connaught Inn, at North Hatley, an excellent hotel, which furnishes every comfort to the skier.

Fort William Ski Club

THE 1936-37 season for the Fort William Ski Club was an excellent one from every point of view. Snow came early in November and excellent skiing was enjoyed until the end of March.

A membership drive was started early, with the gratifying result that the club membership increased from two hundred and thirty to over three hundred members. A further increase is expected this year as the citizens of Fort William are rapidly becoming more ski minded, attracted by the thrill of the sport and the lure of the excellent terrain.

With a program of work started in October, the network of trails was extended and slopes adjacent to the clubhouse were enlarged. Indian labour was employed.

During the season for the first time in its history the Club was represented at the Ontario Championship Meet at North Bay by the Hansen Brothers, Erling and Knut. The showing they made was a credit to the Club, Knut taking fourth place and Erling fifth. Knut also placed third in the downhill race.

The District Meet held at the Club site on Febru-

ary 28, 1937, was well attended. Results were as follows:—Long Distance Race, approximately ten miles, won by Chas. Kaarila, time 55 min. 30 sec. Class A Jump, won by Knut Hansen of Fort William. Class B Jump, won by J. Royds of Port Arthur. Senior Slalom, won by Geo. Youngs, Fort William, time 1 min. 16 4-5 sec., distance approximately 7/8 mile. Junior Slalom, won by John Beeman, Fort William. The longest standing jump of the day was 116 feet by Lou Roberts.

Financially the club enjoyed an excellent season as well, for the first time ending the year with all debts paid and a credit balance on hand.

The Club also enjoyed the privilege of entertaining visitors from outside points, Winnipeg, Calgary, and Minneapolis being represented. More are expected this coming season of 1937-38, and are always welcome.

The Club is looking forward to an even better season this winter, and at this date work has already been started on improvements.

Officers are as follows:—*President*, W. L. Bird; *Treasurer*, J. H. Lyons; *Secretary*, H. W. Gough.

Laurentian Ski Club

THE season of 1936-37 opened early for members of the Laurentian Ski Club. Although this Club had been chosen to conduct the Ontario Ski Zone Championships a change was made in August which gave us the C.A.S.A. fixture. Work began at once on a new jump hill; although a fine jump had been constructed the year before it was not considered suitable for a meet of such proportions. Accordingly there arose a new first class jump hill built entirely to F.I.S. standards, consisting of a 57-foot tower, take-off, landing hill and outrun. At the same time Slalom, Downhill and Cross-Country courses had been carefully chosen and marked. The next thing required was snow, which was almost entirely lacking throughout the winter; what fell was usually followed by rain and warm weather which served to bring the Committee in charge to the verge of tears. Finally the Championship weekend rolled around and it looked as if the long wished for snow had arrived but the day before the meet opened the most unseasonal thaw of the winter set in—the snow on the jump hill entirely disappeared—and many jumpers had arrived in the city. There was no backing out at that time so the Jump Committee proceeded to carry and place snow on the entire inrun landing hill and outrun of the jump.

Thirty-four jumpers were on hand when the meet was officially opened by Mayor Rowe. Jumping continued all afternoon while rivulets of water washed down the hill to the tune of a 55 degree temperature. Some 3,000 ski enthusiasts turned out to watch this, the first great jumping tournament in the North Country. A feature of the afternoon was an exhibition jump by Miss Elsie Richardson of Timmins. Winners of the jumping event were as follows:—1st, K. Baadsvik, Toronto; 2nd, K. Lovegren, Temiskaming; 3rd, J. Landry, Ottawa; 4th, K. Evensen, Huntsville; 5th, K. Hansen, Fort William; 6th, E. Hansen, Fort William.

The next day it was found necessary to move the Downhill and Slalom courses some four miles away from the original site in order to get a northern exposure which still boasted snow. Excellent races followed under extremely fast conditions. Winners are as follows:—Downhill:—1st, A. Hansman, Laurentian; 2nd, K. Baadsvik, Toronto; 3rd, K. Hansen, Fort William; 4th, T. Zinkan, Toronto.

Slalom:—1st, K. Baadsvik, Toronto; 2nd, T. Zinkan, Toronto; 3rd, M. G. Putman, Toronto; 3rd, J. Holland, Peterborough.

Combined Downhill and Slalom:—1st, K. Baadsvik, Toronto; 2nd, Ted Zinkan, Toronto; 3rd, M. G. Putman, Toronto.

The Cross-Country race was a real test of nerve and