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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

stamina over a most difficult and hazardous course. In this event honours went to the North as follows:—1st, L. Tulkku, Huntsville; 2nd, A. Back, Sudbury; 3rd, Abe Myll, Laurentian; 4th, E. Impola, Sudbury; 5th, R. Koeven, Porcupine.

Combined Jumping and Cross-Country:—1st, K. Baadsvik, Toronto; 2nd, R. Kleven, Porcupine; 3rd, K. Lovegren, Temiskaming.

During this meet there was held under C.A.S.A. auspices the first official Ladies Ontario Ski Championships. Although the number of entrants was not large those entered found much competition and have reason to be proud of having participated in the pioneering event in Ontario ski-ing. The winners were as follows: Downhill:—1st, Mrs. Dyson Slater, Toronto; 2nd, Miss Elsie Richardson, Porcupine; 3rd, Miss Nancy Ashton, Laurentian.

Slalom:—1st, Mrs. Don Meyers, Toronto; 2nd, Mrs. Dyson Slater, Toronto; 3rd, Miss Nancy Ashton, Laurentian.

Combined Downhill and Slalom:—1st, Mrs. Dyson Slater, Toronto; 2nd, Mrs. Don Meyers, Toronto; 3rd, Miss Nancy Ashton, Laurentian.

On the whole the meet was found satisfactory by competitors, spectators and committee in charge. All events were run as scheduled despite adverse snow and weather conditions. Judges for the Meet: S. R. Lockenberg, Ottawa, Chief Umpire; H. T. (Sam) Cliff, Toronto; A. L. Wilson, Toronto; timekeepers and other officials of the Laurentian Ski Club.

Club Championships held March 13 and 14 included events for Senior Ladies, Senior Men, Junior Girls and Boys. All events drew large entries and were keenly contested. Lack of snow made it necessary to cancel the Senior Jump, but Junior boys were able to compete on their own jump.

It would seem that with all the above activities the members had their hands full, but such was not the case. Ski-ing was enjoyed every weekend during the season by those who knew where to find the white and beautiful. The year's activities also included the erection of a new shelter hut at Cow Junction, some three miles from the main chalet. All trails were plainly marked and mapped to show direction, hills, hazards, etc. There were also many new trails cut out, and old ones improved. The Club's publication was again carried through the entire twelve issues numbering a circulation of 400 per issue. During the season some three social activities consisting of skating and dancing and showing of ski films were enjoyed by members and their friends.

Although the winter proved most arduous the Club managed to register practically the same membership as the previous year and finished the season with a very substantial balance in the exchequer.

Plans for the coming season include, Dry Ski Course; novice classes; and the construction of an Intermediate Jump.

The Executive and members extend to all Sister Clubs a most cordial invitation to visit them at any time. With best wishes for a successful season with plenty of snow—Ski Heil.

Laurentian Cross-Country Ski Club

AS ELSEWHERE in the Laurentian Mountains a good ski-ing began early in November and continued throughout a long season, although at the holiday period and in early January there was less than the usual amount of good snow. Nevertheless, the members who came to the Cochand Chalet, our headquarters, were able to ski at all times. Our big week when there were the greatest number of members present was the period between February 12 and 22 and the gala day was Sunday, February 21, at which time our Club held the Laurentian Zone Competitions in Cross-Country and Slalom races. There were a large number of entries including the best skiers of Eastern Canada. In the Cross-Country first, second and third places were taken by R. F. Johannsen, H.

Pangman and W. Tait respectively. The Slalom was run in the afternoon down the new Slalom course on the slopes of Twin Mountain. First, second and third places were taken by R. F. Johannsen, V. Cousineau and T. Moore respectively. The Challenge Cup was taken by the Red Birds of McGill University, whose team presented the highest number of combined points. Both courses were laid out by Mr. Smith-Johannsen who had spent some days in advance of the races at the Chalet.

Again this year our club member, Victor Cousineau, showed his superiority in Downhill racing by placing first in the Downhill at the Grand Kandahar at Mont Tremblant on February 28 in the remarkable time of 2.52. In the Slalom he placed fifth and in the Combined took fifth place with a score of 5.00. His ski-ing companion, Louis Cochand, maintained his excellent record of 1936 by placing second in the Downhill Kandahar and fourth in the Slalom which gave him in the Combined races third place with a score of 4.47. Both of these records are most meritorious in view of the fact that they were ski-ing against the strong visiting Swiss University Team.

At the Dominion Championships at Banff, Louis Cochand took fifth place in the Downhill and third in the Slalom, and in the Combined third place with a score of 169.55, thereby showing his superiority over all Canadian skiers in these two competitions.

At Sun Valley in the United States National Amateur Championships, Louis Cochand placed ninth in the Downhill and third in the Slalom, against Durrance, who was first, and Francioli, the famous Swiss skier, who was second. Also at Mount Baker in the Mount Washington Ski Club Competitions he placed first in the Slalom and seventh in the Downhill.

Victor Cousineau, in the Downhill and Slalom sponsored by the Laurentian Lodge at Shawbridge, January 16, won first place and Louis Cochand took fifth.

At the Laurentian Zone Championship Downhill, February 20, Victor Cousineau placed fifth and Louis Cochand tenth, while in the Slalom second place went to Victor Cousineau and fifth place to Louis Cochand.

At Skoki (a Zone Competition) Victor Cousineau won the Sir Norman J. Watson Glacial Trophy in the ten and a half mile Cross-Country while in the Downhill and Slalom he placed second in each.

An unusual amount of enthusiasm was shown at the Annual Meeting and it was decided to build several new trails, one to be named after Victor Cousineau and another after Louis Cochand. The Victor Cousineau Trail will be a speedy Downhill run from Split Rock to the junction of Richard and Ommanney Trails, but wide enough at the tricky points to accommodate the less expert skiers. The Louis Cochand Trail will be a circuit around Twin Mountains and will be a good run for the average skier. We expect both of these trails will be finished by the opening of the season.

The present officers of the Club are:—*President*, Dr. A. R. Diefendorf; *Secretary-Treasurer*, Emile Cochand; *Secretary*, Clarence Munson; *Treasurer*, W. T. Gilbert; *Directors*, J. H. Beaton, Dr. Ernest Charron, K. C. Christie, Russell Cowans, C. C. Gardiner, Conrad Goddard, James O'Donnell, H. H. Pike, D. A. Pritchard, Carl Taylor, Elliott Coleman, John W. Wheeler, Warren Cook.

McGill University Ski Club

SKI-ING at McGill University this year received great impetus. The Athletics Board has made ski-ing a major sport on the Campus and has increased the budget of the Club. On top of this encouragement, the Red Birds Ski Club donated a cabin at St. Sauveur to the Undergraduate Club. This spurred on added enthusiasm and was responsible to a large extent for the increased membership to over eighty in the Club.

The most important team events of the season were the Intercollegiate Ski Union meet at St. Margarets and the Invitation meet at the Dartmouth Winter Carnival in Hanover, New Hampshire. McGill were hosts to