

night. Several of these cabins will be open for the first skiers of the year, and it is the intention of the local club to make a charge for the use of these cabins for overnight or week-end stops.

The terrain around Huntsville is quite hilly. Long runs are more of the exception than the general rule, although runs of half a mile are not extraordinary. Much of this running is bush. Open hills such as Stevens' Hill on the outskirts of the town, and Forbes' Hill have proved very popular for competitive meets. Memorial Park, with its myriad of trails is quite popular with both the novice and the experienced skier. Here are fifteen or twenty miles of mapped trails suitable to all kinds of skiing and skiers. The Big East River hills are possibly the largest and longest in the immediate vicinity. These hills, about three miles out of the town, are suitable only for the experienced skier, as the running is exceptionally fast and the hills long and steep.

Huntsville is favoured with constant snow conditions from early December to late April and has not been forced to cancel any events from lack of snow since the now famous carnivals were inaugurated. For the first two years of the Ontario Ski Zone Championships, the Huntsville Club handled the events, and although snow was not plentiful in many places within the Zone, there was still plenty on the hills in this vicinity.

The Hill record of Mica Mine Jump Hill is 138 feet, and is held by Celius Skaavas of the Toronto Ski Club. This mark was set in 1938. The previous mark of 132 feet was held by Jacques Tache of Trenton.

Through efforts of the Huntsville Board of Trade, assisted by the various hotels catering to winter vacationists, a series of eight special trains are contracted for, leaving Toronto each Friday evening at approximately 5.45 p.m. Any member of a bona fide ski club is welcome to ski over the territory of the Huntsville Club on showing his or her badge for the year of the home club.

Laurentian Ski Club

THE past season was one of the most active since the organization of the Club in 1925. Blessed with an abundance of snow it was not long before the trials and tribulations of the snowless winter of 1937 were forgotten. A new record was set in memberships with the season's roster numbering 411. This was a substantial gain over the previous season and almost double that of any other year.

Competitive skiing held an important place in the club's interests. Besides conducting the inaugural running of the Northern Ontario Championships, the Laurentian Ski Club's colours were seen at numerous other meets, namely Temiskaming Ski Club's Inter-Club Meet; Ontario Ski Zone Championships at Peterborough, Province of Ontario Championships at Ottawa and finally, the Dominion of Canada Championships. At all of these competitions high standings were obtained by the Laurentian entrants; especially was this evident in the jumping in Class "A" Senior by Jacques Landry. The Junior "A" boys made remarkable showings at Peterborough in annexing the first place in all three events, Jumping, Downhill and Slalom.

At the beginning of the season a 20-metre jumping hill was built to conclude the series of jumping hills on club property, which now includes a 10-metre hill for juniors, an intermediate 20-metre hill and finally, the large 35-metre hill which was built to FIS standards as supplied by the Ontario Ski Zone Committee. At the start of the season there were only three jumpers using the large hill but, by the middle of the winter, due to excellent coaching by Landry, the jumpers numbered twelve, mostly enlisted from junior ranks. Proper form and good equipment were stressed by the committee in charge.

Several social events helped to round out the season's activities. These consisted of two dances held uptown and several moonlight hikes, which ended with



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refreshments and singing at the Chalet. Night skiing has been revived in the past year and has proved a most enjoyable variation from the orthodox daylight sport. At the close of the season the Annual Meeting was held, which was accompanied by the first Annual Club Dinner. This innovation proved most successful and will likely be included in the regular activities of ensuing years. Presentation of prizes and trophies played an important part in the program of the evening.

Although the Laurentian Ski Club is possessed of a commodious and comfortable chalet, it was found that the membership had outgrown the facilities. An addition is being built to the present structure which will provide almost double space and include a repair and waxing room, a senior lounge room and office space for officials and timekeepers. Complete dining and canteen privileges are afforded at the chalet during Saturdays and Sunday of the ski season.

Besides the above-mentioned facilities the Laurentian Ski Club has under lease 160 acres of the best ski terrain in this district. This is augmented by numerous trails which take in the best features of the surrounding country. All trails are kept open during the season, and each year sees the cutting and preparation of new trails to add to the present system.

Members are kept in close contact with the affairs of the Club and of skiing in general through the medium of the club weekly "Ski Heil." Last year this paper appeared for the first time in booklet form and enjoyed a circulation of 400 copies for each of twelve issues. Present plans call for a larger volume for 1939, which should place the paper among the leaders in this field. A vigorous exchange was carried on with contemporary papers and sister clubs are invited to join this exchange group.

Particular stress was laid upon junior activities. Junior boys and girls were divided into three groups, according to ages as set down by the Ontario Ski Zone

Committee. Championship races were held for each class in all four events for the boys and downhill and slalom for the girls, the combined champion of each class becoming class champion and retainer for one year of the class shield. This method has been followed for the past four years and has been found to be invaluable in creating interest among the juniors and also producing four-event skiers. Junior tests are now under consideration and are to be tried next season.

The senior body, for competitive purposes, was divided into three classes, and events for each class were run during the winter.

The Laurentian Ski Club urges all members of sister clubs to make use of its facilities when visiting in North Bay. No guest fees are charged to members of other clubs and a hearty welcome is assured to all.

The directorate for 1939 is as follows:—*Past President*, E. Roy Herbert; *President*, Reg. Lehman; *Vice-President*, H. R. Pellow; *Secretary-Treasurer*, A. A. Hansman; *Directors*, Miss E. Fulcher, J. Glenday, W. J. Salmon, L. Robinson, B. Colville.

Midland Ski Club

THE Season of 1937-38 was a most successful one for the Midland Ski Club. Snow conditions during most of the winter were excellent which led to a large and enthusiastic membership. Long-term leases of good ski-ing terrain were acquired and the Club looks to the future with confidence in its continued progress.

Two events of more than local interest were sponsored during the season. In January an invitation meet was held which attracted a splendid field of first class competitors, and at which the new 30-metre jump was opened. All competitors expressed themselves as delighted with the jump, which we believe to be one of the finest in Ontario. If this event was a somewhat

ambitious undertaking for a young club, it was certainly justified by the tremendous impetus it gave to the sport of ski-ing in this district.

A schoolboy meet was held later in the season which deserves special mention. This was the first venture of its kind in the Province, and, although hurriedly organized, it was a tremendous success to judge from the keenness of the boys competing. After seeing the enthusiasm displayed by these young competitors, the Club feels that a great deal of attention should be directed to the institution of schoolboy and junior meets and understands that the Ontario Ski Zone is already taking steps along this line.

Officers for the season were as follows:—*President*, Alfred Brodeur; *Vice-President*, James Playfair; *Secretary-Treasurer*, Miss Winnifred Walton.

New Liskeard Ski Club

AT OUR annual meeting last fall it was decided that the Club be represented at the Zone (Northern Section) meeting in North Bay to look into the matter of becoming a member club. Five delegates were present and with the powers entrusted to them they unanimously decided that the Club should join. At the same meeting we were offered and made use of data for the proper construction of a ten-metre jump. This project was carried through and proved to be a great boon to aspiring jumpers and to interest in the Club in general.

A motion picture night was put on at the beginning of the season and during the winter the Ski Club, with the Skating Club and Tennis Club sponsored an Ice Carnival.

Instruction to juniors was given by ski captains on Saturday afternoons followed by short cross-country hikes and refreshments afterwards. Many mid-week hikes were held and were well attended.

The Club was represented at the Zone (Northern Section) meet in North Bay. We hope to make a better showing next year. The Club also visited Englehart and Haileybury for informal meets.

A meeting of the Laurentian, Englehart and Haileybury clubs was held at New Liskeard Club in March, more with the idea of becoming acquainted with one another. Competitions of an informal nature were held. This meeting proved to be quite a success both from the competitive and social angle and it was decided to try and make it an annual affair.

We are gratified at the progress the Club has made this past season considering that it was its second year of existence and that previous to the formation of the Club the attitude toward ski-ing was very indifferent.

Orillia Ski Club

INAUGURATED in 1935, the Orillia Ski Club has developed from a few members and a few bush trails, to nearly 100 members and approximately four square miles of ski terrain. Every variety of trails, from gentle nursery slopes to advanced bush and slalom runs, are available at the Blue Hills. "Henry's Jump," a particularly natural 15-metre jump is one of our proudest possessions.

A membership drive was held last year with the gratifying result that the membership was substantially increased. A further increase is expected this season as the citizens of Orillia are rapidly becoming more ski conscious, attracted by the thrill of the sport and the lure of our trails.

The club competition was held during the latter part of the season with Lorne Christman, Clarke Brillinger, Gordon Harp, Peter Brodribb, and Whitney coming out on top in the order named. Due to the large number of competitors and the shortage of time, only the slalom was completed. Weather conditions during the rest of the season resulted in the remainder of the competition being postponed indefinitely.

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