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of Bethany and our boys have been spending all their spare time this past summer clearing trails and Downhill and Slalom courses there.

The Ontario Provincial Championships for 1938-39 have been allotted to the Peterborough Ski Club and we intend to hold the Downhill and Slalom events on our new courses. Our jump at Nassau has been improved in order to attain greater distances. We take this opportunity of extending a cordial invitation to all clubs in Ontario to be represented at this Meet.

Last year much was done toward the development of our Junior Section and the results were so very gratifying that we have definitely decided to adopt this work as our future policy.

Officers for the coming season are:—*President*, Toby Westbye; *1st Vice-President*, Gerry Duffus; *2nd Vice-President*, Isabella Reid; *Secretary-Treasurer*, Lahring Parsons; *Directors*, Red Eastwood, Jack Holland, Otto Laderach, Ross Thompson, Bob White.

Pickering College Ski Club

GOOD snow conditions permitted an early start before Christmas. With several members of the academic staff able to coach and instruct the students much of the ground work of learning to ski properly was done at this time. Good practice hills within one hundred yards of the school permit the students to get in lots of practice.

January was excellent for ski-ing and the students spent much of their free time on skis. The college ski camp is situated in very fine terrain that is now being used by the University of Toronto Club and many members of the Toronto club. One intra-club slalom meet was held in which some thirty students participated.

February left us with no snow. Due to the efforts of the Town of Midland and few interested school

teachers an Interscholastic Ski Meet was staged in Midland on a weekend in the middle of February. Pickering was one of the twelve or fourteen schools represented at the meet. Our competitors enjoyed the meet and it certainly helped in bringing to the attention of the students the need for greater control and better skill if good showings were to be made under competitive conditions.

The first week of March the whole college moved to Limberlost Lodge for the sixth consecutive season of winter sports in the north. No better weather conditions could have been desired. Miles and miles of trail were covered by the students giving them grand experience at cross-country travel in a land free of fences and other barriers to the complete happiness of skiers. The inter-club competitions that are held there annually were keenly contested. The students are grouped into three classes which puts them on nearly equal basis for the cross-country, slalom and downhill events.

The College enjoyed a good season during which there was an increased interest shown in the sport. Since it is one of the regular winter activities of the College physical education programme lack of snow is the only thing that can interfere with participation.

Officers of the Club were:—*President*, Glen McKee; *Vice-President*, John McCrea; *Secretary*, Ed. Mack; *Permanent Vice-President*, Eric Veale; *Permanent Secretary*, C. R. Blackstock.

Port Arthur Ski Club

SKI-ING was first organized in Port Arthur over thirty years ago when a group of Norwegians formed a club known as the "Shuniah Ski Club" in the year 1907. The first president of this club was Andy Ohlgren, still active as a member of the Fort William Ski Club at the present time. After three or four years, this organization ceased to function and it was not until 1929 that the present club came into being with a membership of 66. The membership increased and held at about 100 until this last season, when greater enthusiasm for the sport resulted in the number being doubled to 200 for 1937-38.

The Port Arthur Ski Club has endeavoured to encourage all types of ski-ing; to promote competition in all branches of the sport; and to foster a friendly spirit among skiers of this Northwestern part of Ontario. The Thunder Bay District Ski Meet has been an annual competition for ten years, held alternately at the Fort William Ski Club and here. Club Championships are a yearly event as is the Inter-City Team Jumping Competition.

The Club is fortunate in having an ideal location on Strathcona Heights overlooking Thunder Bay with its inspiring view of the "Sleeping Giant" on Thunder Cape. Easy access to the club, both by street car and motor transportation has been a big factor in the success of the Club's activities. The chalet is within two miles of the business section of the city.

Ski jumping was given a foremost place in the early years of the Club's history, and two first class jumps have been erected; a 100-foot senior jump and an intermediate jump as well. A fair sliding and slalom hill has been gradually developed, and during the past two seasons more attention has been given by members to the downhill sport. Some eight miles of trail have been cut, supplementing many more of natural runways over the surrounding country, and organized hikes of 40 or 50 members are a weekly feature on the regular Thursday evening get-togethers.

The great increase in enthusiasm during the past season resulted in the development of a new downhill run, considered by visitors from Winnipeg and Banff to be comparable to anything east of the Rockies. Designated locally as "Mount Baldy," and situated about six miles from the club on a road kept open all winter, this hill has proved a real find to the Port Arthur Club which has always felt the lack of a good downhill course. The present run is about half a mile in length, having a vertical interval of over 450 feet. The possibilities of

Mount Baldy and area have just been tapped, however, and more development is planned. The Thunder Bay Downhill Championship was run on this trail, which has been named the "Daft Trail" and the forty-two competitors, mostly visitors, commented very favourably on the terrain. Exhibition runs by Ted Paris and Rupe Edwards resulted in a new record of 53 seconds being set up.

A total of ninety skiers competed in the various events in the Thunder Bay District Meet. Snow conditions were unfavourable for the jumpers and no records were smashed. The slalom and ladies' slalom races were popular in both the District and Club Meets.

The Club Downhill event could not be held on account of an unusually early Spring.

Plans for the coming season include the erection of a new clubhouse with a modern kitchen; electric lighting on the slalom hill to provide better night ski-ing; increased sliding space adjacent to the Club; more cross-country trails for langlaufing.

Royal Canadian Air Force Ski Club

THE following is a brief account of our activities for last year, which is just about all the activities the Club has seen as it was really not operating as a club the previous year.

We moved into our clubhouse about the beginning of December (an old farm house which we managed to rent very cheaply) and we found it possible to do some ski-ing from about a week later.

Ski-ing conditions were ideal for the type of skier we had on our member roll. Our hills are fairly clear and rolling and there is an ideal practice hill not more than a stone's throw from the clubhouse, which was found to be a great help on the cold week nights through January. The clubhouse is situated about two miles from the Town of Trenton in the Murray Hills. We had a slalom hill and a steep straight clear hill which we called "The Ravine," as one only had about 50 feet of a run at the bottom and immediately started to climb up the other side. This hill was found to give the members the practice necessary for tempoing, as it was open and fast enough.

The main event of the season was the opening of the clubhouse which took place in January in the form of a social evening. There was tobogganing, ski-ing and a supper served which was followed by an address by our president. The clubhouse was "packed" and the weather ideal. The plans for the season were laid out and the members (a great number of whom had not been on skis before) heartily embraced each idea as it was explained by our president, which included instruction, competitions, trail running and the selection of a ski team.

Corporal Taché and Airmen Oakander and Hansen comprised our ski team and attended the following meets:—Midland Ski Meet, Peterborough Zone Meet,

Ottawa Ontario Meet, Ottawa Dominion Meet and Huntsville Zone Meet. A very good showing was made, everything taken into consideration, as our ski country did not afford the scope necessary for the training of competitive skiers. It was found that ski-ing in this vicinity was not practicable after February 15, however, there are two months in which to enjoy our favourite sport in the winter.

This year we expect to be more on the alert as the ideal weather comes along, especially through the week and it is generally felt that provided we get as much snow as last year, it will be put to at least double the advantage by being prepared.

Sault Ski Club

A WAVE of enthusiasm during the early part of the winter among the skiers of this vicinity, together with considerable aid and encouragement from Mr. Cliff of the Ontario Zone Committee, were the factors responsible for the formation of the new Sault Ski Club.

The first organization meeting was held in January at which time three executive officers were elected and tentative plans for the balance of the season were discussed.

A few enthusiasts from Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, were present at the first meeting and it was decided to invite skiers from "over the river" to join our Club. We are pleased to report that we now have half a dozen members from the American Soo.

An open meeting was held in February attended by over 100 people. Four reels of instructional and other ski-ing films supplied by the Ontario Zone Committee were shown to a very appreciative audience.

By the end of the season, sixty members were enrolled and there is every indication that this number will be doubled next year.

The Club has secured the ski-ing rights on a property known as Hiawatha Park, six miles by car from the city. A practice hill known as the Landslide is already clear and was used as the centre of activities during the season. We hope to secure the use of a Lodge on the property for a clubhouse next year. The roads are now kept fairly well ploughed and during the past winter we were able to drive to within half a mile of the Lodge.

The balance of the season was spent in recreational and practice ski-ing and exploring the property with a view to trail cutting next summer.

Club meetings were held weekly during the season. For the benefit of the members not operating their own cars, a ski truck made one trip to and from the Landslide every Sunday. Between twenty and thirty skiers availed themselves of this opportunity for cheap transportation every weekend.

The weather and snow conditions were, with few exceptions, excellent from December to March, and following the organization of the Club 75 per cent of the members were out every weekend.



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