

following year Mr. Mac Yuile, who is still one of our youngest skiers in the North Country, was elected President, and the Club owes its early success to his work during the next six years. He was followed as President by Mr. Walter Merrill, Mr. John McEntyre, Mr. Charlie McNicoll, Mr. Kirk McLeod, Mr. Jack Rutherford, Mr. Lindsay Hall and the present incumbent, Mr. Gordon Robertson, all of whom have helped to improve the Club and to keep the peace. It has also been fortunate in the members and permanence of its staff as Mr. and Mrs. Harding, Harry, Walter and the Skipper have been with the Club since its start.

The Club is well situated on the outskirts of the village by the golf course, and while many improvements have been made to the interior, the original exterior of Early Shawbridge design has been maintained and is best viewed in the dark or by moonlight.

It is too early to speak of the "Old Times of Skiing" of fifteen years ago, but in those days nearly all of the trails in the vicinity were discovered and were unmarked and skiing was on unbroken snow.

The Douglas Trail and the Dunn Trail to St. Sauveur, which are now like St. Catherine Street and Sherbrooke Street, were only taken by those who knew the country and who were prepared to break trail. No account of skiing during those years is complete without reference to Mr. Percy Douglas and Mr. Smith Johannsen, both members of the Lodge, but their assistance to Laurentian skiing is too well known to be mentioned here.

The Laurentian Lodge has never been famed for the high standards of its skiing or its contributions to Olympic teams, but has gone in more for fairly long distance cross-country, non-competitive runs and exploration. These trips have been facilitated by a really accurate ski map made by Mr. Drummond Ross and Mr. George McTaggart from aerial photographs. Previous eighteen-mile trips can now be measured as ten.

The Club is fortunate in having the services of Mario Gabriel, a Swiss ski instructor, who is trying to show the members how easy skiing really is. He has certainly created a great deal of added interest among the members and has given lessons also to the town boys, which should promote local skiing.

In the last two years a great change has come over the "Old Time" members of the Club in the taking of lessons and practicing of turns. This has been largely brought about by parents who are hopeful of being able to teach their children. The children, however, are not so dumb, and the Sunday morning scene of parents taking their children to the practice slope is not unlike a foster mother hen leading her ducklings to the water.

The Club maintains its traditions and the children should develop into skiers.

McGill University Ski Club

ENTHUSIASM in skiing reached new heights on the campus during the past year. Good conditions in the Laurentians caused a large exodus from the city almost every weekend. The McGill Ski Cabin was in greater demand than ever.

The Club carried out its program of developing skiers as much as possible. The first annual Inter-Faculty Ski Meet was run off at St. Sauveur, and proved to be a great success. Murray Outhet led the Engineers to victory, and Gray Miller was outstanding as he showed the Artsmen into second place.

Another innovation was the entrance of a second McGill team in the Laurentian Zone Championships. This team placed third.

Intercollegiate competition saw McGill beaten rather soundly by the perennially strong Dartmouth team. At the Dartmouth Carnival, McGill ended third behind the Indians and the visiting University of Munich team from Germany. The I.S.U. meet at Middleburg, Vermont, was virtually rained out, but

despite an absence of snow the meet was held and McGill was second to Dartmouth.

By far the most outstanding individual skier of the year was Bob Johannsen who led the field in almost all the events of the Laurentian Zone Championships and annexed five Dominion Titles in the Canadian Championships at Camp Fortune, Ontario. Close behind in all-round ability was Chris Mamen, who was well to the fore until he broke his hand in the United States Jumping Championships at the end of February.

Jim Houghton, in his last year engineering at McGill, climaxed his career by taking the Dominion Closed Slalom title. Outstanding in Slalom and Downhill was Doug Mann, a freshman at the University.

Honorary coaches were Dr. Bill Ball, Harry Pangman and Paul Knowlton. They continued to develop the European technique.

With skiing now recognized as a major sport by the Athletics Board, membership in the Club increased to about one hundred.

Officers for the 1938-39 season are as follows:—*Honorary President*, Dr. Lewis Reford; *President*, Henry Findlay; *Manager*, Herbert von Colditz; *Captain*, Bob Johannsen; *Assistant Manager*, Gordon Kohl; *Secretary*, John P. Bovard.

McGill Women's Ski Club

IN ITS third year of existence the Women's Ski Club has seen much activity within itself, and has gained considerable recognition off the campus by the meritorious showing of the team in competition.

Enthusiasm was early aroused by the introduction of weekly classes in ski technique and exercises in the gym, directed by Gerry Laroque. On the arrival of snow, the ski school adjourned to Mount Royal where coach Henry Findlay gave valuable instructions.

Another successful innovation was the sharing of a ski house at The Windhill near St. Adèle. Almost one hundred R.V.C.'ites have taken part in these club activities, a decided increase over any previous figure.

The competitive season was equally successful. The team's most outstanding accomplishment was that of placing second in a field of eight at the Seignior Club's Inter-City Meet. McGill won the Slalom and came fourth in the Downhill.

At the Mont Tremblant Downhill, the Club was ably represented by Phyllis McKenna and Jean Scrimger, while the same weekend Peggy Johannsen and Frances MacLeod came first and third respectively in the Girl's Slalom at the Dartmouth Carnival.

Three members of the team took part in the Kate Smith Tournament at Lake Placid, followed by the Provincial Ladies' Championships at St. Marguerites. Peggy Johannsen won the Slalom in both meets and was awarded the Kate Smith Trophy.

Park Toboggan and Ski Club

ALTHOUGH active for half a century for but three years we have been affiliated with the C.A.S.A. During this short space of time our ski division has made rapid strides, now numbering over one hundred senior members, many intermediates and juniors, while the ladies are well represented.

Last season we ran the Mount Royal Cross-Country race with great success. The assistance we received from Zone officers was a great help in our initial venture in this field. Thanks are especially due to H. Smith-Johannsen, a director of our Club, who planned the course, and to Victor Gagné, for setting the route. This event was won by Galt Gillespie, of Ste. Agathe, with Bob Johannsen of McGill second, while A. Turnbull of the Vikings and Tony Paré of the University of Montreal were respective winners in Classes B and C. We hope to repeat this event on January 14, 1939, when another close event can be expected.

Our biggest event of the year was the annual Fete-

de-Nuit under the patronage of Mayor Raynault of Montreal. With its huge bonfire and fireworks, this show always attracts a large crowd of members and others to the slide and clubhouse on Mount Royal.

A special evening, inaugurated last year, was "McGill Night," which saw a large number of University students use the slide and later enjoy an excellent dance in the spacious clubhouse. Many prominent McGill skiers were surprised at the thrill they experienced in going down the icy chutes for the first time.

Besides these feature events, the social side of the club was well taken care of with weekly Wednesday movie shows and Saturday night dances. The movie nights were a popular item on our program, featuring many ski subjects as well as travelogues and comedies. Two of these evenings in particular were especially outstanding. On both of these occasions, we played host to the other member clubs of the Zone and their friends, and some excellent ski films were shown. From these affairs a moderate sum of money was raised and turned over to the St. John Ambulance Brigade to assist them in their excellent voluntary first aid work amongst skiers in the Laurentians.

While on the competitive side our skiers were not quite as prominent as in the two previous years, an excellent showing in some of the Laurentian events was made nevertheless. One feature that should help us in the future was the opening of the fifty-foot jump next to the slide on Mount Royal. This was used by our juniors and we hope it will enable them to gradually work up to jumps of larger size. By means of floodlights this jump was available for night practice as well.

In the Laurentians a ski camp was once more operated; while a new and enlarged camp has been secured for this season at St. Margarets with a resident couple in charge.

From the foregoing, it will be seen an excellent season was enjoyed by all our members. With three types of members—sliding, ski-ing and social, and a great diversification of ages, it will readily be seen that a varied program is necessary. With the probable addition of a skating rink this year we can confidently look forward to an even better season than last. Thus we are more of a complete winter sports organization than just a competitive skiers' club, feeling that in this way our various members will get the greatest good from their club.

Officers of the Club, 1937-38; *President*, Frank L. Benedict; *Vice-President*, Don Ross; *Secretary-Treasurer*, G. Harold Fisk; *Ski Chairman*, F. L. Scofield.

Penguin Ski Club

DURING the past season our members have carried our colors farther afield than ever before, and we are proud to say that we had a winner in every event in which we were represented in the Laurentians. The clubhouse at Piedmont was small, but adequate, and was used more than ever over weekends. Perhaps this popularity was due to the very efficient House Committee of Dorothy Blair, Mary Gurd, and Percival Mackenzie.

With plenty of snow throughout the winter, successes in the competitive world started early, Gertrude Mann winning the New Year weekend slalom at St. Sauveur. On January 16 Madeleine McNichols won the Zone's informal slalom, which counted as part of our three-event Club Championship. Francoise McNichols won the downhill, held on the Molson trail, and Mrs. H. S. Maxwell and Pat Paré tied for first in the cross-country. Final standing in the three events showed Madeleine the winner of the Mackenzie Shield with 280.6 points out of 300, and Betty Maxwell second with 273.6, closely followed by Francoise with 273.5.

At the Seignior Club's Inter-city Meet we defended the team title with success, though hard-pressed by the McGill team. We sent two squads, which placed one and two in the downhill, with Madeleine McNichols the individual winner. In the slalom the showing was not so good, but our No. 1 team, consisting of Madeleine,

Francoise and Helene McNichols and Betty Maxwell, placed first in the combined and our No. 2 team fifth out of nine teams.

The next race was the Mont Tremblant Downhill, always one of the most enjoyable events of the year, and this time it was run under perfect conditions. Pat Paré made a brilliant run, to defeat all the girls, all the Class C men, and all the Class B men but seven. Her time of 4:54.6 was eighth best in a field of 112. Madeleine McNichols repeated her usual Mont Tremblant victory by winning the Class B girls with a time of 5:12.6.

At the Provincial Championship, held this year at St. Margarets, Francoise McNichols defeated a large entry to win the downhill, and by placing third in the slalom won the combined title. Peggy Johansen, a Penguin carrying McGill colors, won the slalom.

At St. Sauveur on March 13, Gertrude Mann won the Class B downhill, and Helen Davis the Class C downhill and slalom. Pat Paré finished the Laurentian season by winning the Sugar Snow Derby at Baldy, on April 4.

This year we have been represented in many competitions away from our home in the Laurentians. At Lake Placid we won the team event, with Helene McNichols winning the downhill. Peggy Johansen won the slalom for McGill. Patricia Paré placed third in the Canadian Championships at Banff, and she and Phonsine carried our colors at Mount Rainier, Mount Hood and Sun Valley. Alice Johansen has been representing us with great success in meets in the vicinity of Winnipeg.

We sent a team to the Hochebidge Invitation Downhill on the Wildcat trail and Pinkham Notch, and with Madeleine McNichols tying for first, Helene placing fourth, and Francoise tying for sixth, we easily won the team event.

Not so high were our placings at the U.S. National Championships held at Mount Mansfield on April 10. Madeleine McNichols was seventh in the downhill and Francoise seventh in the slalom.

Our schoolgirls meet was very popular this year, and we had a turnout of sixty odd entries. A beautiful shield was given to us by Mr. John Molson, and this was easily won by the Trafalgar No. 1 team.

We now have seven Class B runners, and new team badges have been awarded to Gertrude Mann and Helen Davis.

Next year will mark a turning point in the lives of the Penguins, who have hitherto migrated from one rented shack to another, annually packing up the Club paraphernalia for a new move. The Club will be forever grateful to the kind benefactors who are so generously building us a clubhouse of our own.

The executive for the coming season is as follows:—*President*, Dorothy Blair; *Vice-President*, Barbara Kemp; *Secretary*, Mary Gurd; *Sports Secretary*, Percival Mackenzie; *Treasurer*, Madeleine McNichols.

Red Birds Ski Club

CLUB MEMBERS started the season with trail cutting activities on Mount Tremblant during the months of November and December and were in good shape to take advantage of the first snowfall which arrived over the week-end of December 18-19. Good conditions were enjoyed from that time until April 1.

The competitive season opened on January 2 with the Annual New Year's Race at St. Sauveur. The winner being Doug Mann, an undergraduate member. George Jost placed second.

The first two events of the Club Championships, Cross-Country and Jumping, took place on January 23. Both events were won by Bob Johansen.

In the Quebec Zone Championships, W. Ball placed third in the Class A Cross-Country, and B. Sproule second in the Class B Slalom.

The Montreal School Boy Championships were successfully run off on February 4 and 5, by Red Birds