

With the help of the Ontario Ski Zone competent instructors held Ski Schools each weekend and, when possible, during the week. The popularity of these was proved by the number of beginners and improvers who took part in the classes. The Ski Schools will be continued this season.

The present ski lodge was built by some of the members in 1955 and served its purpose admirably. A new clubhouse is now in course of construction. The new lodge room will be forty-six feet square, furnished in rustic style and with a twelve-foot fireplace and a large twelve-foot window will overlook the valley towards Echo Hill. A lunch counter with ample culinary equipment will cater to the appetites whetted on the hills.

Given a good, hard, old-fashioned winter, Cedar Springs should see a successful ski season in 1938-39.

Chicopee Ski Club Inc.

ORGANIZED in 1934 by a handful of skiers who received their baptism in the drifts of Limberlost, the Chicopee Ski Club has gone steadily forward to a membership that now exceeds the 400 mark. This Club draws its support from Kitchener, Waterloo, Galt, Preston and Hespeler, being situated conveniently to those points, and about three miles east of Kitchener on the Preston Highway.

Chicopee Heights, which form the pinnacle of the Club's property, is one of the highest elevations in Western Ontario. From this natural advantage a splendid senior jump was built to FIS specifications, and on an adjoining knoll a junior jump was recently erected to complete the facilities in this division.

Miles of trails have been mapped out through wooded and open country along the picturesque and historic banks of the Grand River. Two nursery slopes are available for beginners, quite apart from the sharp

downhill courses for the more experienced runners. One of the outstanding features of this Club's equipment is the permanent system of powerful floodlights illuminating the principal recreation hill, providing its members with the added opportunity to ski at night.

A spacious clubhouse is maintained all year round, with a resident steward in charge. Lunches, dinners and refreshments are served during the winter months, and many of the Club's social activities are held there.

The Chicopee Ski Club strongly believes in giving the sport full publicity, and mailed free of charge to its members and other clubs in Ontario its semi-monthly house organ "The Chicopee Skier." This very well-edited paper contains articles helpful to the skier, as well as news of outside clubs and local activities.

Although not exactly in the snow belt, Chicopee enjoys excellent ski-ing conditions during a normal winter, and on occasions snow in depth from twelve to eighteen feet has been reported.

Officers for the past year were:—*President*, W. Clare Duffus; *Vice-President*, John Goldie; *Treasurer*, Brian N. Barrett; *Secretary*, G. E. Eastman; *Assistant Secretary-Treasurer*, E. J. Mulrooney.

Fort William Ski Club

THE 1937-38 season for the Fort William Ski Club was an even more successful one than the last one. Ski-ing started early and, while snow was not so plentiful as during the previous season, excellent ski-ing was available. Club membership increased from over 300 to over 400.

Twenty-four miles of trails are now cleared, providing every sort of ski-ing condition, and continuous employment of Indian labour has resulted in many excellent practice slopes being cleared. The only skitow west of the Laurentians has been installed, run by electricity.

Fort William was represented in many of the events at the Dominion Championships at Ottawa, and made an excellent showing in both jumping and downhill events. We were successful in getting the Championship for the 1938-39 season and plans have been underway ever since to hold this February 24-25-26, 1939.

Fort William skiers also showed up well in the district meet held at Port Arthur, taking first place in the downhill and slalom events.

Many visitors from eastern and western points were entertained here during the winter and we hope that all will return and bring their friends during the coming season.

Huntsville Ski Club

THE Huntsville Ski Club, one of the pioneer clubs of the Ontario Ski Zone, was first formed in 1932. The first president was Bruce C. Simmons, who also was the originator of the idea of forming a club. At this time, controlled ski-ing was a novelty. The methods followed here prior to this time had been hit and miss, and sometimes the skier really hit something a little harder than he wanted to.

Since its inception, the Huntsville Ski Club has had one of the strongest junior sections of any club in Ontario, and it is not an unusual sight to see several young lads of ten to thirteen years, jumping from fifty feet to one hundred feet over the major jumping hill. The juniors have been fostered, until the boys and girls ski to school, spending a good portion of their time after school closes for the day running make-believe slaloms and jumping.

In an effort to popularize trail running, an effort is being made this year to add to the trails already in use, possibly tying in with the trails of Limberlost Lodge, and with the Big River Hills. When this is completed it will be necessary to have cabins at strategic points in order that skiers will be able to rest, or stay over



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