

First North American Ski Championships

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THE Canadian Amateur Ski Association was honoured by the presence of Mr. Roger Langley, President of the National Ski Association of the United States, and Mr. Harry Wade Hicks of Lake Placid, Chairman of Cross-country Racing, at the Annual Meeting of the C.A.S.A. in Montreal. These two gentlemen came to the meeting with the express purpose of discussing with the C.A.S.A. officials the possibility of a North American Ski Championship. The idea was originally started at the National Ski Association's meeting in Milwaukee, December, 1938, when the C.A.S.A. was represented by Mr. Ross Larway. Preliminary arrangements were made at the C.A.S.A. meeting and the details were left in the hands of an International Committee who have, since the meeting, worked out the following regulations concerning the inauguration of the first North American Ski Championships.

1. The Ski Championships of North America will be conducted jointly by the National Ski Association of America and the Canadian Amateur Ski Association. Dates and events will be subject to the approval of the Federation Internationale de Ski as an International Ski Meeting to be held in accordance with the International Rules of Competition.

2. *Objects*—To promote international ski competition and goodwill; to foster an all-round program in ski-ing; and to promote ski competition on a high plane of management for the good of the sport.

3. The first Championships will be held in the United States in 1941, and the second Championships in Canada in 1942, at places decided upon by the respective Associations. Further Championships will be held at places decided upon by mutual arrangement of both Associations.

4. A committee of five shall make detailed plans for the conduct of the Championships and shall supervise, observe and report on the conduct of the Races. All plans, however, shall be subject to the approval of the two Associations. Two members of the committee shall be the Presidents ex-officio of the two Associations; two other members shall be appointed annually, one from each Association; the fifth member shall be appointed annually, following the award of the Championships and shall be a responsible ski leader who is in close proximity to the location of the Championships.

5. The first committee shall be: Roger Langley, Barre, Massachusetts; Fred A. Hall, 1 Inglewood Drive, Toronto, Ontario; Roland Palmedo, 1 William Street, New York City; H. Smith-Johannsen, 1440 Crescent Street, Montreal, Quebec; The fifth member shall be appointed following the award of the Championships. At least three members of the committee will be expected to be in attendance at the Championships.

6. *Events.*

Required—Men: Special Jumping; 18-kilometre Cross-Country Race; Downhill Race; Slalom Race.

Optional—Relay Race; Jumping in Combination; Ski Mountaineering or Patrol Race. Women's events; Downhill and Slalom Races.

The program shall require not less than three days for four events.

7. *The Beck Trophy*—The Beck Trophy (Mr. Charles J. Beck, Philadelphia, donor) will be a challenge trophy to be awarded to the Association whose team of men skiers scores the highest total points in the four required events: jumping, cross-country, downhill and slalom. The trophy shall be held one year by the winning Association.

8. *Teams*—Each Association agrees to have a ski team of not less than six and not more than ten male members, and not less than four nor more than six women members when women's events are included, and as teams may enter four skiers in each event, the best three to count in the scoring. Each event shall count 100 points, and places shall be figured on a percentage basis. Other Associations affiliated with the FIS will be invited and may enter teams.

9. *Individual Entries*—Individual skiers, members of the National Ski Association of America, the Canadian Amateur Ski Association, or any Association affiliated with the FIS may compete in the events providing entries are duly certified by the skier's home Association. Individual skiers do not count in the team events unless duly entered as team contestants prior to the event being held.

10. *Prizes*—Prizes or trophies shall be given to individual winners in each event, and for second, third and fourth place winners. A suitable trophy shall be provided for the individual skier who scores highest in the four events combined. Prizes may consist of cups, plaques, silverware, mementoes or diplomas. Prizes in

cash, record prizes and excessively expensive prizes are forbidden. The number of prizes in addition to the above shall be determined by the Organizing Committee on the recommendation of the North American Ski Championships Committee.

11. *Program*—A printed program must be published containing the following information: (a) The names of the members of the Organizing Committee and other important officials, (b) The different events and the dates when they take place, the place and time of roll call, start, etc., (c) Lists showing the starting order in each event, the number, time of departure, name, nationality, and club of each competitor, (d) Other important information for the benefit of competitors and spectators.

12. *Publication of Official Reports*—The complete list of results obtained, style marks, length of jumps, and finishing order in races, with times made, must be published not later than twenty-four hours after the prize-giving, and the organizing committee shall be responsible for seeing that such are available on demand.

13. *Entertainment*—The sponsoring club shall provide for board and lodging of the competitors and officials during the days of the competitions. For the time prior to, or after the competitions, a stated competitor's rate to be charged must be printed on each invitation.

Travelling expenses of ski teams, and of individual skiers shall be paid by the Association or Club sending skiers, although the organizing club may pay for travelling expenses of ski teams or skiers if it so decides, but all such agreements must be in writing.

14. *Expenses*—All expenses of the Championships shall be borne by the sponsoring organization, including prizes, travelling expenses of officials duly selected, invitations, programs, publicity, and conduct of the races.

15. *Organizing Committee*—The Organizing Committee shall be selected by the sponsoring organization and shall consist of five members. The committee shall make all arrangements and conduct the tournament in accordance with the

rules and regulations laid down by the North American Ski Championships Committee.

Award of the 1941 Championships—(The following paragraph to be acted upon by the National Ski Association of America.)

The first Championships shall be awarded by the National Ski Association at its annual meeting in December, 1939, or later by the Executive Committee acting therefor. The Championships shall be held preferably in one location, but must be held, all events, within a reasonable distance. Application for the Championships must contain full information as to Jumping Hill, Cross-Country Courses, Downhill and Slalom Courses, accommodations for competitors and officials, and desired dates for events. A bid for the Championships must include an agreement to pay the National Ski Association within ninety days of the award, a minimum sanction fee of \$250.00. This sanction fee shall be deposited to the credit of the Beck Trophy Competition Fund, and shall be used in aiding the travelling expenses of a qualified ski team to the North American Ski Championships.

The above regulations will be considered by the Directors of the National Ski Association at the Annual Meeting at Minneapolis, Minnesota on December 2-3, 1939, and they will be ratified by the C.A.S.A. at its next Annual Meeting.

The first Championships will be held in 1941 in the United States and held in Canada in 1942. Unless the war interferes with our plans, it is hoped that the FIS World's Ski Championships will be held in the United States in 1942. The North American Championships would then be the largest ski tournament ever held in Canada and would attract many of the International competitors attending the FIS Meet in the United States.

The qualifications and regulations for holding this tournament have been purposely set on a high plane in order that this meet may be recognized as one of the world's major ski events.

We are indebted to the keen interest of Mr. Langley and Mr. Hicks for concluding this happy arrangement between our two associations.

Successful Candidates in C.A.S.A. Ski Tests

SECOND CLASS

Murray Snively, Toronto Ski Club; Aubrey Boyd, University of Toronto Ski Club; O. Laderach, Peterborough Ski Club; Dean Patte, Oshawa Ski Club; Elon Wright, Lookout Point Ski Club; Bill Qua, Blue Mountain Ski Club; A. L. Wilson, Toronto Ski Club; Dave Schneider, Chicopee Ski Club.

THIRD CLASS

R. Pomerleau, Thos. Platt, Ralph Platt, Geo. Walton, Fred Peever, Robert Clewer, Gerard

Paquin, Trois Rivieres Ski Club; Bill Qua, Blue Mountain Ski Club; Jack McCuaig, Arnold Ducklin, Chic Hunter, H. Halliday, Bud Patterson, Cedar Springs Ski Club; Jack Fisher, Toronto Ski Club; Carl Larsen, Walkerton Ski Club; Aubrey Boyd, University of Toronto Ski Club; Dean Patte, Ben Fallman, Leon Rolson, Dick Westheuser, Oshawa Ski Club; Norm Mason, Bill Schofield, Paul Dawson, Elon Wright, Lookout Point Ski Club; Geo. Edwards, Dave Schneider, Ed Snyder, Vince Stark, W. Clare Duffus, Hugh Mercer, John Halliwell, Bob Cauder, Chicopee Ski Club.