

## SIXTH ANNUAL TOURNAMENT

### CANADIAN AMATEUR SKI ASSOCIATION

**T**HE Sixth Annual Tournament of the Association was held under the auspices of the Ottawa Ski Club on February 28 and 29. The jumping was on Saturday afternoon, the weather ideal, the extreme cold making the hill very fast, with but little wind to bother the jumpers, though cold for the tremendously large crowds of spectators that filled every point of vantage.

The Ottawa Ski Clubs are to be highly commended for their persistency in fighting against seemingly overwhelming opposition for civic permission to construct their hill, and winning out at the last moment were able to hold the tournament on a greatly improved hill at Rockcliffe Park, on the site of the former one. This hill furnishes most spectacular jumping. The descent is from a well constructed tower one hundred and fifty feet high; the landing, the river bank, is a thirty degree slope, the finish being on the Ottawa River.

The hill is perhaps a little short for the longer jumpers, as they have hardly time to recover before they are at the bottom, but this can be corrected by raising the take-off.

Norman Berger, representing the Montreal Ski Club, won the championship over a strong field of forty jumpers, twenty-six finishing out their three jumps with the champion, the others withdrawing after the first round through falls. Berger's win was a most popular one and made ski history, as it was the third championship in as many years for this fine sportsman and ski-man, and as far as we know, he holds the record of being the only skier of any country to win a championship title three consecutive years. Berger drew number six, while his most dangerous opponents were farther down the list, and this perhaps gave him a tactical advantage in the opportunity to set the distance for the others. It was early apparent that he was jumping well within himself, combining style with good distance, and that he had no idea of trying for any record. Following five less experienced men, his first jump, carrying his usual perfect style in the air, and on his landing was 122 feet. Rolph Monsen, a former champion, and one of the greatest all-round ski-men we have ever seen in Canada, tried on his first effort for too much distance, and though showing excellent style, could not hold it and fell, eliminating him from the competition. Bing Anderson, always a dangerous competitor, on his first jump just equalled Berger's mark, but was behind in style. Nels Nelson, from Revelstoke, who holds the world's amateur record of 234 feet, made on the famous Revelstoke hill, made a jump of 111 feet, but his style leaves much to be desired. Langmyr, a dark horse from New York, jumping with borrowed skis, made a splendid first jump of 120 feet; under the conditions, a fine performance indeed. On the second round the hill was faster and the landing trickier, and Berger, well satisfied with his position, held back again and in perfect style made 121 feet. Monsen, realizing his only chance was distance, made a magnificent standing-jump of 132 feet. Anderson, over-jumping to get ahead of Berger, made 123 feet but fell, as also did Langmyr with 121. With his two jumps putting him well in the first position, Berger played safe on his third and was satisfied with 116 feet. Knowing that the championship was lost, Monsen and Anderson went after the hill record on their third effort, Monsen getting great distance, 140 feet, but landing so far down the hill and near the bottom that he fell, as did Anderson with a jump of 151 feet. Great credit is due D. Powers, of the Ottawa Ski Club, who, jumping consistently and in good style, secured the honor of second place, closely followed by a new comer, K. Moen, of the Three Rivers Ski Club. Alec Olsen, who seems to be gifted with perennial youth, in his usual lovely orthodox style was a good fourth, and had there been an all-round event he would probably have won. The longest standing-jump went to a youngster, Couture, from Berlin Mills, 155 feet standing.

If ever a contest was won by head work this one was, and all credit is due Norman Berger for his consistently fine jumping in the last few years. May he jump long and prosper.

The judges, Messrs. Lockaberg, Tollefsen and Elliott, as usual gave the best of satisfaction to all. The marking was on the new system as adopted by the Association and after being used all season in several tournaments, is all that was expected, simple, fair and quick.

The following are the competitors to whom points were awarded:

JUMPER	CLUB	1ST	2ND	3RD	POINTS
N. Berger - -	Montreal Ski Club - -	122	121	116	17.36
D. Powers - -	Ottawa Ski Club - -	118	116	118	16.84
K. Moen - -	Three Rivers Ski Club -	109	115	118	16.65
Alex. Olsen - -	Montreal Ski Club - -	108	112	108	16.49
E. Hogan - -	Montreal Ski Club - -	100	111	108	15.79
Langmyr - -	New York Ski Club - -	120	*121	120	15.79
N. Nelson - -	Revelstoke Ski Club - -	111	*128	130	14.06
E. Larsen - -	Three Rivers Ski Club	112	111	*131	13.91
P. Knowlton - -	Montreal Ski Club - -	90	94	98	13.80
D. Couture - -	Berlin Mills Ski Club -	112	*127	135	13.56
Hams - -	New York Ski Club - -	110	120	*119	13.51
Overgaard - -	Berlin Mills Ski Club -	107	113	*116	13.02
Bagguley - -	Ottawa Ski Club - -	108	114	*111	12.73
C. Clark - -	Ottawa Ski Club - -	109	*110	108	12.68
A. Vincent - -	McGill Ski Club - -	104	*113	109	12.38
R. Monsen - -	B. Ski Club - -	*123	132	*140	12.17
Anderson - -	Berlin Mills Ski Club -	122	*123	*131	11.78
L. Cote - -	Montreal Ski Club - -	102	109	*114	11.69
Poitras - -	Ottawa Ski Club - -	100	*106	103	11.55
L. Poirier - -	McGill Ski Club - -	*99	91	108	10.76
A. Tiffin - -	McGill Ski Club - -	90	97	*100	10.75
C. Denis - -	Ottawa Ski Club - -	110	*111	*114	8.81
A. Fillman - -	Ottawa Ski Club - -	104	*107	*108	8.72
R. Vincent - -	Cliffside Ski Club - -	108	*111	*119	7.98
T. Peate - -	Ottawa Ski Club - -	*93	*98	98	6.37
Lapointe - -	Quebec Ski Club - -	*102	*108	102	5.69
P. Gingras - -	L. Ski Club - -	*99	*94	90	5.63

\* Indicates fall.

A large party came up from Montreal on a special car Friday evening and after the jumping all were entertained at a banquet and dance at the High Lea Golf Club. Our perfect host, Mortureux, was in the chair, and a splendid time was had by all; good speeches, songs, music, charming ski-girls, what more could have been desired; and if anything else was, why there may have been plenty of that also. As they say in Spanish, "*Quein Sabe?*"

Sunday morning was clear and cold with a brilliant sun shining in a cloudless sky, one of those made-to-order days that Ottawa is famous for. By 9 o'clock the entire city, so it seemed, was on its ski-ing way by train and bus to Camp Fortune. My particular party went by bus to some place, name forgotten, but remembered as the starting, or rather finishing place of the Canyon Trail. I say finishing, as it almost finished us, our balance not being quite up to par that early in the morning and our feet still being full of jazz, and when we met the log bridge face to face, at quite a smart pace, it was a question who would survive. However, eventually, after an exciting morning full of adventures, we did arrive at Camp Fortune, and were most hospitably welcomed and well feasted with all the delicacies of the ski season.

At noon the cross-country race was started. Speaking quite seriously, I believe it is unquestionably a mistake to have a course over eleven miles in length, especially for our amateurs, and this race was entirely too long and

difficult and the time would indicate a full 20 miles. There was a good entry list and the winners were two brothers recently arrived from Norway, and men with cross-country records in that country. Personally, I am against accepting entries from strangers unless the committee have carefully checked them up, and in this case these two men were so far superior to any of our local men that it really was no contest at all. John Saetre's time was 2 hrs., 12 min.; Olaf Saetre, 2 hrs., 16 min. Third, Bob Reid, Berlin Mills, 14 min. behind. Alec Olsen told me that the race was so long he stopped in the middle and had his lunch and then carried on again. This question of distance in these races is so important that it will come up for discussion at the next meeting of the Association.

#### LIST OF COMPETITORS AND OFFICIAL SCORES

					POINTS
1st	J. Satre	- - -	New York Ski Club	- - -	2.12.30
2nd	O. Satre	- - -	New York Ski Club	- - -	2.16.29
3rd	B. Reid	- - -	Berlin Mills Ski Club	- - -	2.28.04
4th	Rolph Monsen	- - -	Battleboro Ski Club	- - -	2.31.34
5th	Ken. Fosberry	- - -	Toronto Ski Club	- - -	2.33.41
6th	L. Grimes	- - -	Ottawa Ski Club	- - -	2.39.41
7th	A. Olsen	- - -	Montreal Ski Club	- - -	2.42.16
8th	L. Moore	- - -	Cliffside Ski Club	- - -	2.44.51
9th	L. Audette	- - -	Ottawa Ski Club	- - -	2.49.59
10th	B. Grayson-Bell	- - -	Ottawa Ski Club	- - -	2.51.04
11th	J. Bourgault	- - -	Ottawa Ski Club	- - -	2.57.34
12th	F. Amyot	- - -	Ottawa Ski Club	- - -	2.58.58
13th	G. Hamilton	- - -	Cliffside Ski Club	- - -	2.59.28
14th	A. Gordon	- - -	Ottawa Ski Club	- - -	3.04.32
15th	O. Overgaard	- - -	Berlin Mills Ski Club	- - -	3.06.52
16th	O. Ellis	- - -	Cliffside Ski Club	- - -	3.08.08
17th	J. Amyot	- - -	Ottawa Ski Club	- - -	3.10.01
18th	F. Ellis	- - -	Ottawa Ski Club	- - -	3.12.24
19th	J. Blair	- - -	Ottawa Ski Club	- - -	3.16.19
20th	S. Bruce	- - -	Cliffside Ski Club	- - -	3.24.44
21st	R. Roberge	- - -	Quebec Ski Club	- - -	3.25.59

The ski trip back to Ottawa was as interesting as ever, and we were glad to see that George's Trail is now so simple and easy that you can go through on one ski almost. The Ottawa Clubs are certainly doing wonderful work in opening up each year new ski trails and building new lodges for their members, and when one sees the thousands, young and old, who ski in Ottawa, those responsible for these developments must have a satisfied feeling of doing something really worth while for the good of humanity in general and skiers in particular.

All the arrangements and organization of the tournament were excellent, and the Ottawa Ski Club officials are to be congratulated on holding another well conducted and successful meeting, and our thanks are tendered again to them and to the members whom we now know so well for their warm and cordial hospitality. The only trouble is that year by year it becomes more difficult for we in Montreal to come up to their standards, but we do invite them to tour with us our lovely Laurentian country and run its big open hills, and this coming season we hope for a big party of visitors to the Annual Tournament that will be held in Montreal the last week-end in February.

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