

# COMPETITIONS

## Nineteenth C. A. S. A. Championships

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THE 1939 Dominion Amateur Tournament was awarded to the Fort William Ski Club and I have great pleasure in saying that the excellent organization, unusual publicity support from the press, and the efficient way the meet was conducted, showed a grand community spirit on the part of both Fort William and Port Arthur. It would not have been possible to have had this complete success had we not enjoyed the whole-hearted support of all citizens and civic authorities, and it shows what may be accomplished through community co-operation with the local ski club. Also, it was demonstrated by the middle-aged residents who turned out on skis in great numbers that ski-ing is not a sport only for the youngsters, and the enthusiasm and skill of these oldsters was an inspiration and an example to all who attended the meet.

A ski tow was installed, the clubhouse doubled, new slopes cleared, a 65-metre jump to FIS specifications built, judges stands erected, timing phones installed, catering arranged, and tents provided for each district headquarters.

In all this we are grateful to our people, to the Provincial Government and to our civic bodies for their invaluable assistance. Looking back it was a big piece of work for a young club to undertake, ten years, development work crowded into one year, but our effort is more than repaid by our success and the knowledge that from now on ski-ing is forever firmly established in this part of the world. And now for the meet itself. On Friday, the 18-kilometre cross-country, a difficult, grueling, but fair race was run. The course, well packed down by our local Indians on snowshoes, something our visitors had not seen before, in fact the whole meet was on an Indian reservation. While practicing for this race, Doug Groff lost his way and after wandering around got to a telephone at the waterworks intake at Loch Lomond. Telephoning to the clubhouse he asked Rupe, who answered the telephone, "Where am I and how do I get back," and Rupe answered "I don't know, as I never was that far away myself." This race was won by Gault Gillespie of d'Estrel Ski Club, St. Margaret's; second, 42-year old Janssen of Sudbury; and third, Kurt Lovegren, an all-round good sport from Sudbury.

Saturday morning, the Downhill on our new course was run and while a few casualties, none were serious. At one place, near the top of

Mount McKay, 1,635 feet above sea level, a sharp turn is made and in order to avoid going over a precipice, a stout fence was built of wooden bars. Doug Groff failed to take it in practice, breaking both skis and crippling himself, which put him out of the meet. The most remarkable feature in the race was when Alf Brenner went completely through the bars, skis and all, landing thirty feet below on his feet after turning a somersault, and then went on completing the race as if nothing had happened. Reidar Andersen, the world's greatest jumper, distinguished himself by running the course four seconds faster than his next competitor, his time one minute 44.7 seconds.

The Slalom was started at 2 p.m., Saturday, and furnished an exhibition of the finest ski-ing ever witnessed in Fort William. This was won by the "pint sized" Louie Georgas of Owen Sound; Reidar Andersen gave a beautiful demonstration on his first run, making the fastest time but coming to grief on his second through too much speed. The Western contingent, Peter Vajda of Vancouver, Ted Paris and Norman Knights of Banff and many others, gave beautiful demonstrations of the modern technique.

Sunday opened a perfect day. We certainly were lucky with our weather. Service in the Presbyterian Church was arranged by one of the officers of the club. After the service, the meet continued and much as we would like to have had it held on a weekday, it was quite impossible due to time limitation. The grounds were made very colorful and picturesque by the many blanket coats. President Fred Hall was a welcome guest and had plenty of opportunity to show his red coat and do some ski-ing as he had not been allotted any official duties for the first time in his experience; he's pretty good on skis too. Roy Herbert's melodious voice was much appreciated over the loud speaker and many pikers who would not pay admission heard his voice two miles away perfectly clear. An international flavor was lent by Ben Rasmussen, ex-President of the United States Amateur Ski Association of Duluth, who, along with many American cousins, attended, and his generous comments and advice were greatly appreciated. They were much surprised to see the proficiency shown in slalom and downhill as they are limited to cross-country and jump-ing. Sigurd Lockeberg, of course, attended from Ottawa, and no meet would be complete without his advice and experience. The sur-

prise of the ladies invitation section was Mary Ruttan, a beginner from Winnipeg, who won over much more experienced lady skiers. Gertie Wepsala was as attractive and expert as usual, her first run was ten seconds faster than any other but she met with disaster on her second. Many of the entrants in this event were in their first competition and the experience gained was invaluable for future contests. One of the greatest disappointments of the meet was the enforced absence of our instructor, Rupe Edwards, who worked so hard but was taken sick with the "flu" the day before. We surely missed him badly. Eric Judeen of Duluth was second in the combined jump and cross-country, a most popular win. Ole Bakkelund of Temiskaming came second in the open and first in the closed jumping. It was a treat to see the wonderful jumping of Andersen, Bakkelund, Percy Bott, Jack Landry and Knute Hansen of Fort William. Remarkably few falls were experienced. One of the finest exhibitions of good sportsmanship was when Reidar Andersen made a preliminary jump and landing far down on medium packed snow broke through the crust and took what looked like a disastrous fall. However, on recovering, he marshalled the bystanders into an army to tramp the hill, working so hard to get it ready that he thoroughly tired himself out, but even at that he gave a most spectacular exhibition and demonstrated his right to the title of the world's greatest all-round skier. It will be a long time before we forget his delightful personality and modest cheery manner.

About six thousand people witnessed the jumping contest. The only drawback—too much snow—it blocking roads and delaying trains. However, better that than too little. Harold Richards (and the hard-worked committee) was so pleased that the meet was over so successfully that we had to carry him home after the banquet.

In conclusion, we are glad you all came and hope to have you here again.

OFFICIAL RESULTS.

JUMPING

<i>Open</i>	<i>Closed</i>
1 R. Andersen, <i>Norway</i>	O. Bakkelund
2 O. Bakkelund, <i>Temiskaming</i>	P. Bott, <i>Montreal</i>
3 P. Bott, <i>Montreal</i>	J. Landry, <i>North Bay</i>

CROSS-COUNTRY

<i>Open</i>	<i>Closed</i>
1 G. Gillespie, <i>Montreal</i>	G. Gillespie, <i>Montreal</i>
2 P. Janssen, <i>Sudbury</i>	P. Janssen, <i>Sudbury</i>
3 K. Lovgren, <i>Temiskaming</i>	K. Lovgren

COMBINED JUMPING AND CROSS-COUNTRY

<i>Open</i>	<i>Closed</i>
1 K. Lovgren, <i>Temiskaming</i>	K. Lovgren
2 E. Judeen, <i>Duluth</i>	O. Bakkelund
3 O. Bakkelund, <i>Temiskaming</i>	E. Mosiendz, <i>Port Arthur</i>

DOWNHILL

<i>Open</i>	<i>Closed</i>
1 R. Andersen, <i>Norway</i>	P. Bott, <i>Montreal</i>
2 P. Bott, <i>Montreal</i>	L. Davis, <i>Vancouver</i>
3 L. Davis, <i>Vancouver</i>	B. Clark, <i>Ottawa</i>

SLALOM

<i>Open</i>
1 L. Georgas, <i>Owen Sound</i>
2 L. Davis, <i>Vancouver</i> , and Ted Paris, <i>Banff</i>
3 L. Riffenstein, <i>Montreal</i>
<i>Closed</i>
1 L. Georgas, <i>Owen Sound</i>
2 L. Davis, <i>Vancouver</i>
3 L. Riffenstein, <i>Montreal</i>

COMBINED SLALOM AND DOWNHILL

<i>Open</i>	<i>Closed</i>
1 R. Andersen, <i>Norway</i>	L. Davis, <i>Vancouver</i>
2 L. Davis, <i>Vancouver</i>	L. Georgas, <i>Owen Sound</i>
3 L. Georgas, <i>Owen Sound</i>	L. Riffenstein, <i>Montreal</i>

DOWNHILL RACE

1 Reidar Andersen, <i>Norway</i> .....	1:44.7
2 P. Bott, <i>Montreal</i> .....	1:49.8
3 Lew Davis, <i>Vancouver</i> .....	1:50.0
4 Bud Clark, <i>Ottawa</i> .....	1:50.6
5 Louis Georgas, <i>Owen Sound</i> .....	1:52.0
6 Peter Vajda, <i>Vancouver</i> .....	1:52.4

SLALOM RACE

1 Louis Georgas, <i>Owen Sound</i> .....	1:45.1
2 Lew Davis, <i>Vancouver</i> .....	1:44.1
2 Ted Paris, <i>Banff</i> .....	1:44.1
4 Frank Raffenstein, <i>Montreal</i> .....	1:46.2
5 Peter Vajda, <i>Vancouver</i> .....	1:48.2
6 Reidar Andersen, <i>Norway</i> .....	1:49.4

COMBINED DOWNHILL AND SLALOM

1 Reidar Andersen, <i>Norway</i> .....	170
2 Lewis Davis, <i>Vancouver</i> .....	175
3 Louis Georgas, <i>Owen Sound</i> .....	174
4 Ted Paris, <i>Banff</i> .....	176
5 Peter Vajda, <i>Vancouver</i> .....	177
6 Frank Raffenstein, <i>Montreal</i> .....	176

JUMPING

	1st Jump	2nd Jump	Points
1 Reidar Andersen, <i>Norway</i> .....	170	168	234.1
2 O. Bakkelund, <i>Temiskaming</i> ....	145	146	210.1
3 P. Bott, <i>Montreal</i> .....	138	145	205.7
4 Jack Landry, <i>North Bay</i> .....	145	153	205.0
5 Knute Hansen, <i>Fort William</i> ...	136	149	201.1
6 Kurt Lovgren, <i>Temiskaming</i> ....	130	136	199.0

COMBINED JUMPING—CROSS-COUNTRY

	Jump	Cross-Country	Total
1 K. Lovgren, <i>Temiskaming</i> ..	199.0	229.50	428.5
2 E. Judeen, <i>Duluth</i> .....	180.1	229.50	409.6
3 O. Bakkelund, <i>Temiskaming</i>	210.1	193.50	403.6
4 P. Fosside, <i>Duluth</i> .....	182.9	200.25	383.1
5 E. Mosiendz, <i>Port Arthur</i> ..	181.9	78.75	260.6
6 F. Holland, <i>Montreal</i> .....	100.5	127.50	228.0

LADIES' INVITATION SLALOM

	First Run	Second Run
1 Mary Ruttan, <i>Winnipeg</i> .....	43.1	40.3
2 Alice Johannsen, <i>Winnipeg</i> .....	45.1	43.3
3 Gertie Wepsala, <i>Vancouver</i> .....	53.1	60.3
4 Barbara Ruttan, <i>Port Arthur</i> ....	52.1	1:01.4
5 Olga Lyle, <i>Winnipeg</i> .....	1:00.5	54.2
6 Betty Youngs, <i>Fort William</i> .....	1:08.1	47.3