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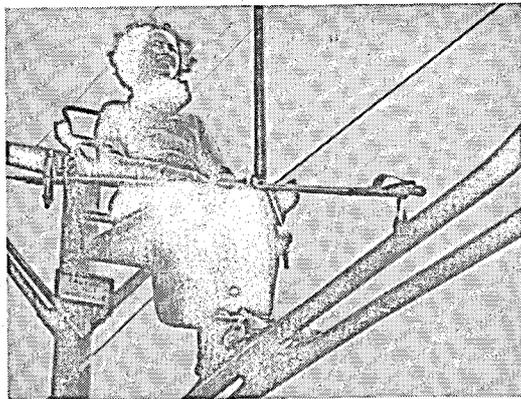
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Saturday, March 4, 1939; 1.00 p.m. 18 Km Cross Country Race  
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Because of the fullhearted cooperation of one of the finest Ski Clubs in the entire country, The Winnepesaukee Ski Club, this Holmenkollen of the East has been made possible. I wish to thank the many committees that have worked untiringly with me. It has been a gigantic task to stage this great Ski Tournament, and its success could not have been accomplished by any one individual. I wish also to assure my appreciation to the men who have conditioned the hill, the trampers, the measurers, the markers and the officials.

It is the conscientious aggregated efforts of these many committees that have enabled me, as director of

the Eastern Ski Championships to, this year, show a decided improvement in this great event. It is the sincere hope of the entire United States Eastern Amateur Ski Association that it will be possible to hold the Eastern Ski Jumping Championships at the Belknaps Recreational Center each year, and make this great mecca for Winter Sports a permanent site for this great event.

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# Background of the U. S. Eastern Amateur Ski Association

By DR. R. S. ELMER, *President*

In order that the spectators of this U. S. Eastern Amateur Ski Association, jumping, cross country and combined championships may have a better idea of the Association itself, its history, objects and aims, a short sketch of this organization may be worth while.

The desire for organization in sports is usually brought about by the same reason as in industry, namely growth.

When any group of individuals become so deeply interested in a project or activity that their enthusiasm attracts a sufficiently large additional number of people, then organization becomes not only advisable but an absolute necessity if the group or movement is to continue to grow and function with comparative smoothness. This is exactly what happened in skiing and the final result of that early growth and organization here in the East, is the present U. S. Eastern Amateur Ski Association.

The early records show that skiing was used as a means of winter travel even among the colonies along the Atlantic Coast and in the middle west as early as 1840.

The first record of a ski club in the east was in 1885 at Altoona, Pa., and during the same year a ski club was formed in Minneapolis. This club was called Den Norske Turn og Skiforening. These groups were entirely cross country enthusiasts and largely Norwegians. In 1886 a club was formed in Red Wing, Minn. This group was interested in both jumping and cross country and in 1887 the first so-called ski tournament was held.

By 1891 skiing had grown to such proportions in the middle west that several cities had formed clubs and an organization was formed which was called the Central organization and had eleven member clubs.

Following this organization, growth continued until 1904 when, realizing that the sport had grown to such an extent that another organization with a broader scope should be formed and the present National Ski Association was formed. The first National Tournament—a jumping competition—was held on February 22nd at Ishpeming.

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NAME	CLUB								
1.	Ed Blood, U. of New Hampshire				22.	Robert Sinclair, U. of New Hampshire			
<b>CLASS A &amp; B</b>					23.	Robert Couture, Nansen S. C.			
2.	Kenneth Lobdell, U. of New Hampshire				24.	Selden Hannah, Sno Birds, Lake Placid Club			
3.	Howard Nelson, Lebanon O. C.				25.	Roland Chivers, Carcajou S. C.			
4.	K. E. Wallenius, Telemark S. C.				26.	Norman Haweeli, U. of New Hampshire			
5.	Wendell Whitten, Nansen, S. C.				27.	Albert Manton, U. of New Hampshire			
6.	Paul Townsend, U. of New Hampshire				28.	Magnus Satre, Salisbury O. C.			
7.	Damon Lee, Lebanon O. C.				29.	Peter Wick, Salisbury O. C.			
8.	Richard Snowman, U. of New Hampshire				30.	John Wolcott, U. of New Hampshire			
9.	Leon Costello, Nansen S. C.				31.	Eddie Mercier, Nansen S. C.			
10.	Howard Chivers, Dartmouth O. C.				32.	Sigfried Weiss, Unattached			
11.	Gus Cornell, Telemark S. C.				33.	Dan Rogers, Winnepesaukee S. C.			
12.	John Litchfield, Dartmouth O. C.				34.	Elwyn Field, Lebanon O. C.			
13.	Ira Townsend, Middlebury College				35.	Don Worden, Dartmouth O. C.			
14.	Eugene Duffy, U. of New Hampshire								
15.	Percy Rideout, Dartmouth O. C.								
16.	Haven Johnson, Winnepesaukee S. C.								
17.	William Keough, Nansen S. C.								
18.	Earl Chandler, Winnepesaukee S. C.								
19.	Eric Kangas, Chisholm S. C.								
20.	Wendall Broomhall, Chisholm S. C.								
21.	Warren Chivers, Sno Birds, Lake Placid Club								

# JUMPING ENTRIES

CLASS A			Trial M.	1st M.	2nd M.	CLASS B			Trial M.	1st M.	2nd M.
NAME	CLUB					NAME	CLUB				
1.	Raymond Lambert, Lebanon O. C.					30.	Eric Sand, Dartmouth O. C.				
†2.	Magnus Satre, Salisbury O. C.					†31.	Earl Chandler, Winnepesaukee S. C.				
†3.	Howard Chivers, Dartmouth O. C.					32.	Norman McRae, Piscataqua S. C.				
4.	Reidar Andersen, Norway					33.	Henry Bucko, Newport S. C.				
5.	Crosby Perry-Smith, Sno Birds, Lake Placid Club					34.	John Decker, Salisbury O. C.				
6.	Hans Strand, Bear Mountain					†35.	Howard Nelson, Lebanon O. C.				
7.	Ernest Dion, Lebanon O. C.					36.	Richard Norris, Mt. Hood Rec. Assn.				
8.	Bjarne Langslet, Norseman S. C.					37.	Dixon Perry-Smith, Sno Birds, Lake Placid Club				
9.	Cyril Moss, Brattleboro O. C.					38.	George Murdock, Gardner O. C.				
10.	Merrill Barber, Brattleboro O. C.					†39.	Percy Rideout, Dartmouth O. C.				
11.	Nick Nylund, Telemark S. C.					†40.	Norman Haweeli, U. of New Hampshire				
12.	James Hendrickson, Land-O-Lakes					†41.	Richard Snowman, U. of New Hampshire				
13.	Aurele Legere, Chisholm S. C.					†42.	Roland Chivers, Carcajou S. C.				
14.	Torger Tokle, Norway S. C.					43.	Raymond Dion, Lebanon O. C.				
15.	George Kotlarek, Duluth S. C.					†44.	Robert Couture, Nansen S. C.				
16.	Sherman Spear, Nansen S. C.					45.	John Roderick, Chisholm S. C.				
17.	Andrew Mooney, Chisholm S. C.					†46.	Damon Lee, Lebanon O. C.				
†18.	John Litchfield, Dartmouth O. C.					47.	Jay Rand, Lake Placid				
†19.	Warren Chivers, Sno Birds, Lake Placid Club					48.	Robert Mortensen, Nansen, S. C.				
21.	Edward Gignac, Middlebury College					49.	Arthur Devlin, Sno Birds, Lake Placid Club				
22.	Carl Holmstrom, Bear Mountain					50.	Victor Lesneski, Gardner O. C.				
23.	Harold Johansen, Telemark S. C.					51.	Kyrre Tokle, Norway S. C.				
25.	Sverre Fredheim, St. Paul S. C.					52.	Edward Blouin, Gardner O. C.				
26.	Alain Almon, Ski Club Montréal					53.	Dick Durrance, Dartmouth O. C.				
<b>FIS CLASS</b>						†54.	Leon Costello, Nansen S. C.				
†27.	Ed Blood, U. of New Hampshire					†55.	Don Worden, Dartmouth O. C.				
28.	Heins Krebs, New York S. C.					56.	Bernard O'Kane, Chisholm S. C.				

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# How Ski Jumping is Scored

By PARK CARPENTER

Among the older ski clubs of this country a knowledge of the scoring method for ski jumping is elemental. Every member understands the system, knows the possibilities. Among the thousands of newer skiers who have been drawn to the sport in the last five or ten years, the point system of judging ski jumping, which has been in use here for over a decade, is still a deep mystery. At most of the important jumping tournaments held near metropolitan centers, appreciable numbers of these newer devotees of skiing are sprinkled about among the non-skiing spectators, with them enjoying the beauty and grace of the ski jumpers' breath-taking performance.

Few in the crowd, however, understand the somewhat complicated and peculiar method of determining the winner. They generally accept as the winner the jumper who makes the greatest distance down the slide below the take-off, and let it go at that. The thrill of seeing the lithe figures come shooting down the in-run, poise for a fraction of a second on the rim of the take-off and leap far out into the air, to come down, incredibly enough, in one piece and slide down to the level amid the hurrahs of the crowd, is enough for the majority of the crowd. Usually they do not know who won, until they read the sports pages of the newspapers next morning. For that matter nobody else knows who won, until the judges and other officials have had a session of an hour or two going over the records and figuring out the point scores.

Ski jumping is unlike more familiar sports, such as baseball or football, in which the spectator knows that a runner crossing the plate counts one run for his team, or that a runner making a touchdown counts six points. The spectators get a thrill out of a long, well executed jump, but they do not know how the judges have measured it, few even how they may score it, on various points.

Point scoring in ski jumping is something like that in track meets, where first, second and third places count for so much, but there is this important difference between ski jumping and track competitions, in that the style of a runner, high jumper or hurdler is not considered in compiling his points, and the spectator can see and understand what happens at the finish line. Diving, however, is judged on style; of course, but by different methods than are employed for ski jumping. Ski jumping is perhaps unique in that style as well as distance both figure in the point score of the contestants.

The development of ski jump scoring has been a matter of growth and change, from its earlier forms in Europe, and later in America, until the scoring was standardized by rules adopted at the International Ski Congress in Paris,

in 1932, when tables of values for various distances, and suggested penalties for defects in style were formulated and are now in international use.

In most ski meets, there are three judges, who rate the contestants for style on two competitive jumps, preceded, usually, by a trial jump, to give the competitors an opportunity to learn the conditions of the slide, wind, etc. The longest standing jump, in the course of which the contestant rides out on the hill without falling or touching his hands to the ground or to his skis, is entitled to twenty points. All other distance points are less in the amount of approximately one-half a point for each meter less than the longest jump, and ten points are subtracted from distance points on a fall. The jumps are measured according to the international metrical system, but the announcer usually translates them into feet for the benefit of those unfamiliar with the metric system.

Each contestant is awarded his distance points by each judge, the longest standing jump being thus entitled to three times twenty, or sixty points for distance. If a jumper makes two competitive jumps of equal distance and stands on both and the distance of the jumps is the longest of the day, his distance points allowed by each of the three judges would be 120, the maximum possible.

The greatest number of style points is also 120 based on the same two competitive jumps, each of the three judges ruling on a maximum award of 20 points for each jump. It can thus be seen that the maximum of 120 points for distance and 120 points for style gives a total possible maximum of 240 points, a perfect score which is rarely attained in competition.

Faults in style, form, balance, grace, effort and posture, like shorter distance than that of the longest jump of the day, cause each judge, in his own judgment, to make deductions from the twenty style points allotted to him for each jump. The greatest loss to a contestant is a fall, which causes a deduction of four to twenty points, according to where it occurs. If he falls on or above the take-off, he will lose twenty (and with them, mayhap his neck); if beyond the dip he may lose as little as four points. Lack of effort in the out-spring on the take-off is a serious fault, and is the next greatest cause of deductions. If the skier slides off the take-off with inadequate spring, or jumping effort, he may lose four of his style points, from each judge, and he will lose less and less, if his effort is good, or nothing if the judges agree it is all that can be expected. Skis crossed laterally or horizontally while the rider is in the air, causes losses of one-half to two points. Incorrect position of the body in the air and on landing as well as excessive use of the arms also results in loss of style points. To avoid deduction, the jumper must not be unsteady in the air, twist the body sideways or show a lack of confidence.

All this is but a sample, not a complete summary of style scoring criteria. The whole is rather complicated, and it is not to be expected that many spectators will keep a score card on the jumpers, as they would at a baseball game, which most spectators know how to do as a result of the long history of the American game. Ski jumping was originally a European sport, brought into the United States only within the past thirty years and is not yet familiar to city populations in the East. With increase in interest in skiing more spectators may be expected to try to be their own judges, but as the real judges take an hour or two after the events are over, to figure out the point score, it is not likely that anybody is going to dispute their rulings.

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## *Skiing for Fun*

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in the pan" or a "fad" and that it will soon die out. On the other hand, so many communities have "seen the vision" and profited by what winter alone can give in the way of public good that prejudice is giving way and due recognition of the public values of skiing is being given.

In a given community of 1000 population fortunate enough to be located within the snow zone, at least 600 should be capable of enjoying skiing. Hence provision of slopes, trails, cabins, means of transportation, tows where practicable, skiing instruction, police supervision, first aid service and all the other services needed, becomes not only a privilege but a duty of municipal authorities. Boards of Education are including instruction in skiing in the required work of departments of physical education. Boards of Health are lending aid, as well as all departments of the American Red Cross. Boy and Girl Scouts organizations have made official recognition of the sport. Mountaineering organizations have incorporated a varied program of skiing as one of their most important activities. State and National Parks have adopted skiing as providing major opportunities for recreational service to the public. State legislatures are beginning to establish recreational centers, such as that most notable development in Gilford, N. H., where the Eastern Championship ski jumps are being held at this time. The Federal government is giving substantial financial aid by encouraging winter sports in national parks and by making large expenditures of relief funds, and labor through the C C C camps, in creation of systems of skiing facilities open to all the people.

All of this is important because each year thousands of skiers who now may be qualified to enter competitions are being graduated into the age groups where, while admiring the prowess of the younger age groups, they will take to the woods literally for enjoyment of recreational trips. Nature in winter offers rare rewards to those able to find what nature only can give. Skiing makes these rewards accessible with greatest satisfaction. Hence cross country, mountaineering and touring skiing should each

year find increasing thousands in every part of the country taking their winter holidays, whether short or long, in those areas giving what winter only can provide.

This movement has already led to provision of adequate resorts for people of all degrees of financial ability. Private clubs, public hotels and inns, boarding houses, farm houses and privately managed cabins, together furnish a wide choice of accommodation. The real skier for recreation travels light, has few requirements, and spends little time about the fireplace, or at the bridge table or in dress clothes. He is agreeable, no snob, democratic, little devoted to social excesses, willing to sleep at night and forget the night life of the city. Business and professional men and women who ski testify that in one week of snow sport the physical and mental refreshment gained is double in value that of two weeks in a summer climate.

If these things be true then every family, every community, every school, every state legislature, every recreational agency working for the public good has its place in pushing forward this new movement out into the open air in winter.

Of course it requires intelligence. Proper clothing and good equipment are needed. Instruction in skiing so to gain the pleasures of it quickly, and to increase the range of its enjoyments, is essential. Community instruction finds its place here, and fortunately accredited ski schools for training of teachers are producing a fine leadership of both amateur and professional character. The best should be employed. Children from 7 to 10 years of age learn most quickly. Correct skiing is the chief preventive of accidents, along with a common sense determination to ski in control. Camping in the snow, outdoor picnic life, overnight trips utilizing bunks in plain camps, expeditions into the mountains and through the passes of our more scenic areas, are accomplishments which may well crown the days of red blooded men and women, as well as the young.

So plan for open air recreation in winter, follow the activities of the competitive skier, applaud his achievements, but remember that he too all too soon will be alongside of you in those forms of skiing that from the age of 30 or 35 as long as life lasts, and bodily health is enjoyed, will keep you fit for life's duties.

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when this event is held by the Association itself on a hill to which no one particular group or club has access. The Gilford area is ideal in that respect. Secondly, it should be possible to stage a championship jumping event and produce a substantial net revenue which sum would go into the Association treasury to be used to assist in the promotion of all of the skiing types, recreational as well as competitive. It must be remembered that by far the larger part of the Association's membership belongs to the recreational rather than the competitive group and that is the group that needs encouragement and help.

No sane individual would even attribute the recent as-

tounding growth of skiing to the activities of any one group of organizations, but these organizations have nevertheless been of far greater assistance, in not only helping that growth but also directing the mass of skiers in well organized channels, so that the average skier—the dub if you like—is given help and guidance as well as measures taken to provide for his safety.

The growth of the Eastern Association has been much more rapid than the other divisions with the result that its problems have increased. At the present time the Eastern Association has one hundred and thirty-six member clubs and over three thousand individual members. The Eastern Association has found it necessary to appoint the following committees to take care of the problems that arise and even with this list of committees all working (and the National has as many or more) new problems which call for careful thought and consideration continually arise: Budget Committee, Individual Membership and Classification, Ski Hill, 1940 Olympic Fund, Ski Tests, Ski School, Classification—Jumping and Cross Country, Insurance, Down Hill Rules, Inter-scholastic Regulations, Licensing of Ski Teachers, First Aid, Official Hand Book, Ski Film, Instructors School, F.I.S. Amateur, Junior Skiing and Publicity, Radio Broadcasting, Ski Annual Eastern Championship.

It is only by the building up of these organizations with all the attendant work and attention to detail that it has been made possible for an Eastern Championship of this type and size, with competitors not only from coast to coast but also from foreign countries, to be held.

I hope that this brief sketch of the history and growth of the Eastern Association will help answer the often heard question—"Why bother with all this organization stuff?" The answer briefly stated is—to make possible the future growth of skiing as it has made possible the successful growth in the past—it is necessary not only to ask but to expect the assistance of every bona fide enthusiast, whether

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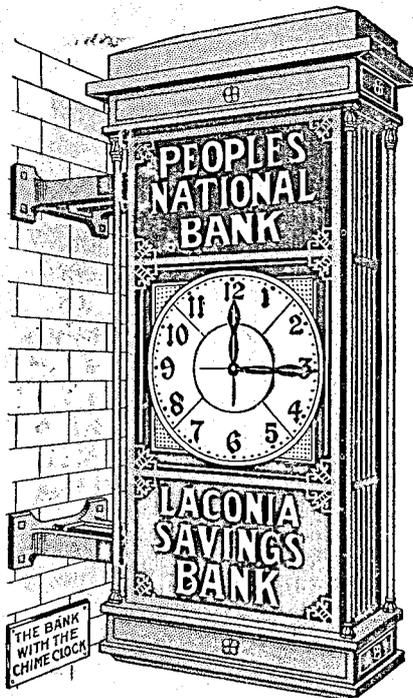
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