

WINTER CARNIVAL

The club's annual Winter Carnival is to be held on February 22-24. The principal events will be a downhill race on Mt. Mansfield, cross-country and slalom races in the vicinity of Stowe, and a ski-jumping competition on the club hill. The definite program schedule is not available at present. An attempt is being made by the committee to arrange the events in such a way that guest competitors from the various clubs and colleges will be able to attend conveniently. Entry blanks can be obtained from Mr. Griffin, Turks Store, Burlington. They should be sent in not later than February 20th.

Since the ski events are being held under the sanction of the U. S. Eastern Amateur Ski Association, all contestants are required to be members of that organization. Individual memberships can be secured for one dollar by writing the Association in care of Secretary M. J. Neyland at Bellows Falls.

AMATEUR SKI CLUB OF NEW YORK

During February 9-10-11-12 the Amateur Ski Club of New York held their annual championship meet at Stowe and on Mt. Mansfield. Forty-seven members arrived Saturday morning by bus after having had their special Pulimans set off at Waterbury. The four day program included third class tests, down-mountain races, slalom races, and no-fall races. Lunch was served Tuesday at the Ranch, and the party left Stowe at ten o'clock that evening.

For several seasons the Amateur Ski Club of New York has been interested in and helpful toward Stowe ski-ing. That they should have chosen Mt. Mansfield for their winter games does us honor. Thanks to the courtesy of the Central Vermont Railroad and the Weather Man, we believe that they had an enjoyable visit.

CRAFTSBURY SKI-ING

Among the club's more serious skiers are our members from Craftsbury Common. To you they extend a cordial invitation to visit their excellent touring terrain.

The Craftsbury skiers are concerned principally with cross-country touring, to which form of ski-ing their deep powder snow and rolling hills are perfectly adapted. Four main routes have been marked, and cleared where necessary. These vary in length for a round trip from five to sixteen miles. The vertical distance covered reaches a maximum of about four thousand (4,000) feet. All these routes start from the hotel on the Common.

For more detailed information write Mr. Ted Coomara at Craftsbury Common.

NOTES

It has been proved by practice that competition is the most valuable means of improving one's ski-ing technique. All our members, therefore, are urged to enter as many as possible of the carnival races. But do not forget that membership in the U. S. Eastern Amateur Ski Association is necessary. Besides making you eligible for sanctioned competition, however, your dollar fee to this association brings with it the U. S. Eastern Ski Annual and the Weekly Ski Bulletin.

SPRING SNOW

Despite the recent warm weather there is still excellent skiing to be obtained on Mt. Mansfield. The toll road, of course, remains in good condition longer than the steep runs, but the latter at present are well worth your attention. Naturally stumps are appearing at the lower elevations and demand cautious running. The upper reaches of the mountain, however, are less affected by thaw, and the snow should remain good for several weeks.

In order that this bulletin may keep members posted on Mt. Mansfield spring skiing, will you please send in a report of the snow conditions which you find during trips on the mountain trails.

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Because of certain delays attending the preparation of this bulletin, too great a time has elapsed since our winter carnival last month to warrant a detailed treatment now. The winners of the various events, however, were as follows:

Down-mountain race	--	Kelley	Norwich	1'	56.2"
Slalom	--	Hunter	Dartmouth		73.3"
Cross-country race	--	Hannah	Dartmouth	57'	10.2"
Ski-jumping	--	Hannah	Dartmouth		136.5 points

The Dartmouth Outing Club skiers completely swamped all their opponents by taking three firsts four seconds, and two thirds in the four events. The outstanding performances of club members were provided by Charles Lord who placed fifth in the down-mountain race, and Richard Gale, a high school boy, who placed fourth in the cross-country race.

Since the majority of members did not seem to feel capable of taking part in open competition, it is unfortunate that the program did not provide opportunities for intra-club and novice racing. Especially in view of the lamentable failure of our ultra-club schedule this season, such provisions should have been given some consideration.

COSTUME NOTE

Concerning ski costumes there is one school of thought which favors a rather flamboyant use of color, possibly in an attempt to acquire the graceful swoop of a bird by imitating its plumage. In contrast to the sombre garb affected by their less original fellows, these riotous figures give a startling, though not unattractive, tone to the snowscape.

On the slalom hill during the carnival meet, one such skier blazed gloriously in scarlet and white accoutrement, magnifying and dispersing the thin sun rays until the entire countryside quivered with reflected color. Naturally this lad was the focal point of the spectators' interest, and he came down through the flags smirking at the ladies and nonchalantly twitching his rear. Unfortunately an incomplete somersault from which he never fully recovered marred the insouciant descent at the halfway mark, but the glory of his passing was but slightly dimmed and many a female heart pumped to the flooding point before he finally lurched over the finish line.

CLUB MEETING

Sometime within the next two months the club plans to hold a general meeting at which the attendance of all members is urged. Only by open discussion can a future policy entirely acceptable to our members be determined. Until now the club officers have carried on more or less without control, and while this worked out fairly well during our early stages, it is believed that more active interest should be shown on the part of the members if results satisfactory to everyone are to be attained. Detailed notice of this meeting will appear in a forthcoming bulletin.