

SKI COLUMN

North Shore Skiing Improves With Snow

By JOHN KENNEDY

A heavy new fall of snow has returned good skiing to Minneapolis and North Shore ski areas. It was badly needed since hills have been showing grass and gravel on the more heavily skied tracks.

Reports run from 12 inches at Lutsen to six inches at Mont du Lac. Telemark received four inches.

Twin Cities ski areas are equally well off with Friday's new snow.

The Twin City Ski Racing Council slalom at Bush Lake last Sunday drew plenty of skiers to fill men's A and B classes, but only one girl to the women's event. Winners were Gust Peterson, Class A; Clayton Tisdale, class B, and Peggy Coleman, women's class.

The North Star Ski club is host to this week's slalom at Bayport, Wis. Jack Seabury, president of the club has issued an invitation to all skiers in the vicinity.

Next Sunday the races will be held at Moon Valley. At stake in this event is the Moon Valley Challenge trophy, donated

by Marjorie Benedikter. The trophy will be held by each winner for one year and a cup will be presented for permanent possession.

Al Schwartz, publicity manager of the new ski magazine, "Track," announces that publication will begin this week and that advance circulation is already over 12,000. Copies will be distributed at no charge since expenses are covered by advertising. For the first issue write to 1915 Colfax avenue S.

NEW SKI TOWS have been installed at the constantly growing developments at Telemark and Mont du Lac. Both tows are intended to provide more uphill transportation for the beginner. Mac Hewitt, chief engineer and co-founder of Telemark and Mont du Lac, has gone to Camp Rucker with the 47th division.

Mount Silver is the name chosen for the ski area at Two Harbors.

The drive to raise funds for the 1952 American Olympic ski team is already under way. According to an estimate by the National Ski association Olympic committee, about \$50,000 will be needed to send a full team to the games in Norway.

Since the American team is one of the few competing which is not government subsidized, the sizeable lump of cash will have to be raised through donations from the skiing public.

The campaign to produce funds for the team in 1949 was not a success. Only large private donations at the last minute saved our representatives and ourselves the embarrassing spectacle of an Olympic team from the "richest" country in the world" unable to move because of insufficient funds.

Although the central division has been enjoying fine skiing for a record breaking period of time, the east has had poor conditions for the third year in a row. Many hotels and lodges have had to shut down because of the continuing lack of business.

A solution has been found but it is expensive. The modern approach to the problem, is to spray artificial snow on the runs. One large ski area has installed the complicated system of pipes, hoses and nozzles across its trails at a cost of over \$25,000.

The Northwest Ski Jumping championships are being held this afternoon at Bush Lake.

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However, many gentle dogs are made vicious by the cruelty of man. For instance, in front of a grocery store the other night, three children were playing with large sticks. Suddenly, for no apparent reason, one of them held down a German Shepherd puppy while the other two hit him with their sticks. If this puppy had taken a nip or bite out of one of the children, could he be called vicious?

Your dog lobbyist concludes his case with these points:

(1). The bill as it stands today provides no measure of defense for the dog and no consideration for previous perfect behavior.

(2). If more owners had better control over their dogs, there would be little need for such a bill.

(3). If man treated his canine friend with a little more humanity, fewer dogs would become vicious.