

Twin Cities Ski Feud on Today

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That long standing feud between Twin Cities ski jumping clubs as to which city has the best jumpers reaches a conclusive stage when the Bush Lake Ski club takes on the veteran St. Paul Ski club in the Twin Cities championship tournament at 2 p.m. today at the Bush lake slide.

Bush lake has entered its top notchers, including Norwegian skiers Stege Holmquist; Jack Pauley, former national class C champ; Charley Bruckelmyer, former class B champ; Bud Lent, Norman Oakvick, Don Beaudry and LeRoy Bauer, holders of many hill records.

St. Paul is sending a delegation of 30 skiers, include Tom Harrington and Len Solar, national class B champ.

Saturday the Bush Lake Ski club was host to a junior jumping event and a cross country tournament with John Burton and Selmar Swanson in charge. Swanson was unable to attend, however, because of an accident which has hospitalized him for several days.

THE NORTH SHORE is making a strong bid for recognition as the dominant ski area of the Upper Midwest. Mont du Lac, the Ojibway Ski bowl, Silver Creek tow at Lutsen and Sawtooth Mountain area are new arrivals in the skiing world. Lodges and restaurants along the Shore are finding an unexpected source of revenue from transient skiers in what has heretofore been considered the "off season."

Lutsen was packed to the rafters last week-end. A new folder from Grand Marais describes the Sawtooth Mountain ski area and lists some interesting figures. The hill's vertical drop is 610 feet, its longest slope 2,680 feet and the tow line measures 1,750 feet.

Latest addition to the North Shore group of tows is the Silver Creek hill four miles north of Two Harbors. A warming house has been built and May-

nard Johnson, owner of the hill, is busy constructing another tow besides the rope one now available.

ON JAN. 27TH some memories will be revived for old-timers. In 1937 and 1938 the National cross country championships were held on the Bush Lake grounds. The Central cross country championships will be run over the same course, a course again layed out by Al Lindley, on Jan. 27. The big drawing cards for the Central event will be Sigmund and Birger Ruud, who have come from Norway to compete.

Winner of the event will rate high for a 1952 Olympic berth. Competition should be strong between John Burton, member of the 1950 United States FIS team, his teammate Jack Pauly and Norm Oakvick.

Although development of ski areas in northern Minnesota has attracted some Twin Cities skiers from such excellent ski areas as the Snow Bowl at La Crosse, Wis., and Silver Slopes Ski lodge at Winona, Minn., they still are packed with enthusiasts each week from towns as far away as Milwaukee and Chicago.

Silver Slopes, incidentally, reports six inches of powder snow on a seven-inch base of packed snow this week-end. As for the Snow Bowl, it is one of the few areas with a main slope long and steep enough to give anyone a good ride.

Sunrise River

Duck Project Set

CHISAGO CITY, MINN.—(P)—Work is expected to start this spring on a new state and federal waterfowl refuge and breeding ground on the Sunrise river.

The project calls for flooding of a portion of the Sunrise river area in western Chisago county to create an artificial lake about 18 miles long. About three quarters of the area will be turned into a public hunting ground.