

skiing expenses, and 11 days of professional ski instruction. Cost of three Snow Ridge trips this year averaged \$25 per skier, including transportation, lodging and most meals.

Bill Green, a charter member of the Ski Club and a government employee with a life-long passion for camping, skiing and fold-boating, came up with the notion for "High Adventure Tours" in 1952. Unreliable snow conditions here suggested regular trips to distant resorts.

Bill thinks the trips have provided a real stimulus to ski fever in Cleveland. The Ski Club was formed in 1938 with less than 30 members. Its roster waxed and waned throughout the war and contained only about 100 members when Bill organized the first tour. Today the membership is 315 and growing rapidly.

The Ski Club operates an excellent slope at Rockside and Canal Roads in Valley View. Facilities include two warming huts, a 600-foot rope tow and lights for night skiing. But it takes about five inches of snow to make Valley View skiable.

Weekend trips are arduous in the extreme but that doesn't dull the ski bum's desire. He's hardened by now to sleepless Friday nights on a jolting Greyhound, followed by a strenuous day of skiing and a party lasting into the wee hours Saturday night.

Nor will he flinch at a grueling Sunday schedule that includes skiing until 3 p.m. as a preliminary to a 12-hour bus trip home, arriving at 3 a.m. But he faces work Monday with reduced enthusiasm. The order of the day is gallons of black coffee and toothpicks for shoring up drooping eyelids.



On the beginners' slope.

Perils of Skiing. Beginner Linda Kemp, 6011 W. 217th Street, Parkview, obviously doesn't mind a little fall. Len Lapka, 10910 McCracken Road, Garfield Heights, lends a helping hand. In ski parlance, beginners are "snow bunnies," and experts are "schuss boomers."

