

State Ski Aces Pauly, Oakvik Train in West

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Two of Minnesota's outstanding skiers are training in the West for coming national competition.

Jack Pauly and Norm Oakvik, both of Minneapolis, now are in Steamboat Springs, Colo., where they will practice jumping and cross-country.

Pauly was a member of the American team which competed in the FIS international ski competition at Lake Placid, N. Y., and Rumford, Maine, last year. Oakvik, one of Minnesota's finest slalom stylists, has taken up jumping and has been doing very well at it. He placed high in several important events last year.

Both Oakvik and Pauly expect to compete in western races in preparation for the Olympic tryouts at Rumford, March 3-4.

Newest ski hill to begin operation in the Twin City area is Hidden Valley, four miles west of Lyndale avenue S., on Highway 13. The 600 foot rope tow runs on week-ends only until lights can be installed. Lunches are served at the chalet . . .

Jack Murphy, director of Duluth's Mont du Lac Ski development, reports a large crowd turned out last week-end to enjoy perfect skiing conditions. Mont du Lac's center trails have been cleared to form a large open slope and a new lighting system will provide skiing on Friday and Saturday nights . . .

So many new ski tows are cropping up around the north country it is becoming difficult to keep up with them. In an attempt to clarify the situation, this column will carry at least one description a week of Upper Midwest ski areas . . .

Barker's Alps, a half-mile south of the prison at Bayport is an old-timer in the ski business. The ski runs are north facing along an east-west ridge. On one side of the tow is a steep open slope, on the other a grove of trees which provides a variety of slalom courses with solid flags. To the west is a practice slope which is serviced by a portable tow. The North Star Ski club of St. Paul is the proprietor. A small chalet serves coffee and doughnuts. Ski patrol equipment is provided. The tow runs on Saturday and Sunday afternoons and also will run on Christmas Day. The tow charge is \$1.25 including five cents for the National Ski Fund . . .

At St. Croix Falls, plans are underway to train a ski patrol for Trollhougen. Through the efforts of Dr. Fred Riegel, a skiing doctor who lives in St. Croix Falls, local skiers will be taking the required Red Cross classes during Christmas vacation. After completion of the course which requires 18 hours of basic first aid training and 12 hours of advanced winter training, members will join the National Ski Patrol system . . .

The National Ski Patrol is considered by many to be the most important movement since the sport began. In the eleven years of its existence, the Ski Patrol has processed over 38,000 accident cases and, perhaps

more important, has prevented thousands of other accidents. Ski patrols made up of men and women trained in winter first aid are operating on hundreds of ski hills across the country. These patrolmen are volunteers and no charge is made by the National Ski Patrol system . . .

There is where a weakness of the program shows up. It is an ironical fact that the National Ski Patrol has been on the ragged edge of financial collapse ever since its beginning. No definite system of raising funds ever was provided, at least until last year.

Based on the theory that skiers should pay the bill for their own protection, the National Ski Fund was given its first test in the 1949 season. A small number of forward looking ski tow operators agreed to charge a nickel for each tow ticket sold, that to go to the National Ski Fund.

To the surprise of everyone, the year's total turned out to be \$750. The National Ski Fund is here to stay. It would seem in the interest of anyone who thinks he or she may turn the wrong edge some day to support the fund.

Ski tows co-operating with the National Ski association are: Telemark, Mont du Lac, Lutsen, Barker's Alps, North Oaks, King's Gateway Hotel, Northern, LaCrosse Snow Bowl, and a number of others outside of Minnesota and Wisconsin.

Wisconsin Camp Sold to Coach

CHICAGO, ILL.—(NS)—Football coach Sam Fralick of Chicago's Sullivan high school announced Saturday the purchase of Camp Big Chief at Hayward, Wis., 80 miles from Duluth, Minn.

Fralick said the famed 25-year-old camp would be open to boys between six and sixteen years during the summer months just as it previously had been under Maj. Edward Radzinski of Chicago.

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