

# Skiing Pros Have Stimulated Sport

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This country's golf pros may have a head start, but they are not the only group in the club instructor class since almost every sizable skiing club in America has its ski instructor.

It is just within the last few years that ski instructors have become prevalent in this part of the country. But, judging from the large increase in skiers during this time their presence has given the sport just the shot in the arm it has needed.

Some of the local ski pros who add so much to the sport are Capt. Glen Stanley and Les Stevenson of Moon Valley and Torvold Finnvik of Hidden Valley. Les, formerly from Sun Valley, was the head of the western division of the Canadian ski patrol. Torvold came to us from Oslo, Norway, and has a long record of achievements.

**IF THE MAN** next door keeps telling you that one of these days you're going to "break your darn fool neck on those skis," here are some statistics compiled by the Mt. Mansfield ski patrol that you can counter with.

Assuming that the type of trail is more or less adapted to the ability of the skier using it, accidents were listed as follows: Novices 37 per cent, intermediates 40 per cent, and experts 24 per cent.

The reason for 30 per cent of the accidents was skiing beyond ability. Sixty per cent came from fatigue, poor judgment, inability to cope with ice, condi-

tions, etc. The figures demonstrate it takes 14 years of skiing to suffer an accident and 20 years to break a bone.

The chances of never getting hurt are much better if your age is not between 17 and 30. Skiing is safer than your car, your bathtub or the stepladder.

**TWO MORE** areas are now reporting on their skiing facilities. One is Edina ski tow, five minutes from the Edina Country club on highway 169. It has a much improved trail leading to the top of the 675-foot tow. The warming house has been improved and light snacks and coffee are available. Good slopes are available for both the beginner and the advanced schedule.

Edina's schedule will run from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays, Sundays and holidays with night skiing featured on Wednesdays and Fridays through the winter. Club reservations may be phoned to Hopkins 6098.

Mt. Atlanta at Rice Lake, Wis., also is a new ski area reporting. It offers five runs up to 3,200 feet long with two tows servicing the main runs. A modern lodge and cafe, ski shop, ski rental and large parking area are available.

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