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# All Outdoors

**Skiing Calls for Courage, Co-Ordination, Sport Followed by Young, Older Youth**

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Kicking the powder around on a good ski slope is a sure way of contracting fresh air poisoning which leads to becoming a slippery stick addict.

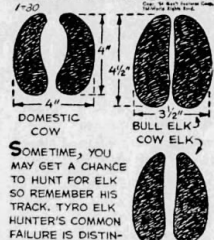
Skiing turns out to be a particularly virulent, violent addiction to headlong schussing downhill in the winter season. About the only prerequisites needed to make one a confirmed ski case are a liking for high hills, some wind in your face and free falling flight—like without a parachute from 10,000 feet.

Of course it helps immensely if you have the ability to land on your natural padding without fracturing excessively. Skiers take the occasional limb break without fuss. When the chalet (club house) talk gets around to fractures, the skiers just say "let's keep it clean." Probably this up-ended end of skiing is what keeps older people, say over 70, off the tow-ropes. Skiing makes you feel 20 years younger but there is some shock limit to aging, brittle bones.

**Snowless Ohio**  
Since there seems to be less and less snowfall each succeeding year around Greater Cleveland, skiing is one way of having yourself and the youngsters, if you're so blessed, become more closely acquainted with the stuff. Put on some hickory sticks and you'll have endless opportunities of face-to-face contact with this disappearing element so that you can say "here's snow in my eye."

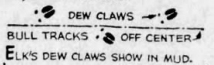
With so little snow in northern Ohio, it's not much wonder that the followers of skiing are limited to the thousands in this state instead of hundreds of thousands as in hunting or fishing. Also, here in Ohio, skiing is no spectator sport. We have nothing in the state qualifying as a real ski mountain. We can hardly claim a top-notch ski hill. Mostly, we don't have snow. If only a few inches of the powder fall hereabouts, hundreds of members of the Cleveland Ski Club head for their high-graded pasture, Valley View, off Rockside Road. Here,

**SPORTSMAN'S DIGEST** *By Hal Sharp*  
**ELK TRACKS ARE SIMILAR TO COW'S**



**SOMETIMES, YOU MAY GET A CHANCE TO HUNT FOR ELK SO REMEMBER HIS TRACK. TYRO ELK HUNTER'S COMMON FAILURE IS DISTINGUISHING DOMESTIC COW FROM ELK TRACKS, AS BOTH MAY USE THE SAME RANGE.**

**BULL ELK'S HOOF'S ARE CLOSER SET AND BLUNTER FROM PAWING THAN COW ELK'S POINTED HOOF'S. DOMESTIC COW TRACK IS ROUND-ER, SPREADS MORE.**



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ing off the top of the hill and landing in the next county, the club has a rope safety gate installed at the end of the tow. If this is touched, a cutout switch stops the engine instantly.

**Family Sport**  
Club members are proud that they are a "self-made" operation. After leasing the hill and five acres of bottom land for parking, the members pitched in and built the tow. They have also completed their "Chalet." This is, at present, a small one-room clubhouse with a large fireplace. To a chilled skier, it's a palace of comfort.

Skiing proves to be quite a

home and family pastime. Membership rolls of the Cleveland Ski Club show that a large number of skiing friendships lead to marriage and the establishing of a home. When youngsters in these ski homes grow large enough for sticks of their own, skiing becomes a family activity. Eventually, of course, family skiing again reverts to the young, who continue their sport when the parents slow down and retire from the slopes.

Bill Green, president of the Cleveland Ski Club, said the club is welcoming new members.

When there is no snow here, the skiers are always looking for the nearest out-of-state ski

**SHUSSING ALONG.** A thin layer of snow is all members of the Cleveland Ski Club ask so they can ride the slope of their Valley View hill on Rockside Road. 1—Two skiers come off the high slope for their run back to the ski tow. Other skiers, background, practice slalom turns. 2—Hanging onto the tow rope, skiers zoom back to the top of the skiing hill in quick time. This is much easier than walking. 3—Helping hands are around to give a gal a lift when she needs it. Left to right: Les Uthoff of Parma helps Eva Levis of Cleveland Heights with her right ski strap. John Willett of Shaker Heights, waits to help adjust the left ski. (Girls, this was only for the photographer's benefit. Usually lady skiers are expected to strap on their own skis.)

slope loaded with snow. Skiers who can arrange their working hours organize into motorcades as early as Friday.

You can see these motorcades heading west toward Michigan or east toward Pennsylvania, New York or other eastern states, each week end. The cars wear the standard crest of skis strapped on cartop carriers and they are headed wherever there is good "powder" to slide on.

**Newsman Take Part in New N.B.C. Show**

Leading columnists and reporters from all parts of the country will be participants in an N. B. C. radio show called, "People, which makes its debut on WTAM at 6:30 tonight. W. W. Chaplin and Frank Blair will serve as commentators on the half-hour program.