

Some Skiing Notes

By PAT GOULD

Skier's music: Up at Encampment forest near Two Harbors, a skier decided to get off and adjust his bindings. Up to his hips in snow, he finally made the adjustments and then spent five minutes trying to get back on his skis. All the North Shore country has been deluged with heavy snowfalls the past two weeks and skiing up there should be good for at least a month.

Watch for another sudden thaw and corn snow such as we experienced last Saturday. The Mounds View club reported its hill north of New Brighton in fine shape last Saturday and Pete Thordahl, John Dawes, George Tallon, Betsy Nash and Helen Skogerson were out tearing up the corn snow.

When the Olympic congress ruled a ski-teacher was a professional, skiing was dropped from the games. Skiers have always held their own FIS world championships, and it is hoped the U. S. will get these races in 1942. Right now the National Ski association is asking every skier to buy a contributor's button to help send a full men's and women's team to the 1940 championships in Norway.

Edelweiss of the week goes to George Kotlarek of Duluth and Roy Laramie of Coleraine. Kotlarek won the New Hampshire Class A title last Sunday from a fast eastern field, while Laramie, an 18-year old high school lad, finished fifth behind Reidar Anderson in the San Francisco Exposition meet the same day.

Week end competition includes a jumping meet at Strum, Wis., which will be attended by the following Norwegian American jumpers: In Class A, John Stolt; in Class B, Charles Bruckelmyer, Walter Ludwig, and Paul Gray; in Class C, Johnny Giguere, Robert Lovell and George Adzick. Jack Griffen will compete for the senior title.

Most local slalomers will be heading for the Central U. S. Championships at Wausau, Wisconsin this coming week end. A wire from Gib Green, Wausau ski promoter, says they

had one inch of new snow on Thursday and that the trails are in good shape. So even if you don't enter the races, you'll have a good time skiing at Wausau on the five Rib Mountain trails which are served by a 3,150 foot tow.

The Dominion Four Way ski championships are scheduled to start at Fort William, Ont., tomorrow. Snow up there is a minor consideration as they have had over two feet in the past two weeks. Mount McKay, which towers a thousand feet above the town, is the scene of the downhill race which should bring shivers to many a contestant.

Call Rex Galles (GL 2926) immediately if you want to go to Wausau on a chartered bus leaving tomorrow. Bush Lake club entries include Mr. and Mrs. Dick Gale, John Burton, Bill South, Elsa Lindholm and Julius Blegen. Other local slalomers planning to make the trip include Bill Burmaster, Ben Van Sant, Ray Walker, George Tallon, Don Alley, Don Mitchell, Bob Scholler, Martin Grady and Ed Hodge. North Star Ski Clubbers going to Wausau include Allen Buckbee, Rudi Brosius, Ned Davis and Tom and Betty Wann.

How we envy those skiers leaving on the Benedikter trip for Sun Valley tomorrow morning! Auf Wiedersehen and easy landings in mountain snow! . . . Congratulations to the St. Croix Valley S. C. for its telephone system, which helped run off their meet with such precision. Otto Urbach of Northland Ski Co. set the slalom course which was a real test of skimanship . . . Johnny Wigdahl's winning downhill run at Perch Lake reminded us of the Burger Ruud win in the 1936 Olympics. Burger jumped a 60 foot cliff to save several hundred yards and won by a wide margin . .

Ski Report

WAUSAU, WIS.—Skiing conditions good. Eleven inches of snow. Two below. Fair.
STILLWATER — Skiing conditions good. Twelve inches of snow. Two below. Fair.
WASHBURN, WIS.—Skiing conditions good. Thirty-six inches of snow. Eight below. Fair.