

Skiing is believing

By Gerald Guenkel

Cross country skiing is believing. Believing in one of the fastest growing sports in Canada and no wonder, it's not only fun, but great exercise and less expensive than downhill skiing an important factor for the average student.

Equipment can cost anywhere in the range of \$60 (for wood skis, leather boots, bamboo poles and bindings) to \$140 dollars. Racing skis may alone cost up to \$240, but after the initial outlay there are no weekly costs as transportation to the hill, tow tickets and lineups.

Where to contact fellow cross country skiers? The Wastawea Cross Country Ski Club which is well organized and is approximately 450 people strong is an excellent CSA (Canadian Ski Association) Club to belong to. Paying your membership fee of \$10 entitles you to:

- 1) cross country ski lessons (no additional costs)
- 2) weekend tours on 50 miles of groomed trails (not all 50 miles at once)
- 3) cross country ski bulletin (keeping you notified of up coming events)
- 4) chance to meet new friends, lots of fun and healthy exercise.

One of the biggest events coming up in the future is the Maritime Marathon Tour on Feb 11 - 12. This is the 70 mile ski tour everybody talks about. WAIT! It's not only for experts. It's not a race. It's for the slow and swift the young and old and anybody out for a good time X-country skiing.

What can be better than spending a winter weekend skiing. This is an opportunity to prove you're in better shape than last year by competing against yourself, a chance to see part of this province off the Trans Canada at a slower pace.

The Marathon will start Saturday morning at Woodstock and finish near Fredericton Sunday afternoon. Buses will travel from UNB Gym to Woodstock Saturday morning and will return to UNB Gym Saturday evening. (at intermediate check points bus transportation will be available if you finish your quota of skiing earlier than expected. Hot drinks and first aid will be available at checkpoints but not food so bring your own.) Sunday will be the same as Saturday concerning

transportation skiing starting at Crabbe Mt. and ending near Fredericton. That evening a banquet will be held. Like last year's banquet it should be fantastic.

So if you like cross country skiing you should think seriously of the Maritime Marathon Ski Tour.

Applications or information about the Wastawea Ski Club is available at the Trail Shop in downtown Fredericton or by writing to Angus Hamilton, RR 4 Fredericton, E3B 4X5 Phone 506-472-1819

Apply soon since the Marathons will only accept the first 500 skiers. Deadline is January 20, 1978.

Next week some tips on skiing and what to wear, and eat when going on a tour. Remember skiing is believing!

Devil's split weekend games

On Friday, Jan. 13, the UNB Red Devils travelled to St. Mary's University where they were defeated 6-2. UNB's goals were scored by George Wood and John Pollabauer with Kevin Bolger getting one assist.

The game got off to a quick start on the part of St. Mary's University at 1:27 of the first period with a goal by Bruce Cochrane. UNB did not play the fast paced hockey in the first period, but when they came out in the second period it looked like a different team. They moved fast and the passes were

on the stick every time. But again, the third period proved different and the UNB team slowed down. MacDavis for SMU scored a hatrick during the game. The man who saved the day for UNB was Gary Bernard in goal.

At Acadia on Saturday the calibre of hockey was better and more evenly matched but this did not seem the case because Acadia scored two quick goals within 2 minutes but UNB recovered from a 4-2 deficit to a 4-4 tie after 3 regulation time periods and one 10 minute overtime period.

Intramurals

INTER CLASS FLOOR HOCKEY

TEAM	GP	W	L	T	PTS
Educ	4	4	0	0	8
CS	4	3	1	0	6
BBA	4	2	1	1	5
For. 2	4	2	2	0	4
For. 5	4	2	2	0	4
Eng. 23	4	1	2	1	3
F.E. 5	4	1	3	0	2
Eng. 23	4	1	2	1	3
FE 5	4	1	3	0	2
CE	4	0	4	0	0

OFF CAMPUS HOCKEY LEAGUE STANDINGS

TEAM	gp	w	l	t	pts
Pig Skins	3	3	0	0	6
F.C.	4	2	1	1	5
Pansies	2	2	0	0	4
Humans	2	2	0	0	4
T. 2's	3	1	0	2	4
SAT EAB	3	1	1	1	3
C.P.'s	4	1	2	1	3
Co-op	3	0	1	2	2
Gee Gee's	3	0	2	1	1
Busk's	3	0	2	1	1
J.F.W.	3	0	3	0	0

INTER CLASS VOLLEYBALL STANDINGS

RED DIVISION TEAM	MATCHES	W	L	PTS
Beds 321	1	1	0	2
Eng. 2	1	1	0	2
Geol 2	1	1	0	2
For. 2	1	0	1	0
BBA 4	1	0	1	0
Hist	1	0	1	0

BLACK DIVISION TEAM	MATCHES	W	L	PTS
Sci	1	1	0	2
For. 1-5	1	1	0	2
Educ. 3	1	1	0	2
Geol. 1	1	0	1	0
PE 34	1	0	1	0
Educ	1	0	1	0

The Aitken House Water-Polo Team has been dropped from any further action in the Inter-Residence Schedule due to excessive defaulting and obvious non interest.

All games that have been played or are scheduled to be played against them will be stricken and considered as byes.

INTER CLASS FLOOR HOCKEY STANDINGS

TEAM	GP	W	L	T	PTS
Educ	5	5	0	0	10
CS	5	4	1	0	8
BBA	5	3	1	1	7
Eng. 23	5	2	2	1	5
For. 2	5	2	3	0	4
For. 5	5	2	3	0	4
FE 5	5	1	4	0	2
CE	5	0	5	0	0

INTER CLASS BASKETBALL

January 26, 1978
8:30 Law vs Compt. Sci
Eng. 3 vs History
9:30 p.m. Faculty Grads vs Phys. Ed. 4
Survey Eng. vs BBA 4
10:30 p.m. Phys. Ed. 1 vs Phys. Ed.

STANDINGS

BLUE DIVISION TEAM	GP	W	L	PTS
Fac. Grads	5	5	0	10
Law	5	4	1	8
PE 4	6	4	2	8
PE 2	6	2	4	4
PE 1	6	2	4	4
CS	6	0	6	0

WHITE DIVISION TEAM	GP	W	L	PTS
BBA 4	6	1	5	2
Eng. 3	6	2	4	4
SE	6	2	4	4
For. 2	6	3	3	6
PE 3	6	5	1	10
Hist	6	5	1	10

INTER CLASS VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

Friday, January 27, 1978 - West

Gym			
For 2	vs	B.Eds 321	
Eng 2	vs	BBA 4	
Geo II	vs	Hist	
Geo I	vs	Educ	
PE 34	vs	Educ 3	
Sci	vs	For 1-5	

Wednesday, January 25, 1978

9:00 p.m. L.B.R. vs Bridges

9:45 p.m. Aitken vs Harrison

INTER RESIDENCE WATER POLO

INTER CLASS HOCKEY STANDINGS

BLACK DIVISION TEAM	GP	W	L	T	PTS
Compt. Sci.	4	3	0	0	6
For. Eng. 2	2	2	0	0	4
Bus. 1	3	2	1	0	4
For. 3	2	1	1	0	2
Educ. 1	3	1	2	0	2
Geology	2	0	2	0	0
For. 2	3	0	3	0	0

RED DIVISION

For. P.G.	0	0	4
E.E. Grads	0	0	4
Phys. Ed. 4	1	0	4
Sur. Eng. 4	1	1	3
Law 3	2	0	2
For. 345	1	1	1
Bus. 4	3	0	0

GREEN DIVISION

BBA 8	3	2	1	5
P.E. 3	3	2	0	4
Law 2	3	2	0	4
Bus. 3	3	1	2	4
C.E. 3	3	1	1	3
C.E. 4	3	1	0	2
For. 4	3	0	2	2
Mech. Eng. 7	0	0	0	0

I hate snow. It's all sticky and wet and cold and it generally makes me feel worse than I usually do. It's brown and dirty and ugly on the roads and it makes it hard to drive and hard to see around corners. Give me a white beach with soft waves rippling on the shore, a few sandpipers playing games with the fiddler crabs any day. And don't forget my friend Jon L. Seagull.

What makes some people live under the delusion that winter is a God send. I think that all that skiing stuff where you go up the hill and down the hill and up the hill and down the hill and ad infinitum is kind of strange. All you get done — is that you go nowhere fast and just a little bit slower on the way up.

Obviously lacking in first hand knowledge of one of the most popular of winter activities in Canada, I sought some help from one of my friends who skis. Sitting within the safe confines of the Bruns office, I asked her the obvious: "why do you do it?"

The reply I got kind of caught me off guard. She said that she like the feeling of freedom that she got on the way down the hill "I leaves you with a feeling that you want to go back up and do it all over again." That sounds like all of my skiing friends who can't seem to get enough of it.

When I asked her to explain she said that skiing made her feel close to nature. "It's not a natural activity but it gets you close to the land. You have to work with the hills and the snow and everything. You become a part of the whole landscape."

That's good for downhill but what about all the cross country nuts. There seems to be two different personalities as far as the two branches of the sport go. Cross Country gets the skier close to the land but in a different way. Only those two specialized sticks stuck to the bottom of the feet, the participant can get away from all the furious activity that pervades the ski hills and resorts that one is forced to travel to if they wish to partake. Cross country is most more immediate and can be embarked upon at a moments notice.

If one is lucky enough to find a field after a fresh snow that no one else has crossed, a feeling of isolation and peace can almost overcome be almost overwhelming. Every sound has amplified meaning, every moment is spell-like until you realize that not too far away there are multitudes of people chasing some elusive dream or other. One turns back with feelings of regret and a hope that such a time and place can once again occur.

The snow gives our countryside a special atmosphere that is impossible to understand unless experienced. No words can explain, no pictures can define, that unique thing that is snow. It is more than fluffy ice crystals, much more. It is a way of life and an unforgettable experience.

Besides, it gives lots of material to build igloos with. Some new things are happening down at the gym. The folks in charge of intercollegiate athletics have decided to name athletes of the week and a Century Club has been formed.

Congratulations to this week's athletes, Sylvia Blumenfeld and Gary Bernard. Sylvia was named for her performance in last weeks wins over SMU in which she scored 38 points in an afternoon. Gary, the goalie of the Red Devils, kicked out 45 shots in a game against the tough SMU squad.

The Century Club is an attempt to stimulate participation in intramurals etc. and to acknowledge those who spend a great deal of time "working out" in one way or another. To be a member of the club, the participant must accumulate 100 hours of activity. There is a log book in the PE office to enter names and times.

More next week.
Thanx Ann.
See ya next week.

best of best

RIVERVIEW ARMS

Salt peter
Fri. & Sat. Jan. 20 & 21



Next wk.

"The Foxtooth Bluegrass Band"
(Folk Music Overdrive)
Mon. - Sat. Jan. 23 to 28