

Ski Clubs



Ski clubs have sprung up like mushrooms during the last few years and are doing their share to make skiing one of the biggest of all winter sports.

There are ski clubs for married couples, and there are clubs for singles. There are ski clubs for old married folk in their 30s and 40s and there are clubs for the bell bottomed set in their 20s.

The Livonia Ski Club has a large group of more than 110 members; while the membership of most area clubs is single, the Livonia club is made up largely of married couples between the ages of 30-35.

THE GROUP takes several trips each year; this year they contemplate weekend visits to Boyne Highlands and Sugar Loaf in Michigan and are tentatively planning week long trips to Aspen, Colo. and a train journey to Canada.

"Generally speaking the people you meet through ski clubs are sort of young at heart, and the partying is pretty good," comments Paul Dufault, a member of the Livonia Ski Club.

Dufault became a ski lover when

his brother dragged him along on a ski trip and he came back "hooked."

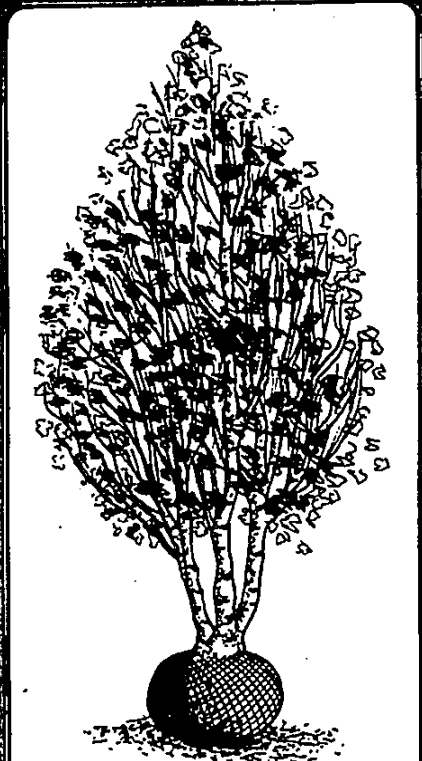
Skiers, as a group, are notoriously accident prone, but this doesn't seem to bother them.

"We've had a lot of broken bones," Dufault comments cheerfully. "I had a broken shoulder last year, and several of our past presidents have had their share of accidents."

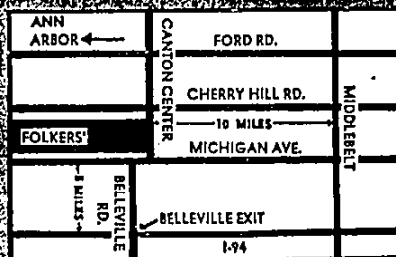
LAUGHS AND YUKS are a regular part of the Livonia Ski Club's agenda; members frequently meet for such crazy events as a backwards skiing contest and competitions that give prizes to the least accomplished skiers.

On the more serious side are lectures and discussions on training and technique given by President Gary Gothard of 14744 Huff, Livonia.

Best of all is an attitude that is nourished and stimulated by ski clubs. "Once you ski," says Dufault, "you are no longer imprisoned by winter as other people are. You can look forward to it and use it for your own enjoyment."



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