

NORTHERN TASMANIAN ALPINE CLUB

Report on Activities on Ben Lomond

DURING the 1955 Season the Australian Championships will be held on Ben Lomond between the 20th August and the 3rd of September, and this fact dominates in the field of Club Activities at present.

Accommodation is being increased on the top of the mountain by the erection of another club hut with sleeping capacity of thirty, and as the private huts have been enlarging their quarters recently, it is anticipated that it will be possible to house all the necessary competitors and officials within a few hundred yards of most of the standard courses, except for the Rodway Downhill "Little Hell," which is about 1½ miles distant. A larger generator and motor have been purchased to improve the lighting facilities at the Summit Hut and it is hoped to extend this convenience to the new hut.

(Details of the fees, bookings and the equipment which visitors should bring will be found elsewhere in this issue.)

The snow coverage on the mountain during the winter was quite good. Club Championships were held in September under perfect conditions, the most successful participant being Clyde French, who won the Langlauf, Downhill, Jump, and four-event trophy.

Judges have been appointed and courses approved for the conduct of the A.N.S.F. Tests on the mountains, and a number of members have taken advantage of these arrangements during the past season.

Despite the strenuous efforts of the Club and its members to provide, or have provided by the Government, an access road to Ben Lomond trafficable to all types of vehicles, it is still necessary to use rugged types of vehicles to reach the Carr Villa Chalet at 4,000 feet in mid-winter. The Government has now completed a survey of the road, but it seems unlikely that any funds will be made available before the coming winter.