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Ski champions and near-champions from all parts of the United States will be seen in action at New England ski resorts this winter.

The calendar of events lists at least one, and usually several, competitions for every week throughout the remainder of the season. New and old Olympic team members are among the skiers who will head for the Vermont and New Hampshire mountains during February and March. And on the sidelines will be thousands of less famous skiers, together with winter sports fans seeking excitement and fun.

Resorts are expecting record turn-outs for the championship events. Many of the visitors from outside New England states will travel via American Airlines to Boston or Bradley Field, at Windsor Locks, Conn. (which serves the metropolitan areas of Hartford, Conn., and Springfield, Mass.), whence they will transfer to air taxi service, rented autos, busses or trains for the relatively short trips to the ski areas.

Heading the list of title meets are the national championships for men and women--downhill, slalom and combined--at Mt. Mansfield, Stowe, Vt., on March 22 and 23. This is the third time in 15 years that these national tourneys have been held in the East, and Stowe is preparing to welcome, house, feed and entertain armies of visitors, including the U. S. Olympic team, which will be returning about that time.

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Three U. S. Eastern Amateur Ski Association championships are scheduled for the weekend of February 16-17. women's giant slalom on Thunderbolt Trail at Mt. Greylock, Mass.; senior giant slalom at Mt. Sunapee State Park, N. H., and jumping, cross-country and combined championships at Berlin, N. H., where the Berlin winter carnival will be taking place at the same time. On March 2, Mad River Glen at Fayston, Vt., will be the scene of USEASA's men's giant slalom championship. Eastern downhill, slalom and combined championships will be run off March 15-16 at Pinkham Notch and North Conway, N. H. In conjunction with this event, skiers will compete for the Webber Challenge Cup for men on Wildcat Trail, Pinkham Notch, on March 15.

Two other New England ski events, less crucial but drawing loyal competitors and audiences year after year, are the Ski Club Hochgebirge races on March 8-9 at Franconia, N. H., and the Mad River father-son giant slalom on March 29-30 at Fayston, Vt. The Hochgebirge races are among the oldest and most colorful in the country, and this is the eighteenth year they have been run. Contestants often include former Olympic team members. The father-son slalom, judged by the combined times of the father-son teams, brings out some spirited competition.

An event new this year is Cannon Mountain race week at Franconia, March 8 to 16, with all events and all classes. Purely for fun is the Sap Slalom on March 30 at Jackson, N. H., an informal competition celebrating spring skiing with the daffiest costumes the skiers are able to devise. The skiing is the real thing, however. The Sugar Slalom on April 20 at Mt. Mansfield closes the season--the "sugar" refers to the Vermont maple sap which is then beginning to run.

The college crowd circles the dates of February 9, when the Dartmouth Winter Carnival takes place at Hanover, N. H., and February 21-23, when Middlebury, Vt., is taken over by the Middlebury College Winter Carnival.

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