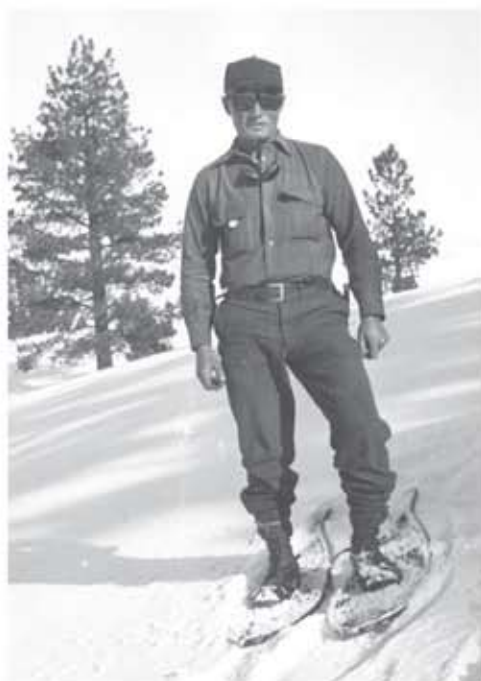


Dave McCoy fly-fishing Horton Lake in his Levis.



Tex Cushion



Walter Mosauer



Wolfgang Lert

PAIR CLIMB TO MT. DUUNDERBERG: SKIS ARE USED

On April 10, Dr. Walter Mosauer, of U.C.L.A. accompanied by Robert Brinton, chairman and secretary, respectively of Ski Mountaineers, a branch of the Sierra Club, successfully climbed Dunderberg Mountain in Mono County, reaching an elevation of 12,374 feet. As members of a party who last year failed in an attempt to reach this peak on skis, the two men were jubilant over the success of their effort, something never before accomplished on skis. Shortly after daybreak the two men started the trip from Conway Summit. By 2 p.m. they reached the top, making a leisurely return to Conway Summit in about 3 hours.

After climbing Dunderberg, they drove to Mammoth and hired Tex Cushion to dogsled them into a Lake Mary cabin. Wind and weather aborted their first attempt to summit Mt. Mammoth, but the next day dawned beautiful—they enjoyed a good climb to the top and a wonderful “down-run” on hard, wind-packed snow.

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SKI PARTY CLIMBS MT. WARREN

Wolfgang Lert, Walter Mosauer and others stayed at Fred Curtis's Resort on Conway Summit, taking turns skiing off the summit and shuttling cars to the bottom of Lundy Creek. They hiked eleven arduous hours up Lee Vining Creek to the 12,387-foot summit of Mt. Warren and had a long and tough ski down battling crust the entire way. The next day, they competed in the first Inyo-Mono Championships.

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Eastern Sierra Skiers in the 1930s

Tex Cushion learned to ski from the H.F. Rey family in the 1920s and became Mammoth's ski guru of the early 1930s. Austrian-born Walter Mosauer came to Southern California in 1932 as a zoology professor at the University of California Los Angeles. He organized the UCLA Ski Team, founded the Sierra Cub Ski Mountaineers, and published *On Skis and Over Mountains*. Considered by many “the father of Southern California skiing,” Mosauer died from plant poisoning on a 1937 research trip in Mexico. Wolfgang Lert, a ski enthusiast, ski writer, ski photographer, and ski equipment representative, devoted much of his life to American skiing.