

won by Harold Blondeau; 2nd, D. Simard; 3rd, G. Schreiber. The City Jumping Championship was awarded to G. Schreiber with J. Prineau 2nd, and 3rd, L. Patry.

The officers for the season were: President, Lt.-Col. E. Blondeau; Vice-Pres., Roland Casault; 2nd Vice-Pres., Arthur Bissett; Sec.-Treasurer, C. Durant.



Vancouver Ski Club

THIS club, the fifth in Vancouver, was formed last November by about forty enthusiastic skiers, who had made Hollyburn Ridge their winter playground for several years.

The Club is fortunate in having several skiers who are well known in the west for their all-round ability and sportsmanship as charter members.

Due to their example and coaching, the local boys and girls have made rapid progress, and the newspaper articles on the splendid showing they have made in outside competitions have aroused public interest in the sport. It may seem strange to our fellow skiers in the east that Vancouver, which is so well known for its mild climate, should have five ski clubs. The explanation is fairly simple. It is due to the formation of the Coast Range Mountains which rise three miles north of Vancouver, across the harbour. These mountains are from 4,000 to 5,500 feet in altitude. They are cut by several river courses which are at a comparatively low elevation. In fact, all the rivers are below the snow line, which is usually about 2,500 feet, so that a trip from Hollyburn Ridge to Grouse Mountain, a couple of miles east, is not possible on ski as it means descending from 3,000 feet to sea level, and then climbing again to 3,800 feet, a good few hours of strenuous hiking.

Since its inception the club has trebled its membership and plans for the coming winter include increasing the sleeping accommodation on the Ridge. A large log cabin at the ski camp was the official Club House last year, and another of the same size has been leased this year for our lady members. Our members also occupy some half dozen smaller cabins so a good many can stay "Up Top" over the week-end.

Because of the large number of outside competitions only three club competitions were held last year. These were all very successful. Harold Smejda won the Club championship and Dr. J. D. Fletcher cup, as well as many other outside events including the Canadian combined and cross-country championship at Revelstoke, the combined event at Seattle,

and cross-country at Portland. Axel Sneis won the cross-country in connection with the club combined championship, and placed in many other events. Harold Belsvik proved to be Smejda's chief rival and gave him a close run in all competitions, especially in Seattle, where he jumped 177 feet and got third place, and was second in the cross-country and combined events. A. Hagen won the City jumping championship and several other first places at outside meets. Fred Finckenhagen took his share of jumping prizes and lead the Club team to victory in the Pacific Coast team combined event for the Tupper & Steele shield which was held by Hollyburn Ski Club the two previous years. Mickey Mitchell won the B class Club Championship, and with the runners-up in his class, Len Williams and Mac Billingsley made



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VIEW OF VANCOUVER SKI-ING TERRAIN.

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Vancouver, B.C.

This picture was taken on January the 15th, 1931.

a very creditable showing at Seattle and Portland. Brian Muir won the Novice Championship with C. Gilrie and George Knechtle runners-up.

Our Ladies' Championship was won by Miss Doris Kane with Miss N. Haigh second, and Miss B. LeMire third.

Cross-country trips led by our experienced skiers were frequent events and were found to be of tremendous benefit in bringing our beginners along quickly. The leaders by example and by criticising found that a skier's style and ability could be rapidly improved. We would recommend this method of organized cross-country trips to you as an easy and enjoyable way of improving your members' proficiency and interest in the sport.

A new jump was started late in the fall, and was only roughly cleared. It was not graded so could not be used until late in the season when the snowfall was heavy. It was found to be very satisfactory then

with a little digging and filling in of snow, as several jumps of 150 feet were made with all jumps being over 125 feet. This was with a three-foot snow take-off below where the permanent take-off is to be.

The social activities of the Club were adequately looked after by the Social Committee under Mickey Mitchell, who was assisted by Miss M. Smith. Several very successful dances were held, the final one being at the close of the season when our prizes were presented.

Our annual meeting was held recently, and the following executive elected to carry on the affairs of the Club for the winter of 1931-32: Gordon Billingsley, President; O. B. Ommundsen, Vice-President; Len Williams, Treasurer; W. R. Baker, Secretary.

There is a fair amount of snow lying on the mountain tops at the time of writing, which is November the first, so everyone is busy making plans for another active and successful season.

