

GROUSE MOUNTAIN SKI CLUB

THE SEASON just concluded has proven a rather trying one for our executive, chiefly owing to employment conditions making it necessary for so many members to discontinue their membership. In this regard, however, we were not alone, as practically every ski club on the Coast experienced the same trouble. The weather conditions, too, were against us, the unusually heavy snow-fall necessitating the closing of the Grouse Mountain Highway for two months. However, the committees worked hard and a very successful season resulted.

Members of the executive committee were: D. Holten, President; Miss D. Bridgett and Mr. T. Loutet, Vice-Presidents; Jack Thomas, Secretary; Bill Grant, Treasurer; Doug. Manley, Press Correspondent; Miss F. McCreery, Mr. L. Harrington, R. Nield and G. Harrington, Directors.

Perhaps the greatest step in the progress of our club was its incorporation under the Societies Act of British Columbia in January. With the advise of a legal firm a totally new and up-to-date constitution was drawn up. Our club is proud to be the first ski club in Vancouver to be incorporated.

Ski-ing activities, managed by Louis Harrington, as chairman of sports committee, and Harry Brown, club captain, were a great success. Early in the season, Bob Nield and Gordon Harrington conducted ski-ing classes for beginners. These were seriously attended not only by the novice but by the older skiers. The first competition took place on New Year's Day, when jumping for A and B classes was held on the Big Hill. On New Year's Eve a new departure was attempted, night ski jumping, and met with remarkable success. The hill was lit with flares, and seven jumpers skilfully negotiated it. Numerous races and jumping contests were conducted during the winter, including the annual downhill race from the Peak of Dam Mountain, the Grouse Peak Slalom, and winding up with the Club Championships in April. During the Easter week-end a very successful open tournament was held.

At outside tournaments this season our club skiers did remarkably well. Chiefly among these was Nip Stone, who brought honour to our club by being chosen a member of the Canadian Olympic Ski Team. In the Quebec championships, Nip placed third, jumping 152 feet and only three feet short of the winner. At Lake Placid he had the misfortune of falling on his second jump, which was 201 feet. At East Port, Idaho, Stone placed second, jumping on the most unique hill in the world. This hill starts in the United States and ends in Canada.

At the Pacific Northwest championships at Cle Elum, Wash., O. Swedahl jumped 158 feet and 175 feet to place second. A Watn was sixth in Class A cross-country and E. Wintemute fourth in Class B jumping.

At the Seattle tournament, Ernie Wintemute proved a surprise by winning the Class B jumping, with leaps of 167 feet and 173 feet, probably the longest jumps made by a Class B jumper on the Coast; O. Swedahl placing eighth in Class A jumping, against past and present national champions and members of the last United States Olympic team. Detailed results follow:—

Class A:—Cross-Country, first, A. Watn; second, G. Harrington; jumping, first, N. Stone; second, A. Watn; third, O. Swedahl; combined, first, A. Watn; second, G. Harrington.

Class B:—Cross-Country, first, B. Nield; second, C. Souter; third, Joe Wepsala; jumping, first, J. Wepsala; second, B. Nield; third, J. Taurillard; combined, first, B. Nield; second, J. Wepsala.

Class C:—Cross-Country, first, T. Wintemute; second, S. Body; third, M. Steel; jumping, first, H. Brown; second, S. Body; third, U. Poulter; combined, first, S. Body; second, M. Steel.

Juniors:—Cross-Country, first, G. Loutet; second, J. Cornborough; third, H. Andrews; jumping, first, H. Andrews; second, J. Arbuckle; third, J. Cornborough; combined, first, G. Loutet; second, J. Cornborough.

Ladies:—Cross-Country, first, M. Loutet; second, D. Bridgett; third, E. Pebbles.

WINNIPEG SKI CLUB

BEFORE the start of the season the club was faced by the necessity of making extensive repairs to its two jumping hills at River Park. Though the number of active skiers in Winnipeg has increased tremendously in recent years, the financial fortunes of the club have shown no tendency to rise in proportion and throughout the season the committee had a hard struggle to meet the cost of these

repairs, little enough as they were. A pathetic incident was the placing of two collection boxes among the spectators during the progress of one of the two jumping competitions. These yielded a gross return of forty cents. Jumping received a further setback owing to the insufficiency of snow until the middle of January. On the other hand, the activities of the club were widened