

PRINCETON SKI CLUB

THE PRINCETON SKI CLUB, although one of the most recently founded clubs in the west, has already firmly established itself and is actively engaged in the fostering of skiing in its district. The membership is rapidly growing, especially the number of junior members, which in itself speaks well for the future of the club. The country in this vicinity is particularly suitable to skiing in all its forms; there is both open rolling range and trails through wooded slopes, and every week-end or holiday throughout the season it is possible to see men, women and children on skis, enjoying themselves in these ideal surroundings.

The Annual Tournament of the 1931-32 season was held on the 28th and 29th of January and was a great success. The entries were numerous, a large number of clubs, both Canadian and American being represented. The 18-kilometre cross-country race was won by Lagaard of Princeton. The individual Class A jumping honours went to N. Kaldal of the Hollyburn Ski Club, Vancouver, B.C. Kaldahl was also the winner of the Class A Combined Championship. The longest standing jump of the day made in competition was 187 feet made by H. Belsvig of Princeton, but this mark was later bettered by H. Hvam of Portland, Ore., who in an exhibition jump reached 197 feet. The Class B jumping was of excellent quality, J. Leeds of Princeton winning first

place. The Novice Class was the most strongly competed of all and brought together many very promising skiers; O. Leeds of Copper Mountain was successful in winning both the cross-country race and the jumping in this division.

The outlook for the coming year is particularly good. The big jumping hill at Princeton has been much improved and is now capable of jumps up to 230 feet with safety. In addition to the hill at Princeton there is now at Copper Mountain, a distance of ten miles from Princeton, a very excellent hill on which jumps up to 200 feet can be made. The great advantage of the Voight's Camp hill at Copper Mountain is the fact that being at a considerably higher elevation than the Princeton hill it is available for jumping at least a month earlier, and should be in excellent shape by the end of the first week in December. The Annual Tournament will as usual be held towards the end of January and it is expected that the attendance will be better than ever before.

At the annual meeting held in April, Mr. C. R. Watson was elected to the position of President for the ensuing year; Mr. H. Belsvig is Vice-President and Mr. G. S. Scholefield is Secretary-Treasurer. The Directors of the Club were chosen as follows: A. D. Broomfield, B. Irwin, Rev. J. Goodfellow, Dr. R. S. Manson, A. O. Johnson, J. Carlson, A. Clarke and D. Alstrom.

VANCOUVER SKI CLUB

THE WINTER OF 1931-32 was outstanding because of the very heavy snowfall we had; for once we really had too much snow. It was estimated that the snowfall was close to fifty feet from November to April, much of which packed down and melted in that time. By actual measurement there was sixteen feet at the Club House, which is 3,000 feet in altitude, with about forty feet at the peaks, which are nearly 5,000 feet high. This heavy snow blanket changed the appearance of the Ridge as only the taller trees were showing their tops. One could ski practically anywhere for most of the season although there was some danger of slides in the higher parts in the spring. The disadvantage of so much snow was that it seemed to be snowing all the time and we were always breaking in new trails and shovelling out our cabins.

Our season started early, about the first week-end in November, and on the King's birthday, June 3, there was nearly five feet around the Club House. Only the most enthusiastic members kept on skiing in

June as by then it was pretty hot work and summer sports were in full sway, which drew many away. Trips to all parts of our ski terrain were very popular last winter because of the ease with which one could get about. Competitions were not so much in favour because of this, and also due to the loss of a number of our better skiers because of injuries and absence. Several of our boys returned to Norway and a number of others moved to outside points where their employment took them. Our representatives at the competitions across the line all made very creditable showings and reported bigger and better tournaments. Our Club captain, Chris Engh, was unfortunate enough to break his collar-bone in Seattle, and a motor smash-up, in which a car load of our skiers were involved, put our secretary and treasurer in the hospital. Our vice-president was also hurt in this accident so we were very short handed for some time. All are in good health again and getting ready for another busy season.

The Club Championship was won this year

by Lars Gulliksen, and he will hold the Dr. Fletcher cup for a year. A Johannsen was runner up in A class, close behind Gulliksen in both events. Mickey Mitchell again showed his ability as a good jumper and cross-country man to win B class but was given a close run by Chuck Gillrie, the second man. Our novice cross-country events brought a promising young skier to the fore in the person of Phil Surrey, who led the pack all season. Jack Hutchinson also showed up well to get second. Wilf Roberts was third man in this event. Our ladies and novices take part in cross-country, only the other classes being combined events. Miss Bertha Haigh is lady champion this year, displacing her sister, Miss Nellie Haigh, who was runner up. Miss Bertha Haigh has an enviable record in that she

has won nearly every event she has entered in the last few years. Miss M. Storey was the third place winner in this competition. Ladies B Class was won by Miss M. Kippan, who showed a lot of improvement during the year over her previous showings. The success of these competitions was in a large measure due to our hard working Club captain, Chris Engh, and his committee men, Charlie Schroeter and M. Mitchell. Several very enjoyable dances were held last winter with Miss D. Reaville and her co-workers Miss Ruth Neill and Basil Daines of the social committee in charge. As this is being written a Hallowe'en party in our Club House is being planned to start off the new season. One or two snow flurries have visited the Ridge already so it won't be long until we are hard at it again.

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