



A Photo by Peter Whyte, of the Main Cabin, Skoki Valley Camp, north of Lake Louise, from the Trail Riders Bulletin

## CLUB REPORTS

**T**HE editors and publishers of the Canadian Ski Year Book remind clubs that requirements for next year should be anticipated, and that the secretary of each club should prepare, or have some member prepare, a brief resumé of club activities at the close of the season, and not later. It is difficult to collect this material in mid-summer, and certainly from the point of view of the editors, the securing of reports from member clubs is a lengthy and trying procedure. Club reports ready, say, next May could be dispatched immediately to Montreal, care of the secretary of the association to be passed on to the editors; or they could be held and sent as soon as a request was received. Reports should be brief, informative. They appear hereunder in alphabetical order, curtailed of necessity in some cases

### CAMROSE SKI CLUB

**T**HE season of 1933-34 proved to be the poorest in the history of the Camrose Ski Club from a local point of view. The weather conditions were far from ideal with the consequence that we did not hold one competition on our hill. All through December we had lots of snow but the weather was bitterly cold and very little skiing was done. January was a little more moderate and a few skiers were out practicing on the jump and there were a few hikes by others.

Arrangements were all made to hold a competition including cross-country racing and jumping on February 21 and 22, but we had one of the mildest Februaries remembered, so for the first time in the club's history the tournament had to be cancelled.

However, our competitors did not do so badly in outside competitions, taking part in four, namely, Banff, Edgerton, and twice in Edmonton. In all these competitions Camrose skiers took top honours in the Class "A" jumping, G. Aasen winning them at Banff, Edgerton and once in Edmonton, while J. Nordmoe won the other Edmonton tournament.

A very odd incident took place at the Edgerton tournament when G. Aasen on his second jump broke the point of his ski completely off in landing, but instead of falling he continued to the finish on his one good ski raising the other off the snow.

Several of our junior skiers took part in the tournament of the Eskimo Ski Club in Edmonton and were successful in winning top honours. Fourteen-year-old Morey Paulson won the Class "B" event and Rod. Bugar won the longest standing jump.

We are looking forward with some optimism to the 1934-35 season as this sport is taking firm hold all over central Alberta, and ski clubs are becoming quite numerous. Other seasons we have had to travel long distances to take part in tournaments but with keen competition right close at hand we are practically assured of better times in the future and much more success.

### CLUB SKI-TO

**T**HE "Club Ski-To" was unofficially organized some three years ago. The origin of its institution as a club grew from the ardent enthusiasm of its pioneer members Mr. R. Pelletier and Mr. Beauregard.

So members could get together, to discuss and promote their activities, a suitable clubhouse was leased on Maplewood Avenue, opposite the new University of Montreal. Excellent ski-ing hills, for beginners as well as for experienced skiers, are nearby.

Activities last year met with considerable success. Two club races and one open race were sponsored, the latter event won by Mr. Leslie Gagne of the Montreal Ski Club, who raced over the difficult course in fast time. The club was well satisfied with the performance of their own members.

As a new club, most of the attention last year was given to the instruction of members in the art of waxing and ski proficiency in order to prepare them for future competition. Mr. Victor Gagne has been indispensable as an instructor, and to him we extend our sincere thanks.

The "Club Ski-To," as a member of the C.A.S.A., aspires to develop the interest of the many French-Canadian skiers who have up to the present time not had the advantages that a club of this kind has to offer. We therefore feel and know that in due time many top-notch skiers will come from its ranks.

In conclusion, we take this opportunity of thanking the C.A.S.A. and its associate members for their kind support and co-operation, and it is our sincere hope that we as a club will be a credit to the association of which we are a member.

The following are the officers of the Club:—R. Pelletier, President; J. Baillargeon, Vice-President; L. A. Beauregard, Secretary-Treasurer; G. Boileau, L. Cardinal, J. M. Corbeil, V. Foreman, J. M. Lacasse, J. M. Landry and L. Strubb, Directors.

## GROUSE MOUNTAIN SKI CLUB

THE early part of the 1933-34 season was very disheartening to the skiers. Although there was no sign of snow, most of the active club members began to drift into Camp Telemark in the early part of October. By the first of November the club was in full swing, the only thing missing being the snow.

November and December were months of mostly rain and fog. However, there was a lot of hiking done in these two months. Of course every hiker knows that the worst weather in the mountains never seems quite as bad as the same weather in the city.

There were several improvements made to the cabin and to the ski-ing ground, new kitchen and a new jumping trestle constructed under the supervision of Bob Lymburne.

At last in the latter part of December, the weather improved and by January 2, the big hill was in good condition and some of the boys started the season with jumps of 140 feet and over. With Nels and Ivard Nelsen and the Gunnarson boys as inspiration, the fledgling jumpers were able to get a glimpse of ski jumping as it should be done.

Moonlight ski-ing became so popular among the night life members of the club, that the Chalet Company had flood lights installed over the Paradise slopes so that they could continue ski-ing when the moon was not around to shed its light.

February 25 saw the commencement of the club championships, with jumping events being held in all classes except junior. Results were as follows:—Class "A"—first, Ivard Nelsen; second, Arne Watn; third, Gunnar Gunnarson. Class "B"—first, Gordon Loutet; second, Tom Wintermute; third, Vincent Poulter. Class "C"—first, Fred Linklater; second, Howard Hamill; third, Louis Davis.

In the ladies races the following week-end, Ruby Walker captured first place in Class "A," and in Class "B" Margaret Boulton was first; Evelyn Shewring, second; and Thelma Scribbans, third.

Meanwhile our mid-week social activities were not being neglected; four skiers' dances were held at the Embassy Ballroom, sponsored by the Grouse Mountain Ski Club, Hollyburn Pacific Ski Club, and the Vancouver Ski Club. These were all very well attended and provided an exceptionally fine opportunity of meeting skiers of other clubs and from other mountains.

In the spring the weather was almost perfect. Every Sunday there were large parties ski-ing on Dam Mountain and Thunderbird Ridge, returning in the evening tired and hungry but otherwise very contented.

The outstanding event of the spring was the British Columbia Ski Championships held on Good Friday and the following Saturday. This tournament was conducted by our Club and under the supervision of the Western Canada Amateur Ski Association. Low hanging clouds over the plateau made the meet spectacular and the jumping events and slalom races were trying to the nerves of the contestants. The men's Class "A" combined, was won by Tom Mobraaten, Vancouver Ski Club ace who has been the sensation of the Pacific North West hills.

This tournament practically spelled finis for the 1933-34 season, although there was still three or four weeks ski-ing beyond the 4,000 foot level. Winter had again succumbed to the rays of Old Sol, and again the beaches had won the enthusiasm of the skier.

The annual meeting and election of officers was held in June. Vincent Poulter was elected President; Gordon Harrington, Vice-President; Thelma Scribbans, Second Vice-President; Evelyn Shewring, Secretary; Frank White, Treasurer; Douglas Rorison, Press Correspondent; and the balance of the directors elected were as follows:—Kathleen Souter, Ronald Hodges, Stanley Body and Tom Wintermute. With this competent executive, we feel sure the Club will uphold its high standards as in the past:



## HOLLYBURN

## PACIFIC SKI CLUB

THE depression is over as far as it is reflected in the activities and spirit of our members.

The club has doubled its membership over the average of the two preceding years and brought itself back to the position it occupied in 1930, that of a strong progressive organization. This was accomplished by an enthusiastic executive, following out a policy adopted at the annual meeting held November 17, 1933, which concentrated club activities on its home grounds.

A dozen or so fine week-ends in a row leading up to the big event of the season, the Vancouver City Championships, which we held early in March, in conjunction with the Vancouver Ski Club, had a great deal to do with making our season a success. Our spirits rose with each succeeding fine week, and such an interest was taken in club competitions that it was a simple matter to make a real go of the City Championships.

More than two thousand spectators turned up to view this meet, which may not seem many but means a lot to us because it was the largest crowd ever to watch any of our competitions. The jumping events were held over the new ski jump at West Lake Ski Camp, which was built, by the way, by two of our executive members, Noel "Irish" Beaumont, Club Captain, and yours truly, Mickey Pogue, Club Secretary. We were all delighted when "Irish" took first place in the Class "B" jumping event in this, the first open tournament to be held over the jump he helped build.

In this City Championships meet, our members took first places in nine out of the ten events, losing out only in the Class "C" jumping. In the cross-country racing, Gus Johnson won in Class "A," Duke Knight in Class "B," George Bury in Class "C," Daisy Bourdon in girls Class "A," and Tess Murby in girls Class "B."

In the jumping, Nordal Kaldahl came out ahead in Class "A," leading a high grade field with two magnificent jumps of between 135 and 140 feet, to gain 221.8 points. Ivard Nelsen, representing the Grouse Mountain Ski Club, was second with 214.8 points. Henry Sotvedt, of the Vancouver Ski Club, was third with 208.2 points. Tom Mobraaten, also of the Vancouver Ski Club, was fourth with 206.7 points. Hans Gunnarsen, and Gunnar Gunnarsen both representing Grouse Mountain Ski Club, were fifth and sixth with 205.2 and 205.1 points respectively. "Irish" Beaumont won the Class "B" event, and Gordon Loutet, of Grouse Mountain Ski Club the Class "C." Combined honors went to Nordal Kaldahl and "Irish" Beaumont.

Club members worked hard to make the series of four skiers' dances, run by the Grouse Mountain Ski Club of Vancouver and our own ski clubs, cheerful and profitable. A swimming party was held at the Crystal Pool one evening followed by dancing and refreshments at which everyone enjoyed themselves. About sixty members attended our annual banquet, with similar reactions. More than forty arose at six a.m. one Sunday recently to attend a club launch party, which was favoured by lovely weather. A beach picnic around a bonfire in the evening followed this, a fleet of automobiles carrying the party to an inland resort on May 24.