

C.A.S.A. Club Reports

*From clubs and zones making up the Canadian Amateur Ski Association.
In sequence: The West; the St. Maurice Zone; the Laurentian Zone;
Quebec; the Ontario Zone; the Ottawa Zone*

Calgary Ski Club

THE CALGARY SKI CLUB, though an infant of but two years is already assuming adult proportions. Commencing with three members it totalled fifty-five at the end of the first season, while this year it finished with a membership of one hundred and forty-seven.

Local snow conditions are unreliable so practically all ski-ing is done in the Banff area, 85 miles west of Calgary. A special bus service between Banff and Calgary was operated for club members during the season and many travelled by private car.

A typical weekend would commence Saturday afternoon, with a lucky few leaving by private car for Banff, to spend an enjoyable evening around the cheery fireplace of Mrs. Bryant's famous log cabin inn. An early start would be made next morning, driving up to Norquay Ski Camp before the bus load arrived.

The bus or sometimes two buses would have left with rather a sleepy load at 7 a.m. from Calgary, and an uproarious crowd of between 25 and 50 skiers would come trooping into Norquay hut between ten and eleven Sunday morning. A glorious day would be spent on the invariably sunny slopes of Mount Norquay, where runs of from the nursery slope variety to a downhill course of 1,800 vertical feet could be enjoyed. Leaving the camp between 4 and 5 p.m. all would gather around a huge banquet table in either of the dining rooms of the larger hotels, and after an excellent dinner the homeward trip would commence at 7.30 at the latest, arriving home between ten and eleven, tired and happy, also a little hoarse from the strain of taking part in the ski club songs for best part of three hours.

The following were the main events in the club's activities last season.

Miss Jean Irving, the club candidate for the office of Carnival Queen of 1936 Banff Winter Sports Carnival, was successfully elected.

Through the kind offices of Col. L. A. Cavanaugh of the Motor Car Supply Company, and the Calgary Herald, the club was presented with two handsome trophies for annual competition in the ladies' and men's slalom.

These races were held in Banff, March 25 and were conducted at the Mount Norquay Ski Camp for the club by members of the Ski Runners of the Canadian Rockies. The ladies' slalom race of 300 vertical feet through 10 sets of flags was won by Miss Ruby Roberts. The men's race, 500 vertical feet through 15 sets of flags went to Mr. Bill Ross.

Several of the club members spent from four days to two weeks at the famous Skoki Ski Lodge, north of Lake Louise, and a number of weekend parties at the lodge were enjoyed by many club members. Also some members journeyed to Mount Assiniboine Ski Camp for one week and competed in the Assiniboine Championship races for the Lindley Cup.

The President and the Secretary of the Calgary Ski Club, Mr. J. D. Southam and Mr. D. E. Batchelor, attended the reorganization meeting of the Western Canadian Ski Clubs, held April 20 at Vancouver, at which all western clubs decided to affiliate with the Canadian Amateur Ski Association. At this meeting Mr. J. D. Southam was appointed Zone Manager for the Rocky

Mountain District. Also the Western Canada Downhill and Slalom Championships were secured for the Ski Runners of the Canadian Rockies and the Calgary Ski Club, the meet to be held in Banff.

The Council of the Calgary Ski Club effected the incorporation of the club in accordance with Provincial Statute prior to the annual meeting on May 10, and the club has a complete constitution and a set of by-laws to govern its operations.

The club concluded its official activities with a dance at the Bowness Golf Club at which 150 couples were present, during which a presentation was made to the retiring President, J. D. Southam, and the officers of the club elected for 1935-36 season were introduced.

President, A. Carscallen; Vice-President, D. Woodside; Secretary-Treasurer, D. E. Batchelor; Councillors, B. G. Moodie, J. Farish, W. Smith, Miss J. McMillan, Miss V. Christie.

The Honorary Members elected during the year were F. B. Taylor, of the Ottawa Ski Club, who designed the Calgary Ski Club badge, and Frank Fisher of Toronto, one of the original councillors of the club.

While this officially closed the season, two members of the club, D. Batchelor and G. Moodie, left on a six-day ski-ing expedition to the Daly Glacier and Waputik Ice Fields, from June 6 to June 12, accompanied by Lloyd Harmon of Banff, during which they made the first ski ascent of Mount Balfour 10,741 feet. The party was guided by Victor Kutschera, Alpine ski and climbing guide of Banff.

The Calgary Ski Club is just in its infancy, but with the marvelous Alpine ski terrain of Banff and Lake Louise so easily accessible the prospects of the club becoming one of the largest and most active in Canada are indeed encouraging.

Grouse Mountain Ski Club

IT IS very gratifying to report that 1934-35 was the greatest ski-ing season since the inception of our club mainly due to the wonderful snow conditions and the true sporting spirit shown by the members.

Winter came early in November with a driving blizzard and a foot of wet sticky snow making ski-ing possible although not pleasant. Throughout the winter the average depth of snow was about ten feet and on the back mountains around twenty feet.

On Saturday night, November 15, a big opening party was held at Camp Telemark, and during the season our club held five dances jointly with the Vancouver and Hollyburn Ski Clubs. At these dances skiers from the rival clubs were as one. A hard-times dance gaily rounded out a most enjoyable social season, to which Ron Hedges chairman of the social committee contributed much.

The first ski competition was held on Sunday, December 16. The program of sports included Treasure Hunts, Hare and Hounds and Obstacle racing along with the usual downhill, slalom, cross-country racing and jumping. The first three novel events being new features in our club program caused great interest. The year was a busy one for Cam MacDonald and Gordon Harrington of the sports committee. Ski instructions were given by Stan

Body, and Robert Nield and their efforts were not in vain. At the Vancouver City Ski Championships held at West Lake, Hollyburn, our class "C" skiers took first in the racing, first in the jumping and first and second in the combined event. The younger skiers are coming along very fast and one of these days will be showing the old timers just how it is done.

Our club is fortunate in possessing the finest array of trophies of any ski club in the city. They are competed for annually and are a great source of friendly rivalry between members who try to capture them. Below is the results of the club championship events for the season.

Men's Class "A":—The Dam Mountain Downhill Race won by Stan Body; The Grouse Peak Downhill Race won by Gordon Loutet; Cross-Country Racing, Woods Trophy, won by Arne Watn; Jumping won by Arne Watn, Consolidated Distillers Trophy; Combined, won by Arne Watn, Chas. Clamans Trophy; Slalom, Stan Body. Class "A" Ladies Racing won by B. Boulton, winning Famous Cloak Trophy.

Class "B" Men:—Cross-Country Race won by Chas. Souter; Jumping, won by Vince Poulter; Combined, won by Vince Poulter, to win B. Boe Trophy. Class "B" Ladies:—Racing won by J. Loutet, winning the Davidson & Wright Trophy.

Class "C" Men:—Cross-Country Racing won by Art. Langley; Jumping won by Howard Hamil; Combined, tied, Gardiner Johnson Trophy.

Juniors:—Cross-Country Racing won by P. Keatly; Jumping won by Jack Wyard; Combined won by Jack Wyard, Chalet Trophy; Slalom won by P. Keatly, Brown Trophy.

Kimberley Ski Club

THIS club was organized January 10, 1931, by a few ski enthusiasts and gradually grew until, in the 1933-1934 season, they affiliated with the C.A.S.A. and held a splendid inter-club tournament. The 1935 tournament was one of the best ever put on in the Kootenays; we had sixty entrants altogether and certainly gave Kimberley a splendid show. Trig Anderson, Nelson, won the combined challenge for the second time in succession. Roy McKay, Nelson, won the Challenge Cup for Class "A" jumping and Miss Bourdon, Vancouver, won the Challenge Cup for the Ladies' Race. It is the first time that a ladies' race had been run here.

At our annual meeting, March 31, 1935, it was decided to affiliate with the C.A.S.A. The following officers were elected:—*President*, S. J. Almas; *Vice-President*, E. Nord; *Secretary*, T. M. Anderson; *Registrar*, O. Scribe; *Treasurer*, H. Hepper; *Directors*, A. Christenson, O. Carlstrom, F. Heistad.

This summer we have improved the senior hill and it is now a class "A" hill.

Hollyburn Pacific Ski Club

THE 1934-1935 SEASON was the most prosperous that the club has yet enjoyed, and our annual statement records a substantial bank balance with all outstanding accounts paid, speaking well for the work of our executive, social and competitive activities. Ski-ing was somewhat handicapped by unusually poor snow conditions, though with prospects for a fine season. It was decided at the annual meeting to build a club cabin to accommodate our ever growing list of members.

Last season saw great development in downhill and slalom racing and while jumping and cross-country racing have always been our specialties, we have now taken up this new branch and are determined to develop competitors who will more than hold their own with our more experienced friends of Washington and Oregon. Some fine competitions were held and plans have been made for next year that will bring us up to date in slalom and downhill.

Following a policy laid down in 1934 to provide entertainment during the summer months we have sponsored several very fine launch trips, which have proven invaluable in keeping our membership intact during the off season and their success was assured by a large turnout.

On reviewing the 1934-35 season we wish to express our satisfaction of the progress made in ironing out the difficulties between the eastern and western ski associations; difficulties mainly arising through the distance we are apart. Both associations exist to advance the cause of ski-ing and this can only be properly accomplished by the co-operation that has at last been mutually agreed upon.

Our annual meeting was held with the following elected to office:—*Honorary President*, Wm. Dudgeon; *President*, R. Morris; *Vice-President*, M. Pogue; *Secretary*, Daisy Bourdon; *Treasurer*, Olive Longmuir; *Chairman of Sports Committee*, N. Beaumont; *Special Representative over Slalom and Downhill*, G. Johnson; *Chairman of House Committee*, S. Morrison; *Club Representative*, J. Foster.

Following are the results of our club championships:—*"A"* Class Jumping—N. Kaldahl, Wm. Hansen, N. Beaumont; Racing—G. Johnson, Wm. Hansen, G. Bury; Combined—Wm. Hansen, N. Beaumont.

"B" Class Jumping—D. Cooke, M. Leslie, E. Twiss; Racing—D. Cooke, Wm. Brown, G. Robinson; Combined—D. Cooke.

"C" Class Jumping—W. Sutherland, S. Debou, J. Foster; Racing—W. Sutherland, J. Foster, B. James; Combined—W. Sutherland, J. Foster, S. Debou.

Ladies' Racing *"A"* Class—Miss D. Bourdon, Miss M. Gale, Miss T. Murby; *"B"* Class—Mrs. Wm. Brown, Miss J. Jellett.

Messrs. N. Kaldahl, G. Johnson, Wm. Hansen, N. Beaumont and Miss D. Bourdon brought glory to themselves and the club by their fine performances in interior British Columbia and Washington tournaments.

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