

Nelson Ski Club

THE NELSON SKI CLUB can look back with pleasure on many successes and highlights in a long 1934-35 season. Much of the credit for the success goes to "Doc" Shaw, president of the club, whose untiring work and enthusiasm seemed infectious to all members, and to Mr. Harry Hulls, who has always displayed a keen interest in our jumpers and skiers.

Early in the fall several members began work on a club cabin and such was the enthusiasm that in four Sundays the building was finished and a couple of weeks later the cabin boasted a big fire-place. The membership grew from 10 to over 100 members, the best indication of the interest that has grown for ski-ing in Nelson.

In competition the club had the best season since its inception. At Ione, Washington, Roy McKay placed third in the Class "A" jumping, Danny McKay and Art Grodzki tying for second place in the Class "B". The next week, January 27, our own tourney was held consisting of a parade, dance, races, and jumping. Her majesty, Miss Thelma Houle, was crowned queen of the tournament at the dance. From every angle the tournament was a success due largely to the untiring work of the committees.

The local paper quoted our tourney as "one of the finest spectacles of jumping and ski running ever held in Nelson." The Fairview hill program climaxed a two-day gathering, enthroning the popular winter sport. The tournament was the crowning achievement of the three-year-old Nelson Club which has made rapid strides since its inauguration by Danny and Roy McKay. When the day's grind was over the laurels rested on the following heads:—Class "A" Race—T. Nora, Rossland, B.C.; Ladies' Race—E. Johnson, Rossland, B.C.; "A" Jump—1st, B. Lymburne, Trail; 2nd, Roy McKay, Nelson; "B" Jump—D. McKay, Nelson, B.C. "C" Jump—B. Anderson, Nelson, B.C. After the tournament worries were over the club members had some very enjoyable hikes and feeds later at the cabin.

Next came outside competitions at which all our entrants did well. Although our fair skiers did not break into the prizes often, Jean Robertson, Thelma Houle, Paula Gansner, Aubin Burrige and Arla Saare entered several tournaments and came through with flying colors.

In "A" Class Racing, "Trig" Anderson, Gus Dahlstien and Erling Dahl upheld our colors very ably. "Trig" was doing exceptionally well the past year and brought home the silver every time.

In jumping the Nelson Club excelled, Roy and Danny McKay taking first or second place in every tournament they entered; "Trig" Anderson, Ernie Johnson, Art Grodzki, Bill Anderson and several of the juniors doing very well. "Trig" Anderson headed the list of trophies with 8, Roy and Danny McKay 6 each, and Art Grodzki 4.

Mr. Anderson won the Nelson "Best Skier" cup, Grand Challenge, "A" Class Race and third in jumping at Kimberley, second in combined at Nelson, first in "A" Racing at Rossland and second in combined Rossland.

Roy McKay, placed third in "A" Class jumping at Ione; second at Nelson; first at Rossland and Kimberley and second at Wallace, Idaho.

Danny McKay placed first in "B" Class jumping at Nelson and Rossland; second at Kimberley, Ione and Wallace, Idaho, also capturing the "B" Class British Columbia championship at Vancouver.

Since going into competition in 1927, Roy and Danny McKay have attended seventeen tournaments and returned with thirty-three prizes, mostly firsts and seconds.

Omineca Ski Club

THE SKI-ING SEASON of 1934-35 was the best our club has experienced since its founding in 1926, both from a financial and ski-ing point of view. Due to the whole-hearted efforts of the president the membership was more than doubled, and with the public support we received are sure of having even a bigger and better season next winter.

Moonlight ski-ing parties became so popular at the ski cabin on Boar Mountain that new trails were cut out to aid some of the novices in making the return journey to town after dark. Our Christmas celebration was a turkey supper held at the ski cabin followed by an evening of dancing.

Our three-day tournament held on February 16, 17 and 18, attracted the largest crowd in the club's history. In the Western Canadian Championship 50-Kilometre Race Chriss Elveness of the Smithers Ski Club was first in the fast time of 4 hours 42 minutes 3 seconds, followed closely by Johnny Holst of Smithers Ski Club and Isaac Kuusela of Southbank Ski Club. In the 18-kilometre cross-country racing, A. Johansen of Vancouver Ski Club won first in Class "A" with Fred Rush of Omineca Ski Club taking first in Class "B." In the ladies race, Peggy Harlin of Vancouver Ski Club was a close winner over Peggy Saunders of the Omineca Ski Club. Class "A" combined was won by Alf. Johansen of Vancouver Ski Club, with Johnny Holst of Smithers Ski Club second and Pete Sandness of Wells Ski Club, third. Class "B" combined was won by Walter Smith of Omineca Ski Club. Our President, Kaare Engstad, who won the Dominion Championship in 1932 was unable to compete in our tournament, having broken his leg while competing in the Western Canada Jumping Championship at Smithers.

The club members worked hard to make the Ski Ball, which was attended by a record crowd, cheerful and profitable. With the 1935-36 season not so very far off we are already drawing up plans for the construction of our new main cabin which will be built a little beyond the present one. Our present hill is proving a little small for some of the boys who are "out jumping" it, so we have selected a new hill on which jumps up to 180 feet can be made.

At the annual meeting of the Western Canada Amateur Ski Association which is now disbanded and under the Canadian Amateur Ski Association our President was elected Chairman of the Northern Ski Zone.

Revelstoke Ski Club

IT WAS truly characteristic of this Club to present its twenty-first tournament on borrowed capital. Terminating each year financially successful, such a statement naturally appears enigmatical to those who interest themselves in such matters. The truth is, such balances have been wholly spent in sending Revelstoke Club representatives to other events far and wide, and, added to that fine gesture in sport fostering, is the practice of this Club to properly extend an unusual type of hospitality to its visiting talent, all of which is well supported by filed encomiums from many clubs, coupled with expressions of regret that their own clubs were unable to reciprocate by lack of funds. Thus giving the answer to any belief existing that this Club is, or should be wealthy, and a partial reason for its good name.

The twenty-first annual event presented February 19 to 22 again resulted financially and otherwise successful, depressions and unprecedented storms to the contrary. Finances profits will be, for once, safeguarded for preliminary expenditure leading up to the next year's event, and it is a pleasure to report a personal belief that no past annual tourney was so capably directed as was this one, thanks to a keen appreciation of executive responsibilities and a wise policy of administration rigidly adhered to by example of a capable president. Unusual storms with the Revelstoke district suffering from an over-abundance of snow, registering sixty-four and one-half inches during one period, effected postponements to ski sport fixtures generally throughout the West, causing thereby many entry cancellations and several tournaments to become almost purely local in color and representation. It was possible to send to Banff only a contingent of skiers on this account.

All items programmed were carried out with due regard to the event being an Olympic test meet, and under splendid weather and hill conditions on the postponed dates. No remarkable distance jumps were essayed, probably attributable to the fear of loss of points for form on such occasion. Press and judges' reports give details

of the results of the competitions and other branches of winter fun that make up the joy fest. An unfortunate accident to Bob Lymburne, 287-foot jumper, during the training period eliminated him from the meet, and from which he is still convalescing.

An interesting Queen Carnival Contest under the chairmanship of D. Holten, and due to outside competition, brought handsome profits from dance receipts, and resulted in a win for the local candidate, Queen Edith McCoy, against a very charming and appropriate queenly contestant, Miss Doris Long of Kamloops, B.C.

The Western situation respecting affiliation of the western clubs with the C.A.S.A. retarded in some respect entry features to this tournament. Talented competitors who by early application lent increasing interest, but it was unfortunately marred by later cancellations; "they had regretably been advised not to participate in the Revelstoke event pending settlement of negotiations by their respective Clubs." From present knowledge, everything points to a complete following of this Club's decision in affiliating direct giving, assurance to an emphasized interest in the sport for 1936.

Present interest in the Olympics for 1936 in Germany is held in abeyance pending details of selection and fund raising methods to be adopted. So soon as known this Club can be depended upon to send capable representatives if fortunate in such choice. Safeguarding in every detail its membership for Olympic representation or otherwise, this Club complied in every respect with regulations governing the sport as outlined by the C.A.S.A. and its several affiliations, particularly that most recent one with the A.A.U. of Canada.

Rossland Ski Club

THE ROSSLAND-SKI CLUB, although only organized in its present form in the summer of 1935, is already one of the foremost clubs in the interior of British Columbia.

Situated in the heart of the Selkirk Mountains, at an altitude of 3,400 feet, Rossland has long been a paradise for skiers. As far as we know, the first ski tournament in Canada was held here in 1898; and for many years afterwards the Rossland Ski Club was awarded the championship of Canada, as is proved by the engraving on the Jeldnes Trophy, which is still in Rossland.

The season of 1934-35 was a highly successful one. Under the energetic leadership of Trygre Nora, president, and Ivor Moen, secretary, a fine new cabin was built about a mile from the city, making an ideal headquarters. A jumping hill was cleared close to the cabin, on which it is hoped that jumps up to 160 feet will be possible. The club membership was increased to nearly 150 during the winter and it has indeed been gratifying to watch the excellent progress made by the beginners.

In the various Kootenay Tournaments during the winter, members of the club were successful. In the Nelson tournament on January 27, 1935, Elsie Johnson took first place in the Ladies' Race, and her brother, Morten, second in Class "B" jump. Trygve Nora took first place in both Class "A" cross-country racing and Class "A" combined racing and jumping.

The Rossland Club's own tournament, held on February 3, was highly successful. Outside points sent over sixty contestants. Elsie Johnson and Mrs. T. Nora took second and third places respectively, in the Ladies' Class "A" race, while Molly Beley and Helen McDonell headed the Class "B" race. Trygve Nora again won the combined Class "A," coming second in both cross-country race and jumping. Sig Bye took third place in Class "A" combined. In the Class "B" cross-country race, Jack Mitchell took third place. In the Class "B" jumping, our main hope, Morten Johnson, had the misfortune to break his wrist.

In the Kimberley Tournament, on February 10, Mrs. T. Nora took third place in the Ladies' Race, while her husband took second place in both Class "A" combined and jumping.

The work undertaken by the club in preparation for what we hope will be a long, hard winter in 1935-36 includes:—an addition to the cabin in the form of a kitchen and wood-shed, a road to the cabin, a well, and improvements to the jumping hill. In the completion of this program, we shall be greatly handicapped by the loss of our former secretary, Ivor Moen, who has gone to Vancouver to live. Mr. Moen's hard work and cool judgment have been invaluable during the difficult years of the club's formation.

The executive for the year 1935-36 consists of Trygve Nora, *President*; "Pinky" Schofield, *Vice-President*; Jack Mitchell, *Secretary*; Helen Stevens, *Treasurer*; and Helen McDonell and Charlie Bell, *Executives*.

Vancouver Ski Club

THE PAST SEASON from this club's point of view was an unqualified success. Ski-ing in Vancouver enjoyed a tremendous increase in popularity last year and our club membership has almost doubled. A new and better spirit has increased the turnout at competitions and social functions. Every member has taken a more active interest in club affairs, with the result that the executive were hard pressed to keep ahead of the demands of the members for bigger and better ski-ing events.

Downhill relay races, with teams of three men and a lady, proved to be one of the most popular events on the program. In the first race eight teams entered, while the second attracted no fewer than fifty-four competitors, twelve full teams and two extra three-men teams. These races, more than any other event, brought the new members into contact with the old and proved an excellent way to get acquainted with fellow-members.

Several slalom events were held and a full set of equipment, including flags and a telephone system, was purchased. It was also necessary to increase our competitors' numbers from 35 to 75, and on two occasions every number was required.

Sixty-one competitors entered the Hollyburn Novice Championships in slalom and jumping staged by the

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