

The interior of the clubhouse was decorated in the modern style and on the walls of the canteen room some very realistic drawings in color were executed by a member of the Art Society of Kitchener. These life-like drawings depict skiers in action and added a very effective touch to the decorative scheme.

As to the financial position of the club it can be said that we are in rather fair condition considering the magnitude of the improvements handled during the fiscal year. Large expenditures were entailed in building the new jumping hill, decorating the clubhouse and doing the many other necessary jobs. The year closed with a small balance in the treasury.

The "Chicopee Skier," the official club paper, was run off in twelve numbers during the season. This first effort to provide our members with a little periodical of their own club activities was well received. This paper was also mailed to all the clubs in the Ontario Ski Zone. The favourable comment given the "Chicopee Skier" will assure continuance of this item.

A steward and his family were engaged to look after the clubhouse and ski room. They reside permanently at the clubhouse and extend a complete steward service during the entire day and evening throughout the week while the skiing season is in progress.

Sporting activities were started with the official opening of the new jumping hill during the Christmas holidays. Six of our good friends from the Toronto Ski Club and the University of Toronto Ski Club gave a fine exhibition. To Putty Putman went the honour of the first flight, and to Jacques Tache, the hill record of one hundred feet. This record still stands. This group of jumpers pronounced our hill one of the finest, and we in turn thank them heartily for showing us the way.

The major event of the season was the Western Ontario Ski Tournament under the auspices of the Ontario Ski Zone Committee. This event was a two-

day affair. Here again is demonstrated the importance of advance preparation. Despite a bitter cold Sunday, everything clicked as planned, and the numerous contestants were more than pleased. The credit for a successful tournament again goes to the members who put the club interests ahead of their own.

The services of the members of the Toronto Ski Club who attended our Western Ontario Ski Tournament were invaluable in the timing and starting of the various events. They gave most generously of their knowledge and experience in this work and largely contributed to the smooth and successful operation of these important things.

The first cross-country trail was laid late in the season and became so popular that it is easy to see that next winter many more and longer trails will be in demand.

As a word of encouragement to contestants in young clubs, we think it is worthy of note that one of our local members in his second year of skiing was an entrant in the downhill race in the Dominion Championships. He made a very creditable showing.

Next year we go on to bigger and better things in skiing, devoting much attention to the recreational skier, the organizing of competitive branches, and just having a lot of fun. We all feel that the two hardest years are over and that we have earned the right to play a bit.

The C.A.S.A. and Ontario Ski Zone Committee have our unqualified support. These are factors that provided not only inspiration, but actual assistance in our progress.

Officers for the year were:—*President*, Clare Duffus; *Vice-President*, Murray Snyder; *Treasurer*, Brian Barrett; *Secretary*, G. E. Eastman. Ontario Ski Zone representatives were Clare Duffus, *Director for Western Ontario*; Dave Schneider, *Technical Board Member*.

Ski Runners of the Canadian Rockies

THE SKI RUNNERS OF BANFF have to report a very successful 1935-36 season.

The membership increased very materially, so that at present we have approximately 100 members in Canada and the U.S.A. A start was made this season in our Juvenile and Junior memberships, which will show real returns in future years.

The competitions sponsored by the club include the Championships of the Canadian Rockies (Senior), Junior Championships and the Atkin Cup for Ladies. A School Meet with around 80 competitors was started this year and proved very successful.

The Championships of the Canadian Rockies which were held the day following the Western Canadian Championships were blessed with real powder snow conditions. Practically all contestants at the latter meet stayed over and a real competition ensued. Ted Paris of Banff won the Downhill, Slalom and Combined, which more than offset his defeat by Taylor and Davidson of Vancouver, the previous days.

Billy Wellman and Bobby Crosby shared honours in the Junior Championships, Billy taking the Combined cup by a fraction of a point.

As usual Gladys Atkin walked away with the Atkin Cup in the Ladies' Slalom competition. This event which includes four separate races is run off during the season. The total points decide the winner.

The Ski Runners also shared the responsibility of staging the Western Canadian Championships and from all reports everyone seemed well satisfied with the results.

The annual meeting was held June 1 and our treasury starts another season with a fair balance on hand. All officers were re-elected with the addition of Miss Agnes Hammond as one of our vice-presidents, who takes the place of Jim Brewster, newly elected Vice-President of the C.A.S.A.

Officers are as follows:—*Honorary President*, J. Murray Gibbon, Montreal; *Honorary Vice-President*, Brian Meredith, Montreal; *President*, Ralph Harvey,

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Preparations are already under way for the Dominion Championships, which are being held in Banff, March 5-8, 1937, under the auspices of our club and Calgary Ski Club.

Rossland Ski Club

THE ROSSLAND SKI CLUB enjoyed a very successful season last winter, the membership and assets both increasing materially. Our total paid-up membership rose to 160. Improvements to the cabin consisted of the addition of a good kitchen and range, gasoline lamp, gramophone, etc., and the cabin was insured. The club has acquired, by purchase from private hands, the historic Jeldness trophy, a very elaborately ornamented cup, the engraving showing that it was at one time awarded for the ski jumping championship of Canada, by the old Rossland Winter Carnival Association.

Three tournaments were held on our jumping hill and very creditable showings were made, some of our younger members showing a good deal of promise. Slalom racing was introduced to West Kootenay for the first time in a tournament and bids fair to outstrip jumping in popularity.

A longer and greatly improved slalom course is now under construction, and when this is completed we will have a course second to none in the Province. Improvements to the jumping hill are also being made, while the cabin is receiving considerable attention, and an endeavour is being made to purchase the land on which the cabin is situated.

The executive for the present year is:—*President*, R. E. Plewman; *Vice-President*, Trygve Nora; *Secretary*, Jack Mitchell; *Treasurer*, Harry O'Reilly; *Directors*, Helen McDonell, Helen Stevens, Harold Fox, Bob Van, Jack Fears and Norman Cunningham.

Vancouver Ski Club

FOR THE Vancouver Ski Club, 1936 proved to be a banner year, living up in every way to our predictions of the previous spring and summer and fulfilling our hopes for real progress. Several new activities were attempted, all with great success. Club parties were arranged for members and their friends and so well attended were they that it was decided to plan a series of open-air dances in Stanley Park. These were very popular besides netting a small contribution to club funds.

Spurred on by the necessity of ample funds to operate the B.C. Ski Championships in the spring, we presented a two-hour educational moving picture program of ski-ing films. This was something new in Vancouver, and we were somewhat doubtful of the result. To the pleased astonishment of the club officials, particularly the treasurer, twelve hundred people turned out for it, with resultant excellent publicity for us and the sport in general.

In conjunction with the Hollyburn Pacific Ski Club, we cleared a new slalom and downhill course on Hollyburn Peak. Only a little more work needs to be done on it this fall and it will be ready for a busy season. A splendid new jumping hill was secured by the club through the generosity of the proprietors of the Hollyburn Ski Camp. These boys are always working for the advancement of ski-ing here and have made several other notable contributions to our progress during the past few years.

The annual meeting was held on May 8 with an attendance of approximately one hundred members. The meeting authorized the Executive Committee to proceed with arrangements to incorporate the club under the Friendly Societies Act of British Columbia and by the time this appears in print, the incorporation

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