

by the offer of Mr. Ian Eisenhardt on behalf of the Provincial Government Department of Physical and Recreational Education, who offered to pay part of the cost of this work if the clubs on their respective mountains would pay any excess cost. The Zone co-operated in bringing the clubs together and in the selection of instructors. I understand sufficient funds were forthcoming from the department to pay all expenses, without having to resort to a levy from the clubs.

Selection of Competitors, P.N.W.S.A. Tournaments: Due to the large number of competitors available in Vancouver the old difficulty of making a fair and equitable selection for American Tournaments again cropped up and came in for considerable consideration at the beginning of the Season. The outcome of numerous discussions on this subject was the outlining of a system for selection of these competitors which, briefly, operated in this manner: A Committee of two were selected from the Zone Committee to work with the C.A.S.A. representative in Vancouver to whom invitations from the U.S.A. were sent. At a regular meeting of the Zone Committee each club's representatives were asked to name their available competitors, who were then ranked in the order of their ability, taking into consideration their past performances, present training condition, courses and jumps where events were to be held, etc. Thus all rankings were decided by open discussion, and favoritism was entirely eliminated. It then became the duty of the two members of the selection committee to contact the clubs and find out which competitors were available for the weekend of the tournament in question, to learn from the C.A.S.A. representative the number of competitors required, and it was then simply a matter of naming the team from the list of rankings. Once the team was named, entries were made by the selection committee through the C.A.S.A. representative, thus conforming to the arrangement between the C.A.S.A. and the P.N.W.S.A. whereby all entries, negotiations and payment of expense monies were to be made between Associations and not through individual clubs.

Banff Excursion, Canadian Championships:—One of the biggest problems faced by the Zone Committee during the past year was the making of arrangements for special railroad and hotel rates for skiers and spectators going to Banff for the Canadian Championships in March. Preliminary steps were taken over six months in advance of the tournament. It was found that rail rates of approximately one-third the regular fares could be obtained, but that it would be necessary to guarantee 100 fares and to pay for these before the actual rates could be published or any advertising of the excursion done. A special committee was formed, with myself as chairman, to organize this excursion. All local clubs were invited to be represented on the Committee, meetings were held regularly, the guarantee was deposited with the Canadian Pacific Railway partly from funds put up by the Vancouver clubs and the balance being kindly loaned by our Western Vice-President, Mr. Brewster. The excursion was successful, 149 persons taking advantage of the cheap rates. Snow conditions at Banff were none too good, but those fortunate enough to visit the high country ski lodges found ideal conditions. I believe that it would be an excellent plan to have an excursion such as this each winter. A trip to either Skoki or Sunshine Camps out of Banff would be an ideal one for next winter, and I have asked the Brewster Transport Company and the Canadian Pacific Railway to submit some suggestions.

Conclusion:—This, I believe, covers all the main features of the Zone's activities during the past season. It has been a busy season, and I feel we have accomplished much. What has been done during the year more than goes to prove the necessity of the Zone Committee to co-ordinate the efforts of the various clubs for the good of them all.

In conclusion, I wish to thank for their willing assistance all those with whom I have had the pleasure of working on this Zone Committee during the past year.

J. LINDSAY LOUTET, *Chairman.*

Association Sportive de Labelle

L'ASSOCIATION SPORTIVE DE LABELLE fondée en 1935 dirige les Clubs d'amusements dans Labelle. Le but est le développement des sports, d'encourager notre jeunesse et lui donner l'occasion de se spécialiser dans quelque jeu que ce soit.

Le Club de Ski de Labelle termine la saison 1936-37 avec des améliorations notables à son crédit. Amélioration de la Piste "Guay" piste longue de 5 milles. Le défrichement et la finition de la Piste "Lac Labelle" longue de 4 milles. La construction d'un chemin d'hiver du village de Labelle au Lac Blanc nous donne la Piste Labelle Mont-Tremblant via les Lacs Blanc, Caribou, Vert et Lac Tremblant. Le Club de Ski a aussi construit un saut dans les limites du village de Labelle. Ces Pistes et saut seront indiqués sur les cartes que le chemin de fer Pacifique Canadien met à la disposition des skieurs.

Avec la fin de la saison le Club de Ski avait 25 membres Senior et 39 membres au dessous de 16 ans Intermédiaire et Junior.

Le Club de Ski a tenu 7 concours sur un total de 19 épreuves, chaque épreuve donnait droit à un prix pour encourager nos skieurs.

Des coupes pour la saison sur total des points furent distribuées et gagnées comme suit:—Section féminine, Melle. Gabrielle Bertrand; Senior, Monsieur Rolland Lecompte; Intermédiaire, Monsieur Raymond Ménard; Junior, Monsieur Guy Bertrand.

Le Club de Ski de Labelle est heureux de se joindre à la Canadian Amateur Ski Association, pour la saison 1937-38 et participer aux concours de la prochaine saison.

Blue Mountain Ski Club

IT IS perhaps well to state at the outset that this organization was formerly known as the "Collingwood Ski Club." The new title was adopted, first, to suggest a closer and more picturesque identity with the Club's ski-ing country, and again to indicate a desire to extend the facilities of such to skiers over a wide area rather than those associated only with the town of Collingwood.

In common with fellow ski clubs throughout the southern part of Ontario we give the past winter due honour as a very close approach to the "perfect crime." The "raison d'être" need not be discussed.

However, the 1936-37 season brought an ample measure of accomplishment and satisfaction to members of the Blue Mountain Ski Club. They saw a potential but hitherto undeveloped ski-ing terrain converted into what is probably the best downhill country in the province—a transformation which took place largely at the suggestion of several officials of the Ontario Ski Zone Committee, under the qualified technical supervision of E. Fritz Loosli, and generously assisted by the town of Collingwood in the way of labour and material contributions.

They saw a second transformation, for out of a deserted but stoutly timbered log house grew a spacious ski cabin complete with fireplace, loft and kitchen. Again, they saw the dreaded Machine wedge into their sport, only to discover that the brain-child of the affiliated ski lift committee offered a pleasant alternative to much arduous climbing.

In part contributing to the success of these transformations, in part because of them, they saw initiated in December with Mr. Loosli's Dry Ski School Classes, and continued through succeeding months, a wave of enthusiasm which carried their numbers to well beyond the 200 mark. A gratifying feature of the membership list was its inclusion of not a few Toronto and Cedar Spring skiers. It is suspected that several of the visiting lady members thought the club's insignia—a double blue and red feather—a very attractive compliment to one's ski cap.

A highly enjoyable Christmas dance aided in sub-