

were used to defray expenses of the Club team going to Banff.

The Club Championships next held the interest of the members upon completion of the Dominion Championships. The first events were the Cross-Country Races and Jumping Competition, held on Sunday, April 11, followed by the Downhill and Slalom events on April 18.

The official season wound up with the annual prize-giving and banquet held at the Pacific Athletic Club, which proved a great success, leaving all members with pleasant memories of a very eventful season, and with the summer social activities to look forward to. During the summer the first Annual Vancouver Ski Zone Skier's Basket Picnic was held to Newcastle Island. A fine cup presented by Shore's Jewellers was put up for inter-club competition at the picnic, to be won by the club obtaining the highest aggregate in a series of softball games and tug of war events. Our Club proved successful in taking home the trophy in its initial appearance for inter-club competition.

Prospects at the time of writing appear very bright for a highly successful 1937-38 season. All we have to do now, is, wait for old man weather to send us a fine lot of snow.

The new executive elected at the Annual Meeting last April consists of R. A. Forrest, *President*; Dave Fladgate, *Vice-President*; Wm. Sutherland, *Treasurer*; Helen Morris, *Secretary*.

Kimberley Ski Club

THE 1936-37 season was another that marked progress for the Kimberley Ski Club.

Activities started on Hallowe'en night, with the grand opening of Valhalla, the newly finished cabin built by Club members. Snow blocked traffic in the

streets of Kimberley, but the skiers' party went merrily on. That party was followed a month later by an entertaining basket social, where a good auctioneer talked the president into buying the highest priced basket, but we believe Pete thought he got the prettiest girl with it, so all was well.

After Christmas, when ski-ing began to get good, the cabin was used more as a ski centre, but also for several small parties.

February 12, 13 and 14 were our big days, for on them we held Western Canada Championships in Cross-Country and Jumping. The event was opened on Friday night with an oldtime and a modern dance in two adjacent halls. An enthusiastic crowd thronged the oldtime hall at midnight to see the crowning of Miss Hazel Simpson as Carnival Queen. On Saturday morning the Cross-Country races were run off. Events were Class A and B, eleven miles; C, D and Ladies Senior, four miles; and Ladies Junior, two miles. These were followed on Saturday night by a free dance. On Sunday afternoon nearly a thousand spectators gathered to bask in the Kimberley sunshine and watch junior and senior jumpers soar through the air. The tournament came to a grand finish at a banquet where a royal feast was provided, and then prizes, three in each event, were distributed by the Queen, who was ably assisted by the president.

A week later five of our members, including two of the youngest, participated in the Nelson Jumping tournament. A gang of seven attended the Dominion Meet at Banff, where we were well represented in Cross-Country by Alf. Johansen and Vic Shalk; and in Jumping by Alf. and Godfred Edwards.

A local four-way tournament, primarily for juniors, was held the second weekend in March. A week later a party of six members made a ski trip to Dibble Basin in the Rockies where they encountered glorious ski-ing at high altitudes.



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A heavy snowfall in early spring wrecked our senior jump trestle. This summer we have been very busy rebuilding it, clearing a slalom course, building a woodshed, and doing the usual hundred and one other things.

The annual meeting showed the Club with a fine cabin to its credit, an eighty-five per cent increase in paid-up membership, and money in the bank. The executive elect is:—*Honorary President*, A. Bruce Ritchie; *Honorary Vice-President*, E. S. Shannon; *President*, L. Almas; *Vice-President*, Bob Green; *Secretary*, Alf. Watkins; *Treasurer*, Ernie Turner; *Assistant Secretary*, Olla Bentley; *Directors*, Alf. Johansen, Otto Scribe, Helen Sutherland.

Mount Seymour Ski Club

THE inception of organized skiing, focussing as it did the enthusiastic attention of lower mainland skiers on terrain equalling famed Mount Baker for thrilling, open runs, was the major achievement of Mount Seymour Ski Club during the inaugural season of 1936-37.

It was the first move of an aggressive group of skiers upon forming the Club in November, 1936; the fifty charter members considering such action the speediest means of awakening Vancouver to virtually unknown ski country, unequalled locally.

Consensus of visiting skiers was that Canada has in Mount Seymour Park the potentially finest winter sports grounds within a metropolitan area. They killed the myth that at least four hours of arduous hiking was required to reach the new mecca of skiers, by doing the trip in an hour from the end of a logging road off the Indian River Road, branching from Deep Cove Highway.

Visitors stayed at Mount Seymour Ski Lodge, conducted by Harol Enquist, who has spent the summer in completing work to ensure adequate accommodation of large parties anticipated this season.

Club members are convinced that the impetus given, since fusion of its widely scattered membership under the First Year Executive, did establish the Club and the mountain in its rightful position with the adjacent Hollyburn Ridge and Grouse Mountain area—at the fore.

Such was the interest aroused by word-of-mouth praise and plaudits in the press that the Club membership had increased to seventy by April 15, 1937, when the first annual banquet and dinner was held.

Indications to date this year are that membership will approximate, if not exceed, a strength of 150, under an executive comprising:—Eric Laurillard *Honorary President*; Bob Frizell, *President*; Don. Baker, *Vice-President*; Jim Drain, *Secretary*; Ed. Barnard, *Treasurer*; Ken Austin, *Committee Captain*; Glynne Jones, *Social Convener*; Joe Bourassa, *Press Correspondent*; and Casey Jones, *Club Representative*.

Mount Seymour Park consists of numerous plateaus and hills of various grades suitable for advanced and novice skiers, and is dominated by three 5,000-foot peaks, easily accessible by several trails. The longest downhill run on the North Shore is located in the park.

Club members desire this opportunity to pay tribute to the splendid work of Lindsay Loutet, as chairman of Vancouver Ski Zone; and to Eric Laurillard, also of the Zone, in advisory and competitive fields.

Pioneer Amateur Ski Club

A GAIN November rolls around, this time with fine Fall weather and no snow closer than the mountain tops surrounding us. We feel, however, that for a club of only two years standing, the past season was a signal success and we look forward to this winter with even more enthusiasm.

After a series of preliminary events, a final tournament with all events, except a slalom, was run off

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early in February, 1937. Both competitor and spectator interest was at a high pitch. Harry Brown jumped to the victory which made him the club entry in the Banff tournament, while sixty or more others, from ten year olds and up, competed for silver cups and prizes.

Following the last tournament event the Annual Ski Club Valentine Dance was held on February 15. We were fortunate in having with us at the time, our Honorary President, Colonel Victor Spencer, who, after crowning the Snow Queen, presented the Club's silver bracelets to the Queen and her two attendants. The 1937 Snow Queen was Miss Margaret Emmons, her attendants, the Misses Marjorie and Marguerite Maurice.

The Snow Queen in turn presented cups to the winners of each senior event. Chris Anderson, Harry Brown, Miller Edberg, Irene Novosel, Erling Johnson, and Lars Dahl, each received a silver cup for winning individual events while the two cups for combined points in Downhill and Cross-Country went to Lars Dahl (A Class) and Larry Leslie (B Class). Other qualifying competitors received in all twenty-nine prizes.

We take this opportunity to congratulate Harry Brown on his showing at Banff where he ranked 13th out of 36 International jumpers.

While competitive skiing took a fairly prominent place in our year's activities, many beginners and experienced skiers made weekend trips to our Hawthorne Creek cabin. Their reports of good times, snow, and skiing possibilities are so favourable that again this year we have obtained the use of the cabin. At present a downhill course, the lower stretches of which will be used for slalom, is being cut a hundred yards or so from the cabin door. An effort is being made this year to have the school teachers, most of whom are enthusiastic skiers, take over the organization of the Junior members. We feel there will be many more than last year and the youngsters will really enjoy themselves while being properly instructed.