

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.