

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.

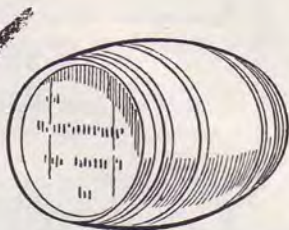
We take this opportunity to congratulate Harry Brown on his showing at Banff where he ranked 13th out of 36 International jumpers.

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.

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A programme of hikes and social events for young and old is being mapped out for the whole season and will greatly help to consolidate the Club.

Tyee Ski Runners

IN THE second year of our existence the growth of the Tyee Ski Runners and the scope of our activities enlarged to such a degree that even our most optimistic members were agreeably surprised. Our membership has almost trebled from last year, included in which are a number of very promising juniors.

A rather unique feature was introduced in the Club, that of an election of a mayor and town council to govern the affairs of our ski village. Regular campaigns were made by the candidates for the posts of mayor, town constable, sanitary engineer, etc., which culminated in one grand jamboree of speeches and impossible promises by the various candidates. The mayors elect came dressed in their conceptions of what a well dressed mayor should wear, which costumes included top hats, dinner jackets and villainous moustache. The successful candidate for the mayor's office, Roy Clendenning, possibly owed his success to the large supply of black cigars he freely passed around.

In conjunction with other clubs on Grouse Mountain a new downhill course was constructed on Dam Mountain and existing ski runs were considerably improved.

Much added incentive in Club Championships' Competitions was provided by Joe Wepsala and Arvi Matilla, who donated handsome trophies for the A and B Class Men's Club Championships. The new trophies donated by the Club for Combined Downhill and Slalom, A and B Men, and A Women, resulted in some very close competitions. Mickey Mitchell made practically a complete sweep in all A Class competitions, winning both the Club Championship and the Combined Downhill and Slalom trophies. In the men's B Class division competition was very keen, Gibb Nichols having a lead of only 6/10 of a point over Bud Stevens for the Combined Downhill and Slalom trophy. Bud Stevens, however, piled up a larger margin to win the Four-way Combined trophy. In the women's division, Mrs. Margaret Lewis, by placing first in all events, annexed both the club shield emblematic of the Club Championship, and the Combined Downhill and Slalom trophy. The shield for the Junior Boys section was won quite handily by Harry Smithers.

The Grouse Mountain Novice Championships, sponsored by the Tyees had a record breaking entry list of over sixty competitors. Our entrants were fortunate in placing first in both Downhill and Slalom and second and third in the Cross-Country racing. In the women's division a second and third was obtained in each event.

The Vancouver City Championships were, for the first time, run off in two sections; the Cross-Country and Jumping being allotted to Hollyburn Ridge and the Downhill and Slalom section to Grouse Mountain. The Grouse Mountain Ski Club and the Tyees joined forces to handle this important event. We are particularly proud of our Miss Gertrude Wepsala who placed first in this important competition, closely followed by Miss Vi Burton.

During the season numerous mountain dances were held, also one large dance and floor show at the Centre Gymnasium, all very well attended. Weekly luncheons were also inaugurated, these being very handy for club members to get together to formulate plans for the ensuing weekends. Our club organ, the "Pow Wow," enjoyed increased popularity, and is now being mailed direct to each member.

The current season wound up with a dinner and general meeting on May 14 at the Hotel Georgia. Presentations of trophies were made, committee reports were approved and the following executives elected for the 1937-38 season:—*President*, G. K. Claridge; *Vice-President*, M. Mitchell; *Treasurer*, Miss A. Haksi; *Secretary*, Miss E. Gould.