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The programme of events at the Western Canadian Championships, February 16-19 consist of four events for men and two for ladies, Open and Closed. Thursday P.M., Cross-country Race; Friday A.M., Men's Downhill; Friday P.M., Ladies' Slalom; Saturday A.M., Ladies' Downhill; Saturday P.M., Jumping; Sunday A.M., Men's Slalom; Sunday P.M., Banquet with presentations. (Subject possibly to slight alterations). Several dances will also be held for the relaxation of the visitors. A snow-train will arrive from the Coast on Friday morning, and it is expected that one will bring the enthusiasts from the prairies to participate in the competitions and enjoy the hospitality of this ski-town. If you come once you are sure to return. Practice slopes of every degree of gradient are available for the novice, and if the expert cares to venture further afield, the top of Mount Revelstoke offers miles of breath-taking slopes in a park-like setting.

Officers of the Club are as follows:—*President*, Craig Rutherford; *Secretary*, George Wells.

Vancouver Ski Zone

Membership—The total membership has increased to 14 Clubs, of which the following have continued their membership from previous years:—Hollyburn Pacific Ski Club, Vancouver Ski Club, Grouse Mountain Ski Club, Vancouver Winter Sports Club, Tyee Ski Runners, Fuji Ski Club, Mount Seymour Ski Club, Princeton Ski Club, and Amber Ski Club.

Added to membership during the winter are Copper Mountain Ski Club, Pioneer Amateur Ski Club, University of B.C. Ski Club, Capilano Ski and Alpine Club, and Thunderbird Ski Club. All are in good standing with the Zone with the exception of the Thunderbird Ski Club.

The Columbia Junior Ski Club did not operate during the winter and was dropped from membership.

Finance—The Zone's finances are in good condition,

with a surplus of \$16.47 to start the coming season. Through resolutions passed at the Western Session of the Canadian Amateur Ski Association Annual Meeting at Princeton in February, the Zone's position with regard to finances has been greatly clarified. The Zone is now authorized to collect the C.A.S.A. dues from the Clubs, and to retain 50 per cent of these for operating expenses. \$77.50 was received from this course, together with \$15.75 being an additional 15 per cent rebate of the 1936-1937 dues. Other sources of revenue are from competitors' cards and from Zone fees of 10 cents per member paid by all Clubs of this Zone with the exception of School and College Clubs. 50 per cent of the revenue from these sources is utilized for operating expenses, and the remaining 50 per cent is divided between the Competitor's Travel Expense Fund and the Olympic Fund, which is being carried on until such time as the fate of ski-ing at the next Olympics is definitely known.

Secretarial—The many secretarial duties were divided between two secretaries. Much appreciation is due both Miss Daisy Bourdon and Miss Evelyn Gould for their efficient work. As in the previous year, minutes were mimeographed for distribution to Zone Clubs and members of the Zone Committee.

Zone Office—Early in December an office was opened in the Flack Block, and was maintained until the end of April. Here, meetings of the Zone Committee were held every two weeks, also Executive meetings of the Mount Seymour, Hollyburn Pacific and Vancouver Ski Clubs. The office was also used by the Princeton Snow Train Committee, the Easter Tournament Committee, and its facilities were extended one night a week to the Mountain Division of the St. John Ambulance Society. To Mrs. Bogue go the thanks of the Zone Committee for her kindness in providing a telephone, which proved a valuable addition to the equipment of the office.

Prize Committee—Under the able chairmanship of A. V. (Nip) Stone, the Prize Committee ably carried out its unpleasant duty of obtaining donations of prizes for the Novice Championships and the Zone Championships.

Competitions and Technical Committee—The Annual Novice Championships were held on Grouse Mountain and Hollyburn Ridge; and Mount Seymour held its first Novice Championships. Prizes for all three mountains were presented at a joint Prize Presentation and Motion Picture evening, held at the Hotel Vancouver. A small sum was raised and set aside for the use of the Motion Picture Committee.

City of Vancouver and Zone Championships were held at Easter on Hollyburn Ridge, sanction being granted to the Hollyburn Pacific and Vancouver Ski Clubs, and the events were run off by the Ski Promotion Committee. There was a record entry list, also a record downpour of rain to soak the competitors in the Downhill on the Sunday, forcing cancellation of the Slalom. Jumping on Good Friday was held under difficult conditions, it being foggy, though not actually raining. A highlight of the tournament was the presence of Olav Ulland from Kongsberg, Norway. Ulland, who was holder of a World jumping record of 339 feet, put on some fine exhibition jumps.

Western Canadian Championships were held in Princeton, under the auspices of the Princeton Ski Club, with the assistance of Vancouver Zone Technical men. A Snow Train from Vancouver took over one hundred to the Tournament, and all were given a wonderful time by the people of Princeton. Competitors were surprised at the excellence of the ski terrain, and revelled in the dry powder snow.

Motion Picture Committee—The Zone was fortunate in obtaining the services of Mr. J. S. Hudson to take charge of this Committee. Mr. Hudson, who has excellent motion picture equipment of his own, was very willing to make this Committee active. As a result, a library of 8mm. films has been started, and these are rented to Zone Clubs at reasonable rates. A 200-foot film was taken at the Western Canadian Championships at Princeton, and another 200-foot reel

was taken at the Forbidden Plateau Tournament. We sincerely hope that the Zone Committee will see fit to continue this good work under Mr. Hudson's management this coming season.

First Aid—First Aid was again available on Hollyburn Ridge and Grouse Mountain, and this service was also extended to Mount Seymour, through the co-operation of the ski camps and clubs and the St. John Ambulance Association. Indicative of the progress being made in this direction, a special mountain division of the St. John Ambulance Association has been formed, and classes in First Aid are given to skiers during the winter months.

Ski Instruction—This good work was again carried on by instructors paid by the Provincial Government Department of Physical and Recreational Education. This instruction, formerly confined to Hollyburn Ridge and Grouse Mountain, was also extended to Mount Seymour.

The following were elected officers of the Vancouver Ski Zone Committee for this season:—*Chairman*, Jack Hutchinson; *Corresponding Secretary*, Daisy Bourdon; *Recording Secretary*, Peggy Hind; *Treasurer*, Glynne Jones; *Office Manager*, Lindsay Loutet; *Competitions and Technical*, Fred Hudson; *Motion Picture*, Jim Hudson; *Educational*, Art Langley; *Publicity*, Don Tyrell; *Prize*, Nip Stone; *Membership*, R. Morris; *First Aid, Ski Guards and Ski Instruction*, R. Macro; *Parks*, Geo. Smith.

Nelson Ski Club

THE ski-ing season of 1938-38 started out with an overdose of strenuous work. Thanksgiving Day, 1938, we started to move our cabin, section by section, from its old location in Fairview, some four miles to its present site above the golf course. Here the cabin was assembled and furnished.

The following month was spent in cutting a slalom

trail and building a jump. Tough work for one Fall? Yes! But we had a real foundation for a ski club.

Ski-ing last year was probably the best ever from the standpoint of the Club. From our rough slalom course workouts, Danny McKay ventured forth to capture both the Rossland and Kimberley Slalom trophies, while Art Grodski and Ray McKay won a good slice of the major honors in the jumping events. Each Sunday during the winter we had a fine turnout of experts and novices alike.

In February we staged a small tournament for the interest of the general public and skiers with little experience. The affair was a huge success, with perfect snow conditions and a good turnout. Coffee and doughnuts were served at the cabin.

The ski trails were frequently visited by the veterans and a few hikes were enjoyed by the beginners. The Silver King peaks commanded more attention than any other spot and it was suggested that we get a cabin up there to facilitate the large number of members who make the trip.

We got things moving early this year in an attempt to get everything in first class shape by the first snow. The slalom course is being lengthened and widened, with considerable work being done on the surface. Fuel is being cut for the new fireplace under construction in the cabin.

The ladies have been very active this year and not the least of their activity is their provision of sandwiches and coffee at the cabin every Sunday. It is strange and wonderful to notice how quickly a gang of fellows brighten up when a lady comes near. Especially when the chaps have just come down from the slalom course with tired bodies and blistered hands. Heil Ladies! We can't do without 'em.

There is a strong attempt being made to Zone the many clubs of the Kootenay district, and it is hoped this year may see achievement.

May we add that any skiers passing through Nelson this winter will be more than welcome at the cabin.

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