

Mrs. Ray Barrett, as a mark of appreciation for services rendered during their membership with the Club. Dr. Barrett left to take up duties at the Vancouver General Hospital.

The Club now have three cabins in the Valley and as these are at distances of five, nine and fourteen miles from the camp, there is plenty of opportunity for cross-country ski-ing. The third cabin located near Mac-Gillivray Pass is at an elevation of around 6,500 feet and from there one can climb snowy slopes to around nine and ten thousand feet. Many energetic skiers this year also took advantage of our spring ski-ing and returned to camp in every shade of tan from bright red to dark mahogany.

One of the most enthusiastic annual meetings on record was held on September 24 and the following officers were elected for the coming season:—*Honorary President*, Dr. H. T. James; *President*, Lloyd Harvey; *Vice-President*, Gordon Thompson; *Secretary*, Jimmie Stewart; *Chairman Entertainment*, Phil Stevenson; *Club Captain*, Ivan Eivemark; *Coaches*, Harry Brown, Erling Johnson; *Ladies' Captain*, Mrs. Jack Pearson; *Entertainment*, Mrs. Peter Jensen.

Princeton, B.C., Ski Club

INSTEAD of dating everything from the "Big Snow," we in Princeton probably will in future date events from the year of the Big Tournament. We had the pleasure last winter of staging the Western Canadian Championships, and that, in a community of about 1,500 people, is an event. However, of that 1,500 there are about 1,400 skiers (the other hundred are under a year old) so we had the necessary enthusiasm and, we are told, we got results.

You will probably read all about the tournament elsewhere, but the Princeton Club would like to take this occasion to say its hat is off to the Vancouver men,

who, as Zone officials, put the tournament over. Fellows like Jack Hutchinson, Fred Hudson, Chris. Engh and Rolf Dokka are real guys. The writer, who once upon a time was a club official and knows some of the heartbreaks of putting on a tournament, would like too, on behalf of the Club, to say a big "Thank You" to its own secretary, Roy Thorstenson. Roy is the kind of secretary who undertakes to do six men's work and thinks he has fallen down on the job when he manages only to do five men's.

Our big hill is one we are proud of, as witnessed by the two exhibition jumps, following the competition, of over 200 feet, made by Tom Mobraaten, Western Champion, and Johnny Leed, of nearby Copper Mountain.

The country around Princeton is the perfect ski-ing country and the climate is the best in the world—well anyway the best we know of. Blue skies, sunshine, dry snow, slopes as steep as you like, or endless miles of open rolling country, and a choice of jumps suited for novice or big-time jumper. Can you wonder our tournament visitors, a grand bunch, one and all raved about our countryside?

And now here's a new season almost on us. Well! with a membership in our men's, ladies', and junior clubs of nearly 150 members, and with our neighbours, the Amber Ski Club, and also the nearby Copper Mountain Club to furnish competition, and with enthusiasm greater than ever before, all we have to say is "Let it snow" and we'll carry on under the able leadership of our jovial little president, Eddy "Hi-Yah" Anderson.

Rossland Ski Club

THE CLUB during the last season continued to make healthy progress in all branches. The most notable improvement was the installation of electric lights in the cabin and on the ski hill. This allowed the members to use the jump and the bottom part of the slalom at night by floodlight. Other improvements were the digging of a well close to the cabin and the blasting of stumps to improve the slalom course.

Our tournament was most successful and our competitors won a good share of the prizes at the various tournaments here and elsewhere. Our relations with the two Trail clubs who ski in the same valley are cordial and co-operation between the clubs in cutting trails, arranging tournaments, etc., a distinct advantage to all.

A feature of the annual banquet was the showing of moving pictures of many of our own skiers and the ski-ing country surrounding Rossland, where, we believe, we have one of the finest natural settings for ski-ing in Canada. The beauty of this ski-ing set-up is that it is so easily accessible, and ski-ing comparable to St. Moritz can be had within a two-hour hike from Rossland, the city where you put your skis on at your backdoor.

We are looking forward to a bigger and better season than ever in 1938-39 under the able directorship of the following officers:—*President*, Harold Fox; *Vice-President*, Don Hird; *Secretary*, Harry De Long; *Treasurer*, Athlyn Towes; *Directors*, R. E. Plewman, Irwin Matthews, Jack Comer, T. Kalhovd, Jean Wilson and Catherine McLean.

Tyee Ski Runners

OUR 1938 season was undoubtedly the biggest and best from all angles since the Club's inception.

In the fall the season was ushered in with the Annual Mayoralty Elections of the Grouse Mountain Ski Village (which is the headquarters of the Tyee Ski Runners), with the three candidates, Vi Burton, Jeff "Bone Dry" Claridge and Louis Savard resorting to every known ruse to sway the voters to cast the ballot in their favour, with pre-election entertainments,

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minstrel shows, free eats, drinks and smokes (inch square sandwiches and cigarettes an inch long). Louis Savard was elected mayor and was towed up Granville Street of Vancouver on a Yukon toboggan by his defeated opponents.

A new downhill ski run was cut from the peak of Grouse down one and a quarter miles by all the clubs of Greater Grouse Mountain.

On Hallowe'en a large party was held in the clubhouse in the Ski Village and at midnight a huge bonfire was lighted and we all joined in a community sing song. Also in the fall, while waiting for the snow to fly, we held a boxing tournament, and Jeff Claridge was crowned the "Champ."

On Boxing Day the Tye Ski Runners promoted the first ski meet ever held in the City of Vancouver, on Sasamat Hill. Mayor Miller of Vancouver opened the meet and Vancouver experienced a new thrill.

This marked the beginning of our ski-ing season and with it were gone all thoughts of social life. The Noseeums' Kandahar Race came next, which was won by the Tye Ski Runners' Team comprised of Lewis Davis (who placed first), Howie Hamill, Mickey Mitchell and Dave Halliday. Gertie Wepsala came first in the Ladies' Race. The Kandahar has been improved and it is now a thrilling one mile course in length, with a vertical drop of 900 feet through big timber.

This race was the making of a star in the person of Gertrude Wepsala. She won nearly every major tournament she entered this year, both in Western Canada and the Northwest Pacific; among them the Dominion Championship Western Canada, Forbidden Plateau and Pacific Northwest at Mount Baker and the Club is justly proud of her.

In the Grouse Mountain Novice Championships, which were jointly sponsored by the Grouse Mountain Ski Club and the Tye Ski Runners, the titles were won by two Tyees namely, Bill Adshead the men's, and Dot McInnis the ladies'.

The Junior Kandahar Race, another Tye promotion, was won by one of our juniors, Bill Robinson, and Harry Smithers, also of the Tyees, came second. Both boys are of "A" Class calibre.

The Vancouver Zone and City Tournament was awarded to Hollyburn Ridge this season and it was held in a cloudburst which lasted all day. Great credit is due to the officials who staged this tourney under the existing elements. Art Coles of the Tyees tied for first place in the City Downhill, and Dot McInnis again scored, coming first in the Junior Downhill.

In the Pacific Northwest Competition at Mount Baker, Washington, the Tye Ski Runners' team, comprised of Lewis Davis, Howie Hamill, Dave Halliday and Art Coles again came first, winning against the stiff competition of several teams from Washington, Oregon and British Columbia.

The Club Championships are:—Art Coles, "A" Class Men's 4-way Combined; Jim Watson, "B" Class Men's 4-way Combined; Cecil Hoff, "C" Class Men's 4-way Combined; Bill Robinson, Junior 4-way Combined; Margaret Lewis, "A" Class Women's 3-way Combined; Flora McDonald, "B" Class Women's 3-way Combined.

The last competition of the season but not the least, the Rose Carnival on Mount Hood near Portland, Oregon on June 12, was won by Lewis Davis over a three-mile course in three minutes twenty-one seconds, which places Lew right in with the top-notch skiers of America. Lewis Davis is only twenty-one years of age and his name will be heard in big time from now on.

Our Club wound up the season with a banquet and meeting at the Quadra Club in May. Election of officers followed the banquet. G. Claridge, the retiring President, turned over the reins of office to A. E. Langley, who is past Vice-President and past chairman of the Sports Committee. He has a strong supporting executive in three Vice-Presidents, Gwynn Lewis, Louis Savard and Gib Nicholls; Secretary, Doreen Thompson; Treasurer, Aili Haksi; Social Chairman, Les Tame;

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In June a Dominion Champions' Banquet was held at the Hotel Vancouver by the dignitaries of Vancouver, paying homage to our local athletes who had brought fame to Vancouver this year. Gertrude Wepsala, our Dominion Ski Champion, was the representative champion of ski-ing in Canada.

After competitive ski-ing was over in Vancouver, Mayor Savard organized a downhill race from the Peak of Grouse Mountain for the long-suffering ski officials of Greater Vancouver. The Mayor opened the course in tails and top hat. Eric Laurillard came first and won the large silver cup donated by the Ski Village management.

Vancouver Ski Club

FOR THE Vancouver Ski Club the year 1937-38 was one of unspectacular but steady progress. Our membership has grown consistently and today we number some 200 seniors and 50 juniors in our ranks, winding up the year with a substantial bank balance to our credit.

In the competitive field we were well represented, both in club events, city tournaments, and out-of-town meets. The outstanding performance of the year was given by Art Hullah, who won both downhill and slalom events in our club championships, tied for first place in the Zone Downhill, won the City Downhill title, and placed fourth in the Combined Downhill and Slalom at the Western Canada Championships held at Princeton.

Since the primary aim and object of a ski club is to foster interest in ski-ing, we are happy to report the presentation of a series of ski-ing pictures to the various schools and churches in the different communities, which were very favourably received. As a direct result of these ski-ing shorts, and lectures, we expect to

see a large increase in the younger element on our ski grounds in the near future.

The second Life Membership to be awarded in our club was presented to Nels Nelsen in appreciation of his tireless efforts on behalf of ski-ing in Western Canada. That the West now governs, to a large extent, ski matters in Western Canada, is directly traceable to the work of this veteran skier.

This fall will see a handsome new addition to our club quarters on the Ridge. The Viskie Lodge, a beautiful all-log structure, with large open fireplace, will provide a welcome supplement to our present clubhouses. It will be used primarily as a general meeting place and social hall and should prove very popular.

The club luncheons, held every Friday noon in a centrally located downtown restaurant, were well patronized and of real value, providing a rendezvous where club matters could be informally discussed, dues paid, dance tickets distributed, and returns collected, etc.

Perhaps the most important contribution to our ski-ing throughout the entire year was the formation of the Ski Promotion Committee of Hollyburn Ridge. The set-up on the Ridge is such that two clubs, the Hollyburn Pacific and ourselves, share the same ski-ing grounds. As must happen occasionally (with only a possible twenty weekends in the season) our tournament dates clash. The Ski Promotion Committee (conceived by our Jack Hutchinson and Hollyburn-Pacific's Fred Hudson) is a committee formed of members of the executives of both clubs for the furtherance of closer harmony between the two clubs, and the elimination of duplicate effort on the part of the Sports Committees. This committee has proven to be the most notable advancement of the past season, the results far exceeding our expectations, and we hope that it may be of some interest and help to our interior and eastern ski friends.



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