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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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