

Many there were, who, while not actually opposing the venture, ridiculed it. This did not discourage the organizers and later many of the scoffers not only essayed to ski but also enjoyed it and became numbered amongst the best supporters of the club.

Townpeople and visitors were welcomed with equal warmth and free instruction given them; many, who had never expected to even try skis, yielded to the incomparable thrill of the "winged feet."

From many places all over the North American Continent came amateur skiers to "see for themselves," nor did they go away disappointed. Intended visits of two or three days were stretched into as many weeks. From the lands that know not snow came visitors; they left, enthusiastic over the winter sports amongst the peaks.

In April and even May many mixed their sports—summer and winter. Golf, tennis, rowing and other summer sports were enjoyed in the valley, then after a forty minutes walk—not drive—they changed to winter sports at the Mount Norquay Ski Camp.

Surely a strange picture—a unique combination—mountain flowers blooming in the valley and just a short walk to the realm of snow.

Many moonlight ski tramps were organized and these were generally followed by a supper and dance at the clubhouse. A Rotary luncheon and other functions were also held there.

The Mount Norquay Ski Camp, with its unlimited possibilities for every winter sport, skating not excluded, and with its long November to May season will undoubtedly ere long become one of the leading ski centres of our Dominion and will also be a great factor in advancing ski-ing in Western Canada.

OMINECA SKI CLUB

WITH the winning of the British Columbia Combined Championships at Revelstoke, and longest U.S. Pacific Coast Championships by Peter Sandnes, our club captain, members of the Omineca Ski Club are justly proud of their young organization. These achievements followed a very successful two-day tournament held in Burns Lake on January 29 and 30, 1929. Nels Nelsen, world famous ski jumper, was here and lent eclat and thrills to the occasion.

After having delightful weather all winter, it was regrettable that the Ski Tournament Week should suddenly turn extremely cold, and with the thermometer below zero, many refused to enter the Cross-Country races because of the risk entailed. In spite of this, however, the entries were well filled out in most of the events. Times for the racing events, however, were appreciably slowed up on account of the extreme temperature. The following are the results of the first day's sports:—

Class A—Combined Event; Cross-Country; 12 miles; Free for all:—Knut Nysven, 1.34.50½; Pete Sandnes, 1.35.50; K. Lindaas, 1.38.00; Nels Nelsen, 1.51.20; O. Martinsen, 1.56.20.

First place in the Class B 12-mile Cross-Country event was won by V. Schjelderup, whose time was 1.40.45; second by A. L. Peterson, 2.03.03; and third by John J. McKenna, 2.18.14. Johnny had raced in a class higher than his own in order to make this race possible and won much sincere praise for his sportsmanlike conduct.

Class E—Combined Event; Cross-Country; 4 miles; Boys 14 to 18 years:—Walter Smith 27.50, Sam Kerr 28.30, F. Rush 28.43, Earl Gerow 29.20, A. Lougheed 34.54.

Class H—Cross-Country; 1½ miles; Girls between 10 and 15 years:—Sylvia Brunell 17.50, Marjory Stanyer 18.55, Myrtle Gerow 19.20, Thelma Petersen 25.00, Ruth Trousdell 31.00.

Class G—Cross-Country; 1 mile; Boys and Girls under 10 years:—Roy Stanyer 14.20, Rojer Schjelderup 16.55, Hughbert McPhail 18.12, Of the girl entrants, Mia Schjelderup made the best time.

Class I—Cross-Country; 3 miles; Ladies Free for All:—Miss Gertrude Wahman 37.40, Mrs. John Berg 40.25; Miss I. M. Marshall 42.00.

On the second day the jumping took place for the singles and combined events and resulted as follows:—

Class C—Jumping Only; Free for All:—won with a total of 13.45 points by Oke Stanyer, who thereby possesses the Birks' Cup for the year 1929-30.

Class F—Jumping; Boys 10 to 14 years:—Francis Trousdell 16.445 points, Roy Jewell 16.175 points.

In the Combined Event for boys between the ages of 14 and 18, Leonard Kerr was first with a total of 18.750 points and became winner of the Brady Cup for one year. Earl Gerow was a close second with 17.762 points.



LYSTER MULVANY
Secretary Omineca Ski Club

PETE SANDNES
Winner of B.C. Provincial and
Pacific Coast Championships

Following is a list of the points won in the Class A Combined Event:—

	Race	Jump	Total
Pete Sandnes - - - -	19.625	18.138	18.882
Nels Nelsen - - - -	11.875	12.313	12.094
Knute Nysven - - - -	20.000	4.125	12.063
K. Lindaas - - - -	18.500	3.875	11.188

It will be noted that there is only a small fraction of a point's difference between Nels Nelsen of Revelstoke, B.C., and Knute Nysven of Francois Lake, B.C., who won the Hanson Cup last year.

Nels Nelsen made the longest jump of the day—102 feet. It was beautifully executed—his perfect poise while in the air and graceful landing calling forth much applause from the spectators. The second time he jumped for 100 feet but could not hold it.

The winner, Sandnes, made perfect landings in both jumps, his distances being 89 and 91 feet respectively. The crowd showed their appreciation of Pete's superb skill by wild and tumultuous cheering. His was a great ovation.

In the Special Free for All Jump, Pete Sandnes was the winner when he leaped 101 feet and made another of his flawless landings.

As winner of the Combined Event here, Pete Sandnes won the much coveted Hanson Cup, donated to the Club last year by Olaf Hanson. In addition, the Ski Club sent him to Banff, Revelstoke, Portland and Vernon, whence he returned with a trunk full of trophies, prizes and medals and the two aforementioned championships.

In 1930 the British Columbia Ski Championship Meet is to be held in Burns Lake, and many are the preparations under way for this outstanding event.

Officers for the year are:—V. Schjelderup, *President*; J. Berg, *1st Vice-President*; Kathleen M. Godwin, *2nd Vice-President*; L. Mulvany, *Secretary*; A. M. Ruddy, *Treasurer*; and Peter Sandnes, *Club Captain*.

K. M. GODWIN.

SKI-ING ON MOUNT BAKER

By JACK MELVILLE

AWAY on the southeast horizon from our Cabin on the plateau at Grouse Mountain lies the glacier covered Mount Baker, named by the native Indians "Kulshan Peak" or "Our Lady of the Snows." Many times in the crisp winter mornings we had gazed on this peak, sometimes appearing to take up the whole horizon, for it is truly a huge peak, comprising some of the largest icefields in America and towering to eleven thousand feet. In the long winter evenings some of our members would describe climbing trips up its precipitous slopes, and being skiers they could not resist describing to their listeners the wonderful virgin ski terrain up to the thousand foot elevation.

So it was little wonder that the weekend of May 24 found seven of the skiing die-hards from the Grouse Mountain Ski Club travelling in a ski laden car en route to Mount Baker. We left Vancouver on the evening of the 23rd around eight o'clock, and after an interesting trip down the Pacific Highway arrived at Glacier at the foot of the Mount Baker highway around one a.m. in the midst of a torrential rain storm. Here we stayed for the night in a nearby auto camp, and enjoyed a comfortable night's rest.

Seven o'clock next morning found us again on our way up the highway into the mountains. It is a magnificent road and was in excellent shape despite the fact that we were practically the first party over it, as it is closed all winter until June 15. The scenery was wonderful, one moment we would be running right along the banks of the Noosak River, and another would be high above it with an almost sheer drop. At one spot we passed way above the site of the City of Seattle's power development. We managed to drive up this road to within five miles of the Mount Baker Chalet, an elevation of approximately 3,500 feet, and here owing to the presence of snow on the road we were compelled to abandon the car, and from then on use our skis. It was still pouring with rain, but we were well supplied with waterproof clothing, and shouldering our packs we light heartedly continued the trip up the highway. Very soon the rain turned to snow which made the going rather heavy, but we were all in good shape and rather enjoyed the tempestuous elements. At times we crossed from one side of the valley to another, crossing on snow bridges over roaring creeks, at others we would stand on narrow ledges, with cliffs towering above and precipitous slopes below, gazing at the winding road far below us on the opposite side of the valley.

We arrived at the lodge around four in the afternoon after a thoroughly enjoyable trip in spite of the inclement weather. We found the skeleton crew of the lodge awaiting us, and a roaring fire in the big fireplace, and after a thorough drying out repaired to the dining room. We thoroughly enjoyed this meal, and these wonderful meals were a feature of our three days stay here. Napoleon said that an army travelled on its stomach and the writer's observations at "Baker" convinces him that skiers do if anything more so. After three or four hours skiing at an altitude of between four and six thousand feet, we