

## Nelson Ski Club

THE NELSON SKI CLUB can look back with pleasure on many successes and highlights in a long 1934-35 season. Much of the credit for the success goes to "Doc" Shaw, president of the club, whose untiring work and enthusiasm seemed infectious to all members, and to Mr. Harry Hulls, who has always displayed a keen interest in our jumpers and skiers.

Early in the fall several members began work on a club cabin and such was the enthusiasm that in four Sundays the building was finished and a couple of weeks later the cabin boasted a big fire-place. The membership grew from 10 to over 100 members, the best indication of the interest that has grown for ski-ing in Nelson.

In competition the club had the best season since its inception. At Ione, Washington, Roy McKay placed third in the Class "A" jumping, Danny McKay and Art Grodzki tying for second place in the Class "B". The next week, January 27, our own tourney was held consisting of a parade, dance, races, and jumping. Her majesty, Miss Thelma Houle, was crowned queen of the tournament at the dance. From every angle the tournament was a success due largely to the untiring work of the committees.

The local paper quoted our tourney as "one of the finest spectacles of jumping and ski running ever held in Nelson." The Fairview hill program climaxed a two-day gathering, enthroning the popular winter sport. The tournament was the crowning achievement of the three-year-old Nelson Club which has made rapid strides since its inauguration by Danny and Roy McKay. When the day's grind was over the laurels rested on the following heads:—Class "A" Race—T. Nora, Rossland, B.C.; Ladies' Race—E. Johnson, Rossland, B.C.; "A" Jump—1st, B. Lymburne, Trail; 2nd, Roy McKay, Nelson; "B" Jump—D. McKay, Nelson, B.C. "C" Jump—B. Anderson, Nelson, B.C. After the tournament worries were over the club members had some very enjoyable hikes and feeds later at the cabin.

Next came outside competitions at which all our entrants did well. Although our fair skiers did not break into the prizes often, Jean Robertson, Thelma Houle, Paula Gansner, Aubin Burrige and Arla Saare entered several tournaments and came through with flying colors.

In "A" Class Racing, "Trig" Anderson, Gus Dahlstien and Erling Dahl upheld our colors very ably. "Trig" was doing exceptionally well the past year and brought home the silver every time.

In jumping the Nelson Club excelled, Roy and Danny McKay taking first or second place in every tournament they entered; "Trig" Anderson, Ernie Johnson, Art Grodzki, Bill Anderson and several of the juniors doing very well. "Trig" Anderson headed the list of trophies with 8, Roy and Danny McKay 6 each, and Art Grodzki 4.

Mr. Anderson won the Nelson "Best Skier" cup, Grand Challenge, "A" Class Race and third in jumping at Kimberley, second in combined at Nelson, first in "A" Racing at Rossland and second in combined Rossland.

Roy McKay, placed third in "A" Class jumping at Ione; second at Nelson; first at Rossland and Kimberley and second at Wallace, Idaho.

Danny McKay placed first in "B" Class jumping at Nelson and Rossland; second at Kimberley, Ione and Wallace, Idaho, also capturing the "B" Class British Columbia championship at Vancouver.

Since going into competition in 1927, Roy and Danny McKay have attended seventeen tournaments and returned with thirty-three prizes, mostly firsts and seconds.

## Omineca Ski Club

THE SKI-ING SEASON of 1934-35 was the best our club has experienced since its founding in 1926, both from a financial and ski-ing point of view. Due to the whole-hearted efforts of the president the membership was more than doubled, and with the public support we received are sure of having even a bigger and better season next winter.

Moonlight ski-ing parties became so popular at the ski cabin on Boar Mountain that new trails were cut out to aid some of the novices in making the return journey to town after dark. Our Christmas celebration was a turkey supper held at the ski cabin followed by an evening of dancing.

Our three-day tournament held on February 16, 17 and 18, attracted the largest crowd in the club's history. In the Western Canadian Championship 50-Kilometre Race Chriss Elveness of the Smithers Ski Club was first in the fast time of 4 hours 42 minutes 3 seconds, followed closely by Johnny Holst of Smithers Ski Club and Isaac Kuusela of Southbank Ski Club. In the 18-kilometre cross-country racing, A. Johansen of Vancouver Ski Club won first in Class "A" with Fred Rush of Omineca Ski Club taking first in Class "B." In the ladies race, Peggy Harlin of Vancouver Ski Club was a close winner over Peggy Saunders of the Omineca Ski Club. Class "A" combined was won by Alf. Johansen of Vancouver Ski Club, with Johnny Holst of Smithers Ski Club second and Pete Sandness of Wells Ski Club, third. Class "B" combined was won by Walter Smith of Omineca Ski Club. Our President, Kaare Engstad, who won the Dominion Championship in 1932 was unable to compete in our tournament, having broken his leg while competing in the Western Canada Jumping Championship at Smithers.

The club members worked hard to make the Ski Ball, which was attended by a record crowd, cheerful and profitable. With the 1935-36 season not so very far off we are already drawing up plans for the construction of our new main cabin which will be built a little beyond the present one. Our present hill is proving a little small for some of the boys who are "out jumping" it, so we have selected a new hill on which jumps up to 180 feet can be made.

At the annual meeting of the Western Canada Amateur Ski Association which is now disbanded and under the Canadian Amateur Ski Association our President was elected Chairman of the Northern Ski Zone.

## Revelstoke Ski Club

IT WAS truly characteristic of this Club to present its twenty-first tournament on borrowed capital. Terminating each year financially successful, such a statement naturally appears enigmatical to those who interest themselves in such matters. The truth is, such balances have been wholly spent in sending Revelstoke Club representatives to other events far and wide, and, added to that fine gesture in sport fostering, is the practice of this Club to properly extend an unusual type of hospitality to its visiting talent, all of which is well supported by filed encomiums from many clubs, coupled with expressions of regret that their own clubs were unable to reciprocate by lack of funds. Thus giving the answer to any belief existing that this Club is, or should be wealthy, and a partial reason for its good name.

The twenty-first annual event presented February 19 to 22 again resulted financially and otherwise successful, depressions and unprecedented storms to the contrary. Finances profits will be, for once, safeguarded for preliminary expenditure leading up to the next year's event, and it is a pleasure to report a personal belief that no past annual tourney was so capably directed as was this one, thanks to a keen appreciation of executive responsibilities and a wise policy of administration rigidly adhered to by example of a capable president. Unusual storms with the Revelstoke district suffering from an over-abundance of snow, registering sixty-four and one-half inches during one period, effected postponements to ski sport fixtures generally throughout the West, causing thereby many entry cancellations and several tournaments to become almost purely local in color and representation. It was possible to send to Banff only a contingent of skiers on this account.

All items programmed were carried out with due regard to the event being an Olympic test meet, and under splendid weather and hill conditions on the postponed dates. No remarkable distance jumps were essayed, probably attributable to the fear of loss of points for form on such occasion. Press and judges' reports give details