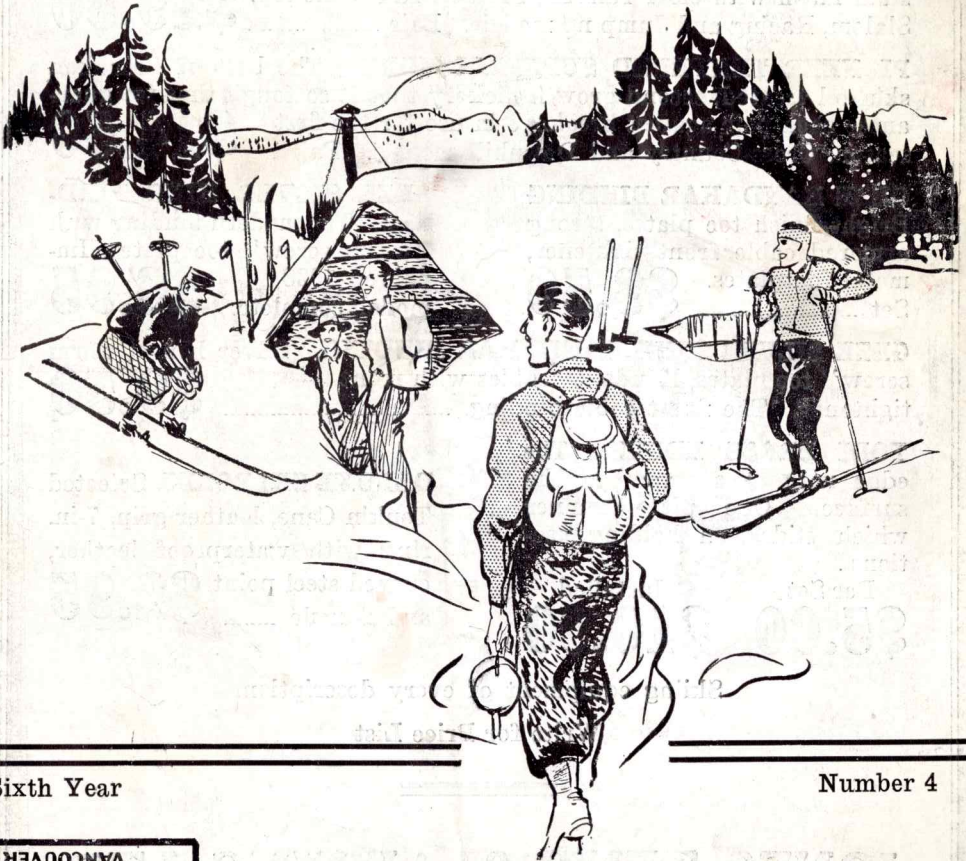


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## Big Crowd See Vancouver City's First Ski Meet

**F**IFTEEN hundred or more city people got a new angle on skiing on Monday afternoon when twelve inches of wet snow that hollered for Klister and a bunch of skiers from storm-beaten mountain ski-trails made a downhill course out of Sasamat hill.

It was Vancouver city's first ski tournament and though haywire in some respects owing to disagreeable weather and the physical limitations of Sasamat as a downhill, it was a fine theatrical display from the point of view of the spectators. Naturally the hill was slow but considering all the circumstances it was a mighty good show.

Mayor Miller of Vancouver, Lindsay Loutet, Chairman, Vancouver Ski Zone Committee and Mayor Savard of Grouse Mountain Ski Village, abode of the aboriginal Tyees, picturesque sidehill tribe, shared the honor of opening Vancouver's initial ski meet. Self-possessed Mayor Miller, of course was dignified as usual, and if he was conscious of being just a little overshadowed by the Grouse Mountain potentate, he did not show it.

Two downhill races held the fascinated interest of the spectators. Daisy Bourdon was the winner of the woman's downhill. Gertie, Wepsala, Sylvia Daines. Vi Burton, Tess Murby, Fern Davis, Emily Teppo were some of the other contestants. George Bury, poling hard, won the main event. Hamish Davidson, Gus Johnson, Art Hullah, Mickey Mitchell, Johnny Grainger, Dave Halliday, Howie Hammell, Lou Davies, Les May, Jack Ferris, Bus Malcolm were among the entries.

When the competitors grabbed for their wax before the races people in the crowd

asked each other why they were greasing their boards. To make them slippery, came the answer from the inevitable wise ones. Good gosh, don't tell me that hill isn't slippery enough, etc. Ski boners pulled by the wise guys among those bourgeoisie would fill the Hiker and Skier.

After an impromptu slalom had been run, an interesting exhibition of telemarks, high-speed turns and other examples of ski technique was given by the snowmen. Dark mysteries to most of the spectators, these things were expounded for the benefit of the populace by fluent speaker Basil Daines.

An important thing was that \$10.00 was collected to add to the fund for Tom Mobraaten's expenses when the jumper goes to Ottawa for the Dominion Championships.

Basil Daines, dynamic publicity hound for skiing, Lindsay Loutet, forceful ski executive, and their helpers, take credit for having organized the meet, grasping the opportunity of getting some good publicity for skiing.

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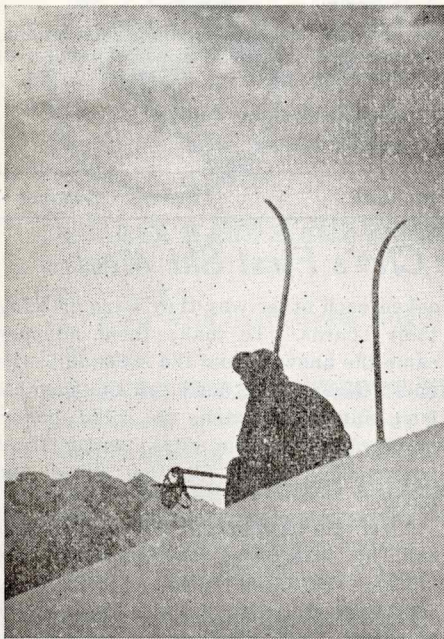
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Vancouver Ski Zone officials, with a view to making the citizens more ski-minded are tentatively planning a real Ski Tourney in the city this winter. A survey will be made of possible locations where something like a hill is available and next time Vancouver gets wintry weather and suitable snow a ski meet on a more elaborate plan with a jumping competition if possible, may be pulled off. Don't make the mistake of not giving Basil the credit he deserves for this impromptu but really remarkable show.

A real jumping hill for Vancouver is a dream that just might come true some time soon.

### Princeton Ski Club

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By PEGGY MOBRAATEN

WITH the most important tournament in the west being staged in our little home town this coming season, we think it is high time the Princeton Ski Club made an appearance in this well read Skiers' Digest. The Western Canada Championships, will no doubt, draw a large number of skiers from all over, and I am going to try to give all those interested an idea of the town and the surrounding country.

Princeton, in a very choice part of the Similkameen Valley, is literally a skiers' paradise. It is surrounded on both sides by rolling hills, which in most places are free from annoying obstacles, such as trees and blueberry bushes, making it possible to enjoy good skiing with very little snow.

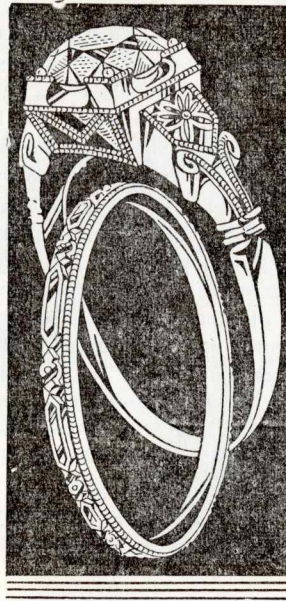
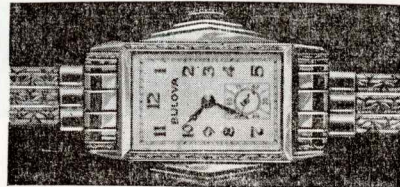
The hill and downhill and slalom courses are situated about two miles from town, and during the tournament there will be good transportation facilities. There has been a lot of work done on the hill this fall, and taking it from the boys who know, it will be in first class condition and good for well over 200 feet. The downhill course, I think, will prove interesting to most any skier and those

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coming from Hollyburn will feel quite at home, as it is being run through quite heavily timbered country. The downhill and slalom courses, and the jumping hill are all close together, and the cross-country race can be run through a variety of country, starting and finishing right on the main street.

There are a number of skiers who have taken part in previous Princeton meets—so there is no need to mention anything about Princeton hospitality, just ask Nordahl Kaldahl. But for those interested in having a good time (and who isn't, after it's all over?) well—just wait and see!

Of course the chief aim of the club is to make a success of handling the Western Canada Championships, and with the co-operation that I am sure we will get from the clubs in Western Canada and from the Vancouver Ski Zone, there is no reason why it can't be run off very satisfactorily.

Until talking to you again in the next issue of the Hiker and Skier—wishing you all a very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

### Vancouver Ski Club

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By THELMA HUTCHINSON

BY the time you read this, you should be fully recovered from that overdose of turkey and plum pudding and be ready for something a little different. Well, here it is. The biggest and most important event of the coming year will take place at the Ski Camp on New Year's Day night, to make it clearer—Saturday night, when the V.S.C. will put on a special Super Frolic. We want everyone there, and you might as well bring your





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skis too because, by the looks of things and on the solemn word of the weatherman, we're going to have snow and lots of it.

Your attention is called to the special Open Jumping Competition, all classes, on January 9th. All competitors for this event, as for all other Zone competitions, must have C.A.S.A. Amateur Cards which you can obtain through your club representative. Viskies, get yours from Charlie Gillrie. These cards will cost you 25c, and half of the money paid in will go towards Zone financing, and the other half towards a Zone Travelling Fund for outside representation, so it's all in a good cause. All entries for this Jumping Tournament must be in the hands of the Secretary on or before Wednesday, January 5th. Make your entries through your club Sports Committee. Our members should contact Charlie Gillrie, Stan Lorentzen or Clare Morrison. "A" and "B" Class entries: no limit.

"C" Class entries: 10 from each club. Junior entries: 6 from each club. We are asking the Sports Committee Chairman of the other ski clubs in the Vancouver Zone to co-operate in getting their Entry Lists in on time and to see that each name is accompanied by the number of the competitor's amateur card.

I hope you are all keeping in mind the Western Canada Championships at Princeton in February. For Western skiers, this tournament will be just as much an attraction as the Banff meet was last year and a large number of Vancouver enthusiasts will be making the trip. The C.P.R. is putting on special excursion rates, of which more definite information will be given in a later issue.

Our hockey team will play next game on Monday, January 10th, against Grouse Mountain Ski Club.

### Grouse Mountain Ski Club

Member C.A.S.A.

President—Gordon Loutet

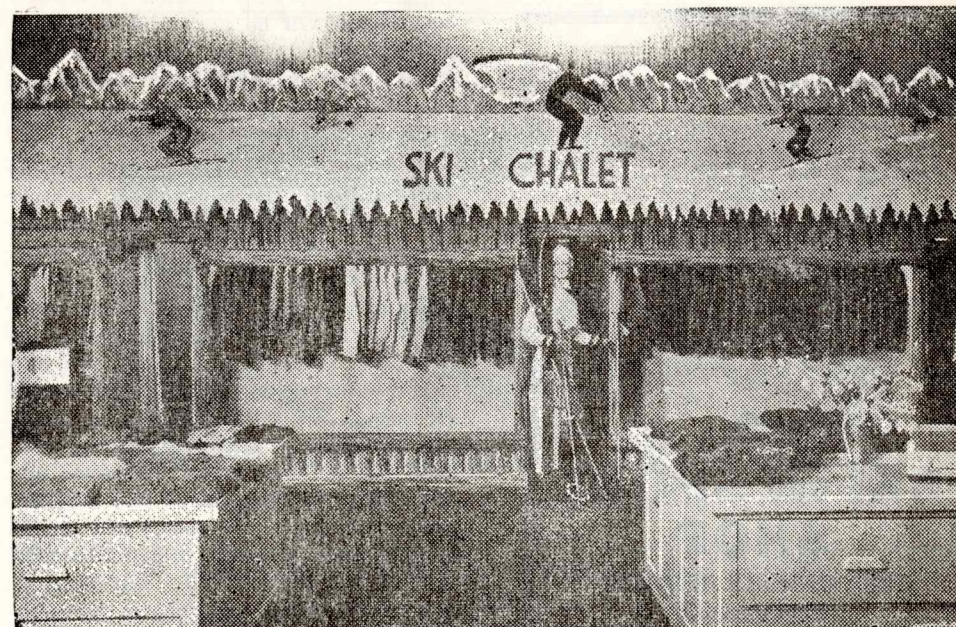
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By GORDON HARRINGTON

**A**RE you ready for the jump? Well, let's zoom down to the take-off and make a leap of 365 (days) into the New Year, 1938. Now, if you believe in making New Year's resolutions how about embodying good snow and lots of skiing, in some of them and don't break any of them until about June. What do you say?

Paradise on Grouse was fairly good for skiing last week-end and if the weather stays cold, it won't be long until we have our ten feet of snow on the Plateau—we hope. Bill "Rosybean" Harverson reports 4 feet of snow on Dam at the snow post with good skiing in the meadows, but, he says, the Dam Mountain Downhill run is still very rough. The new Grouse Peak run needs a lot more snow before it will be skiable, but it's going to be a dousy and it's so handy. There won't be



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Let's go. All aboard for Princeton. Yes sir! in February the Princeton club will hold the Western Canadian Championships. This is the major tournament for the west this year so we expect to see a large number of members from our club there. A special excursion rate will be given and if enough tickets are

sold, there will be a special ski train; and boy oh, boy! what fun you have on these ski trips. Watch for further details, and if you decide to go get in touch with the Kingfish, Gordon Loutet.

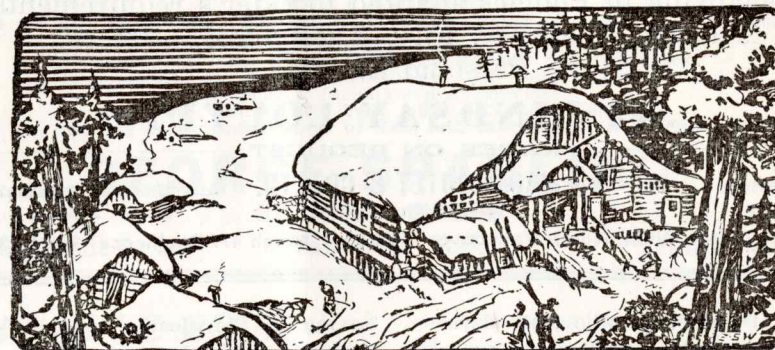
Well our hockey team didn't look so bad the other night against the Seymour club. There was a great improvement in every player. Our regular goalie away, we played Stan Body in the net and he made smart work of it. Stan did swan dives, airplane spins and belly-flops to keep the old puck out of the net and twice he batted the puck into the stands for runs. We take time out to thank the Tyees for the loan of their goal pads. Stan sure did need them. The game was lots of fun while it lasted and the Seymour fellows are fine sports and played a clean game, although they did bang us up and out-score us 7-2. Our team is now convalescing, and hope to be patched up by January 10th, when they intend to give the Vancouver outfit the works.

Our 10th annual Xmas party at Camp Telemark was a huge success, nice crowd, lots of action, fun and noise. Santa Art Wootten was colossal; whose red pyjamas did he have on? You look good in whiskers too, Art. Why don't you grow real ones?

Many games were played, the feature of the evening was a rugby game. Henry Epps starred when he tackled the phonograph and then ran yards to score the longest standing jump. Fred Whyte and Stan Body were good for the Flatfeet, while Mac Millar and Art Meakin were best for the Squareheads.

Congratulations to Bob Tweedie, our Sports Chairman, why? Because Bob started the ski season Xmas week-end, holding the first ski event on Grouse this season. A Treasure Hunt, and what fun. This is what took place: Clues were left, giving directions, at Telemark, Dogs, Tripod Pump-house and Water tower. After finding these clues the pack (of skiers) ended up with the last directions pointing to a large mound of snow in front of the club-house. Immediately this snow began to fly in all directions. Everyone

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Found, Xmas Eve., one holly wreath on my head. Owner can have same for substantial reward. Was that a Xmas tree Gordon Loutet had in his hat? What is it Oscar Wiles has that Maurice Steel hasn't?

The Noseum Kandahar is a dangerous run. Please fill in all holes you make or keep off, or you may be responsible for a bad accident.

A lady sitzmarked in the snow  
Hollered out to her boy friend: "Hay,  
Joe!

Ain't skiing just swell,  
This makes ten times I've fell,  
But I just love falling you know!"

## Mount Seymour Ski Club

Member C.A.S.A.  
President—Don Baker  
Secretary—Jim Drain  
316 Cambie Street

By TOM HUNTER

**B**ONNE NOEL! It is with greatest sincerity that we extend best wishes for the New Year and the merriest Yuletide yet.

'Tis hard, boys and girls, this job of completing the weekly bulletin by Thursday for when Kipling wrote—or did he?—"East is East and West is West and never the twain shall meet"—he must have had Mount Seymour in mind, so scattered are the cabins.

Those whirling dervishes, who constituted Seymour and Grouse hockey teams Monday, provided plenty of fun for spectators, and both sides thoroughly enjoyed the mix-up. Casualties included our Norm Lyon who tried to remove a goal post with a leg and now nurses a Charlie-



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horse, and Dave Bruce who spilt claret when his nose was cut; the Grouse Mountain victims being Ivan Blane, injured in a charge on goal, and Gordie Harrington, who carries a coronet in the form of a goose-egg on his forehead. Despite fine goal-tending by Stan Body, Stan Johns secured three goals and an assist and Frank Wragg a double, by long-range sharp-shooting. Our Honorary president, Eric Laurillard, had a lapse and let a high one get by. He probably had the idea it would be counted as a ball, no doubt. Still, he filled the bill admirably. The Grouse boys have certainly come ahead since being swamped by Tyeas. Both teams went all out the whole route.

Ellen Burke had a narrow squeak Sunday a.m. when she slid over the 50-foot bluff at Brockton Point Gully and was tossed clear onto ice fringing on jagged rocks. She escaped with bruises and minor cuts, but was—oh, so frightfully embarrassed. Bouquets to Reg. Macroe who threw himself forward to catch her as she slipped over the cliff edge, then blithely jumped over as she disappeared.

'Twas part of the fun the bunch were

having in the clear moonlight, on impromptu slides, but was close to being serious.

The Kee-Way-Din run—"Happy Hunting Ground" — is now finished from Harold Enquist's to Lengionaire Post No. 1, except for name posts on corners, such as that on the last dip, called "Nine G's"—which is tops in any power dive.

By the way, gang, right after Christmas I intend asking for volunteers to help me out in this job as, being located on the East side, it is difficult to get around as many of the West side cabins as I would like. There is not much required, just to jot down a memo of new cabins completed by club members, any odd happenings and comical incidents, until the competitive season gets underway, and we meet one another more frequently. Your co-operation will most certainly be appreciated toward welding the club into a solid unit through this medium and other means.

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By C. J. HUTCHINSON

**W**HY learn to jump? Because its training in balance and stability give you the ability to do lightning-quick thinking on a split second's notice. A skier who has a good grounding of cross-country racing and jumping has mastered all the fundamentals of skiing and can, with a little practice, give a good account of himself in slalom and downhill. The reverse obviously does not apply.



**Jack Hutchinson** thoroughly learned, the jumper may begin to try larger hills.

With the assistance of your club coach (or someone who is willing to help you), choose a suitable slope not too long and build a low snow take-off. Practise jumping until you can time your "leaps" to the exact moment the skis leave the snow. This is all-important, as on the "leap" depends the success or failure of the whole jump. Practice at this time is essential, only by practice can this

sense of timing be developed and perfected. Do not depend on the speed of your skis but rather on the strength of your legs to force you up and out over the landing hill.

When in the air, lean forward and keep the body straight, or it may be inclined forward from the hips but legs must be kept straight, till just before landing, when the knees may be relaxed a little. The shock of landing is absorbed by dropping one foot slightly behind the other (Telemark landing).

Perfect your leap and the rest will follow with but little effort into a naturally smooth, easy, powerful looking jump. Keep practising on small hills until you learn your lesson so thoroughly that it becomes a matter of habit to jump when you see the take-off approaching. When you are able to keep your wits about you all through the jump and not (in the words of a famous jumper) "leave your brains on the take-off," then and then only are you ready to move on to the larger hills. Do not try to move up too fast. Master each size of hill and do not leave it until you have complete command over every movement.

Rules for Jumping, condensed from F.I.S. Rule Book:

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starting with drawing back arms to a level with the body, bend the knees more and get the weight forward. Then follow a quick forward and outward stretching movement (the leap) which should finish just as the feet leave the edge of the take-off.

In the air, the body and knees should be stiff, and feet pressed together. The arms may be moved forwards and sideways without the appearance of violence or fear of lost balance.

During the first part of the jump, the skis should be in line with the take-off, later coming parallel to the hill. Just before landing the body should be at right angles to the landing hill, and an easy settling landing should be effected. During the whole jump the skis must be together and in the same plane. All movements must be without violence and in complete control.

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The whole general impression of the jumper must be taken into consideration when awarding style marks because the more perfect the form, the safer the jump. If your form is good, you are under control, and being under control in any kind of skiing means being safe.

Next article: Judging of style and awarding of marks for jumping.

### Tyee Ski Runners

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By MICKEY MITCHELL

“COME home at once, all is for given” or words to that effect, has been the theme song for the past Thursday and Friday. With the sight of snow, small trials and tribulations which have been magnified during the snowless last few weeks have disappeared. Instead of arising in the morning to shave in cold water and with a dull razor blade and looking upon this as a major tragedy and blaming it all on the mild weather, we can blithely and even with a tune on our lips hack away at the blue cold face. The point I'm trying to get across is this; when we expect to relieve our pent up energies by skiing, around the end of November and don't get it, then we're liable to snap

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and snarl at the breakfast table and be cross generally at every little irritating thing that might arise. But when the snow finally comes, why we couldn't get cross if even one of the other boarders or brothers or sisters borrowed our best shirt and tie.

It hasn't been too bad for your scribe for he has been enjoying perfect skiing at Baker. His only kick is that he has nothing but tripe to fill this column with until skiing starts in earnest locally. If he were to mention the fact that the weather and snow at Baker was absolutely perfect the past few weeks, then he would get in dutch with those not fortunate enough to be able to get there. No, he's got to be tactful and keep quiet about those smooth, lightning fast runs that bring tears to one's eyes and heart to one's throat and take up space with nothing.

The Christmas Holiday is now over and we all had a good time, including the fickle weather man and those of us who participated at the Ski meet on Sasamat Hill. Everything went off wonderfully well, and a great deal of credit is due to those responsible for it, particularly Basil Daines. Thanks should be extended to His Honor Mayor Millar for attending and opening the meet. May we have the pleasure of his presence at some future and more thrilling competition on Hollyburn or Grouse. We hope some day to have a hill erected in town for an occasional competition.

### Hollyburn Pacific Ski Club

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By BUD JAMES

SANTA CLAUS was especially good to skiers in and around Vancouver when he presented us with about two feet of snow for Christmas. However, snow is fine in its proper place, which is the north shore mountains, but it is rather a pain in the neck when it blocks the streets. A number of our members and other skiers of the local clubs were able to sport that new ski jacket or slacks as they slid up and down some of our steeper city streets.

So much for the weather; let's talk about ourselves for a while. Here's hoping you have all recovered from the effects of the holiday season and that old Kris Kringle was very good to you all!

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Many of the boys and girls spent most of their time up the ridge over the three-day holiday, but the snow fell so heavily and was so dry it was hard going, so there was not much skiing done. This cannot be said about the eating part though. There were many extra pounds of groceries packed up the hill and needless to say they were all heartily devoured. When the meals were over the victims struggled gamely to their bunks where they slept off some of the avoirdupois.

There were a number of Christmas trees decorated in the various cabins and not a few presents changed hands. Percy Burton received a fine alarm clock. This should break down any alibis he might produce when he is late for a tournament. Bill Sutherland received a present that should hold him for awhile. Bill is very secretive about this, so far be it from me to divulge it to the pitiless glare of publicity but maybe you can worm the facts from Bill himself.

Skiing possibilities look very good for New Year's Week-end. Don't forget the big jamboree or potlatch or what ever you wish to call it over at the H.P.S.C. clubhouse on New Year's Eve. There will be novelties and favors and what is more important, a good orchestra will be in attendance. This party should last until the wee small hours so you better retire early the night before. There is a cordial invitation to everyone up the hill to come along and join in the fun.

This is the Hollyburn Pacific Ski Club wishing you the happiest New Year you ever had with plenty of good fortune for the ensuing twelve months.

### Arrowsmith Ski Club

President—George Trotter  
Secretary—E. G. Ayliffe  
Box 33, Port Alberni, B.C.

By E. G. AYLIFFE

OUR club was formed at an organization meeting held on November 23rd. The officers elected were: George Trotter, president; E. G. Ayliffe, secretary; L. Smith, treasurer; Chris Johnson, club captain, and three ski instructors: Tom Tysse, Tor Jacobson and B. Buttedahl. It was decided by those present at the meeting to call the new club by the name of the Arrowsmith Ski Club.

The members have searched the country for suitable skiing ground and have located an area about seven miles from Port Alberni. The trail by which this is reached, which branches out from the Island Highway, was built by the Government across some fourteen miles of country, with the final objective Cowichan. About five miles of this trail is graded out to six feet in width.

A couple weeks ago the club had a bee, and cut enough firewood for all winter and piled it in the cabin chosen as the club quarters, about a mile and a half in from the road. A slide close to the cabin was also cleaned out, and the cabin fixed up.

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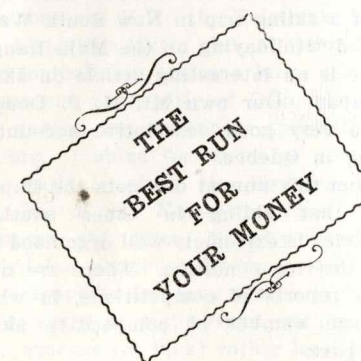
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We consider ourselves very fortunate in having the services of Chris Johnson, Tom Tysse and B. Buttedahl, all of whom are ski experts and first-class instructors.

The Arrowsmith Club extends best wishes for a Happy New Year to all skiers. We will send regular reports of our ski adventures to the Hiker and Skier. Ski Heil!

## Australian and New Zealand Year Book

THE HIKER AND SKIER has received from the editor of the Australia and New Zealand have a con-Book for 1937 a copy of that handsome publication. It is a sumptuous annual of 240 magnificently illustrated pages. It is filled with articles of great interest to Canadian skiers who have a desire to know something about skiing in those wonderful countries on the opposite side of the globe.

Australia and New Zealand have a considerable extent of snow country, high plains and mountain ranges where first-class skiing is found in winter. Much

of their skiing country is rather difficult of access and high, and much of the skiing done there is real ski mountaineering, in which the technique of the alpinist is combined with that of the skier. One of the best articles is entitled "Ski Mountaineering in New Zealand." Its illustrations show glorious mountains over ten thousand feet high, but the skiers in the pictures are carrying ice axes and alpine ropes.

An article entitled "The Mount Bogong Disaster," is a narrative of a ski mountaineering trip in which the party was beset by desperate perils and extreme hardship, and C. J. M. Cole, a fine sportsman, lost his life.

There is a fine article, well illustrated, about a skiing trip in New South Wales, headed "Holidaying on the Main Range." There is an interesting article on skiing in Japan. Our own Mr. H. P. Douglas has a very good descriptive account of skiing in Quebec.

From this annual one gets the impression that skiing in those southern countries is extremely well organized and in a thriving condition. There are numerous reports of competitions, in which a large number of competitive skiers took part.

Stewart Jamieson, well known in the skiing world, is the chief editor of this splendid year book.

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## Earl Young Master of Skiing

SOME say it takes ten years to learn to ski. Others say twenty years.

Skiing is an art. Like other artists skiers are students of the art all their lives, and are always learning. One of the reasons why skiing is so fascinating is that there is so much to learn about it.

It is a great advantage to start early in life to learn. Almost as soon as you have learned to walk. Earl Young did.

We asked Earl to write something about himself, for the HIKER and SKIER. This is what he wrote:



Earl Young

"I began to take skiing seriously when I was six years old, in Oslo. I did a little kiddish jumping and ran in some kids' races.

"But I didn't really begin my career as a competitive skier

until I was twelve years of age. It was then that I got my first pair of real two grooved jumping skis, of green ash, and boy, was I proud of those two grooves!

"As soon as I was old enough I joined the famous old 'K.B.', the Kristiania Ball Klub, historic athletic club of Oslo, featuring football, but taking a large part in the amateur sports life of Oslo, playing many games, but in winter specializing in skiing. I skied for them for several years, until I joined the Nydalen Ski Klub, one of old Norway's oldest and best-known ski clubs. Proudly wearing the Nydalen badge (quite an honor, I'll say) I competed in many places in Norway for seven or eight years, with more or less success (or luck) rather less than more, I guess.

"In 1920 I went to work for L. H. Hagen, then the biggest ski manufacturer in the world. Taught by the expert ski craftsmen in this factory I became one of their skilled artificers. I learned every part of the handicraft by which

Hagen skis were made. Contrary to the general impression among skiers in this country, Hagen skis never had a great reputation for special excellence in competitive skiing. But it was the Hagen factory's boast that skiers of the first rank in competition brought their skis, made elsewhere, to us to have the harness fitted and other adjustments made, and to have ski poles made especially for them by us. The late Thorleif Haug, perhaps the greatest skier of all times, in winning his last two Holmenkollen 50 kilometre races, used poles made for him by me.

"After I came to Canada, I first worked for Sigurd Lockeberg, and I believe that while working in his shop I made the first finger splice ever put in a ski in this country. At that time as a member of the Ottawa Ski Club, I competed in most of the major tournaments held in the East.

"In 1929 I was ski instructor at Banff. My first Vancouver job was with Flaa and Hagen. I am now in my third season with Harkley and Haywood. I have spoken."

This is Earl's modest autobiography. I will say that he places a moderate estimate on his own merits. In my opinion Earl might well shudder at the narrowness of his escape from becoming a really great competitive skier. I don't know anybody who is a more perfect ski technician. In jumping as well as in ground skiing his technique is correct. (And I mean correct.)

I don't know anyone who knows more about skis. Earl has lived with skis all his life. He is a ski designer and a ski maker in the fine old sense of the word "maker." He is also a specialist in making poles; his own make of poles (he has a small pole factory in the base-

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When I first got acquainted with Earl he was building log cabins on old Hollyburn mountain. He was known to me at first as one more tall blond Nordic skier shaped on the general lines of the Hermes of Praxitiles, to whom getting enough money for bacon, beans, and coffee was a very serious financial question. He built some cabins for hikers and they were well-built.

It was at about this time that Earl had his well-known adventure with old Baldy. This was a very large disdainful and arrogant old brown bear with an extremely healthy appetite and a large bald spot on his scalp, probably a paltry and inconsiderable souvenir of some small routine argument with another large he-bear.

Earl had gone down the trail that morning and towards evening came up with a packsack full of grub. He threw the pack down on his bunk in the open-fronted leanto he had built for himself, Abie and Duke in the snowy forest. (It was late spring but there were still a few feet of snow in the green timber.) Earl then went off to deliver to a man who inhabited a nearby cabin something he had brought up for him. He had a cup of coffee in the cabin, smoked a cigarette and returned to his leanto, to find that a bear had been there in his absence and had carried off his pack of grub.

Earl followed the bear's track for some time, but lost the trail in the brush, for it was then black darkness in the heavy timber. As the bear had taken all his grub he had to go supperless to bed.

During the night he was awakened by a troubled sense of something mighty heavy resting on his empty stomach. He opened his eyes to behold in the darkness the huge form of old Baldy. The hungry bear had come back for more grub, and it looked as if he felt a keen gastronomic interest in Earl Young, for

he stood with his big forepaws on Mr. Young and his shaggy head so close to Earl's that his hot breath nearly asphyxiated the skier.

Earl rose up in his blankets, turned loose a loud Nordic waryell and grabbed his sheathknife. Old Baldy backed out of the leanto and galloped away. Earl grabbed an axe and followed. (At least, he says he did.) But Baldy lived to be shot as a public enemy three years afterwards on Capliano creek.

Earl is a member of the Vancouver Ski Club, and one of its most dependable competitors and most useful members. He is also a member of the Mount Seymour Club.

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