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SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

A special general meeting of the Club is called for Thursday, February 25th, 1932, at 8 p.m., at the Georgia Hotel, to consider the following resolutions:—

1. That at the Annual General Meeting, chairmen be elected for the five following committees:—

- (1) Climbing Committee. ✓
- (2) Membership Committee. ✓
- (3) Social Committee. ✓
- (4) Botanical and Geological Committee.
- (5) Ski Committee.

Each chairman shall have a seat upon the Executive Committee, and shall take the place of one of the present non-office bearing members of the Executive.

Each chairman shall select his own committee from outside the Executive, and no Committee shall exceed twelve in number.

The duties of the Climbing Committee shall be:—

- (a) To organize exploration trips, act in an advisory capacity to the Executive in drawing up the summer program, and obtain written reports from the leaders of exploration trips, descriptive of the routes taken, and the nature of the country explored. Such reports to be

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THE PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION AND AMATEUR COMPETITION

The Photographic Exhibition and Amateur Competition will be held in the Vancouver Art Gallery, 1145 Georgia Street West, February 18th to 21st inclusive.

The Gallery will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday to Saturday and from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

All entries are to be delivered to A. C. Phillips, 315 Cambie Street, not later than February 13th, together with a list of pictures enclosed.

The following are the classes:—

1. Winter Scene.
2. Summer Scene.
3. Sunrise or Sunset Views.
4. Mountain Peak.
5. Marine View.
6. Animal or Bird.
7. Rock Climbing.
8. Wild Flowers.
9. Colored Photographs.
10. Water Colors or Oils.

All pictures are to be enlargements not less than 4" x 6" with not less than a 2" border (framing optional). They are to be from negatives taken by the competitor.

The name of the competitor, the title of the picture and the class name or number are to be placed on the back of each entry.

Only members in good standing at December 31st, 1931, may enter prints for

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kept in a binder in the Club library.

- ✓ (b) To teach mountain-craft to their fellow members.
- ✓ (c) To start a drive to promote an exploration trip to the Coast Range, in the vicinity of Chilco Lake, the party to contain a botanist, a geologist, and an ornithologist.
- ✗ (d) To develop a system of merit badges for climbing.

The duties of the Membership Committee shall be:—

- ✓ (a) To investigate and report on applicants for membership and endeavor to increase the Club membership by the addition of desirable members.
- ✗ (b) To keep in touch with the membership so as to be able to render them assistance and sympathy when sick or bereaved.
- ✗ (c) To encourage a feeling of comradeship with visitors on trips or at the cabin.

The duties of the Social Committee shall be:—

- ✓ (a) To see that there is a social gathering or a lecture once a month.

Each Committee chairman shall submit a report to the Executive once a month for adoption.

Each Committee shall give a lecture to the Club once a year.

- 2. That the Club hold quarterly general meetings.

- ✗ 3. That there be a charge for overnight visitors to the cabin.
- ✓ 4. That there be a limit of time within which a graduating member may become active.
- ✗ 5. That the present system of nomination for office be changed.
- ✗ 6. That the dues be changed to \$5.00 per year.
- ✗ 7. That no member shall hold any one office in the Club for more than two consecutive years.

The foregoing resolutions embody suggestions handed to the Executive by a Committee of 12 persons of the Club, who were chosen at the instance of the Executive, mostly from outside its own membership, as representing divergent activities, and lines of thought. The Executive called the above Committee together with the object of getting as wide an expression as possible of the various opinions of the members. The suggestions were individual, and came from various members of the Committee, and the Special General Meeting is called to discuss them and vote upon them.

Other suggestions were:—

- ✗ (1) That there be more appreciation shown in the Bulletin for work done by Club members.
- ✗ (2) That the Club be favored with more Presidential addresses.
- ✗ (3) That the older members give more consideration to the younger element.

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competition. This includes graduating members who have paid entrance fees.

Entries for awards of merit must be photographs taken within the last two years.

The two year restriction on pictures applies only to those entered for competition. The Committee will be delighted to receive any pictures, not eligible for competition for this reason, as exhibits. The exhibition will, in all probability, be as large, if not larger, than the competition.

The pictures will be hung and classed for awards of merit and exhibition under the supervision of the committee and two members of the Governing Council of the Art Gallery. Their decision is to be final.

The pictures will be judged by Mr. B. H. Taylor of Canadian Kodak Stores, and Mr. J. Vanderpant, F.R.P.S., of the Art Gallery.

We ask the members to support this Exhibition and to do their best to make it the most successful yet.

Any further information regarding the competition may be had from members of the Exhibition Committee:—

P. R. Lockie, Chairman, High. 836L; C. R. Fripp, Bay. 940R; A. C. Phillips, Sey. 4916; W. Hastie, High. 2456X; C. Ledingham, Fair. 350R; A. Lambert, New Westminster 2406L.

Remember the Goat Mountain trip on February 14th. H. O'Connor and F. W. Johnson, leader and endman.

A GUIDE TO SKI-ING FOR MEMBERS OF THE B.C.M.C.

BY RICHARD SHAIKH

(Part Two)

In this article we are going to talk over all the other turns and swings on ski so necessary to the mountaineer on his cross-country trips.

5. Stemming turns. To travel in curves downhill.

From a fairly fast run we change over to a snowplow position (knees bent). In order to turn to the left we put our weight on the right ski (straighten and bend the knee) and follow up with the other; now we straighten up again, do the snow-plow, put our weight on the left ski and another turn is accomplished.

Version 2.

Once in the snow-plow position (essential to have the knees bent) we just turn our body up from the hips, in the direction we want to travel, simultaneously straightening the opposite leg. By not edging our skis too much we are able to achieve the same stemming effect.

This stemming is especially useful when travelling with a heavy knapsack in open, steep country.

6. The Christiana is nothing but a short, energetically executed stemming turn (difficult in deep snow).

We go down the hill with knees well bent, we indicate the snow-plow position, throw our hips to the right for a turn to the left and vice versa, follow up with the other ski and, most important, counteract the sideskid of our ski ends by edging both ski inward, keeping them well apart.

Practice this turn two hundred and seventy-three times, though you should master it perfectly at the two hundred and fifty-ninth time.

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7. **The Telemark ought to be practiced when one is able to do all the other turns properly.**

As in number 6 we indicate the snow-plow position, instantly pushing the right ski ahead (right knee bent at right angles, supporting our weight), for turning to the left, running it on the inner edge and pushing the end outwards. Swish the shoulders around, not the hips, and follow up with the other ski. The ski we are dragging behind is kept flat on the snow.

8. **The Gelandesprung is executed when going pretty fast, in order to jump over hedges, fences or creeks and is generally well done when we land in the wished for position on the other side of these obstacles.**

When going fast we crouch suddenly, bring our ski poles to the points of our ski, not too close, sticking them into the snow and standing up briskly. Our long poles start lifting us up, we crouch in mid air, straighten on our descent, absorb the shock of landing with another crouch. There is the whole secret. This kind of gymnastics is very useful when a few Ski-Babies (pronounce she-babies) are around.

9. **The Jump turn on the spot is another kind of turn like the "kick-turn."**

The Jump turn on the move.

For turning to the right we put our right pole to the end of the right ski—the left pole to the point of the left ski. We press our feet together, bend our knees, support ourselves on the poles and—jump around. Good exercise without poles.

10. **The "Stop-jump" was invented first to use when ski-ing, second to keep you lean and slim for the rest of your life.**

When at a slightly crouching position going at a fairly fast rate we put our pole into the snow near the right ski for jumping in this direction. In feeling the impact we straighten, jump, crouch again—now we are in mid air—throw our hips away from the pole (naturally) straighten, absorb the shock in a crouch (I hope you have not a grouch against me) and land in a right angle to the slope.

All these jumps are done with long poles coming well up to your shoulders, and feet as close as possible, except when landing from a stop-jump then you have to open your ski slightly edging them in a kristian position.

If you should not be able to do the stop jump gracefully at the two hundred and seventy-eighth effort and you are too impatient to wait until you have reached double the amount, well, I think I risked to take you anywhere in our mountains if you master all other turns (except the telemark).

FORTHCOMING SKI TRIPS

Fort Ridge via Kennedy Lake, February 14th. Dick Shaich leading.

Mt. Seymour, March 10th. Dick Shaich leading.

CLUB SOCIAL

February 10th

There will be a club social on February the 10th, at the home of Miss Greta McCallum, 2265 3rd Avenue West. Everyone is invited; come and help to make this first of many similar affairs an unqualified success.

EXTRACTS FROM THE MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

March 16th, 1931

The chairman then asked Mr. McKenzie to put his motion, which was printed in the "Mountaineer" for March, before the meeting. This read as follows:—

"Resolution to amend Bylaw Section "5a, subsection 1: That the Club at "Annual Meetings may, from time to "time elect to the Executive certain "members, known as permanent mem-"bers, who by reason of length of mem-"bership and continued activities in the "Club, have rendered some extraordinary "services. Such members are to remain "on the Executive as long as they are "members of the Club."

Before this motion was put to the meeting, it was moved by Mr. Dodds, seconded by Mr. Taylor, that same be ruled out of order, giving as reason not sufficient time allowed for consideration. Mr. Dawson then moved that this motion be left over until the semi-annual meeting. Seconded by Mr. Dodds and carried.

—LES. GOLMAN

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