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JUDGE WOOD RECALLS SKIING IN THE 'BLACK HAWK ALPS'

The first to answer the call for support from area skiers was District Court Judge Blair Wood, himself a long-time enthusiast. Judge Wood stopped by to claim Waterloo as Iowa's skiing center and then backed up the allegation with proof.

It seems Waterloo was once the host of the ski championships of Iowa, not to mention the Waterloo Ski Carnival.



Gary Coleman

For a 10 year span, ending in 1944, the Winter Ridge Road ski area hosted the best skiers from Waterloo, Dubuque, Iowa City, Des Moines and any city that had enthusiasts. Competition ranged from cross country events to slalom and jumping. And, Judge Wood points out, the championships of those events seldom, if ever, left the hands of Waterloo skiers.

The Winter Ridge Road area, then affectionately referred to as the Black Hawk Alps, had the only ski tow in the area at the time. The late C. A. Morris served as the official and the sponsorship of the event was handled separately through the years by the Junior Chamber of Commerce and the Waterloo Ski Club.

Ski Club Mergers

That same Waterloo Ski Club has recently voted to merge with the Cedar Mountain Ski Club. Between them the two clubs cover almost all organized skiing in the area. The merger will allow members of both clubs to use the Black Hawk Alps area. The Cedar Mountain Club already has the responsibility of the new Hickory Hills area as part of its organization.

The Black Hawk Alps run has a vertical drop of 300 feet off a northern slope. It is described as wooded and steep, a tough run for beginners. There are no facilities at the site.

The Hickory Hills area, located 13 miles south on Highway 21, off 412, and two miles east on a county road, has a 1,000 foot slope for beginners and a run that measures 1,500 for advanced beginners. The Cedar Mountain Ski Club operates the slopes and provides ski patrol and first aid facilities as well as a ski school. Area hours will be 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday each week. Rental equipment is available on a limited basis.

Although non-members will be able to use Hickory Hills under regulations, joining the club is still the best answer for new skiers. Family dues are \$15 for the season. That figure includes everyone in the family who can step into the bindings. Individual membership is \$10.

Keep Body in Shape

Another hot ski tip: For new, current and former skiers it's always a good idea to spend a few seconds each day in preparing physically for the slopes. Start a series of physical exercise that will build up those leg and stomach muscles—and avoid injury.

Listed next are many of the commercial ski areas that are within a 300 mile range of Waterloo.

(Key: Slopes (Open slopes); Trails (Down hill or runs); CC — Cross country trails; J — Jumps; N — Novice; I — Intermediate; E — Expert; S — Skating; T — Tobogganing; Sch — Ski School; Inst — Instruction Available; P — Patrol; WE — Weekends and holidays; SM — Snow Machine; ** — Ski developments with lifts; * — Ski developments with rope tows.)

AREAS WITHIN APPROXIMATELY 200 MILES

HOLIDAY MTN., Estherville, Ia.: 2 Tows — 3 Slopes — N-I — P — Inst — SM — WE — Nights*

SKI HAVEN, Elkton, Minn.: 7 Tows — 3 Slopes — 14 Trails — N-I-E — J — Sch — P — SM*

DEEPWOOD, Colfax, Wis.: WE — 2 T-Bar Lifts — 8 Tows — 13 Slopes — 3 Trails — N-I-E — Sch — P — CC — T — SM — Night (SKI)**

PINEHURST, Eau Claire, Wis.: WE — 3 Tows — 3 Slopes — 2 Trails — N-I — J — Sch — P — Nights*

MT. LACROSSE, LaCrosse, Wis.: Chairlift — Pommelift — 5 Tows — 5 Slopes — 6 Trails — N-I-E — P — Sch — SM — Nights**

SKYLINE, Friendship, Wis.: 6 Tows — 3 Slopes — 2 Trails — N-I — Inst — P — SM*

TIMBERLINE, Arena, Wis.: T-Bar Lift — Tow — 3 Slopes — N-I — Sch — SM**

WINTERGREEN, Spring Green, Wis.: 2 Double Chairlifts — J-Bar — 7 Slopes — N-I-E — Sch — P — SM — 4 Nights**

CASCADE MTN., Portage, Wis.: Double Chairlift — T-Bar — 6 Tows — 9 Slopes — 2 Trails — N-I-E — P — Sch — SM — Nights**

TYROL BASIN, Mt. Herib, Wis.: WE — Chairlift — T-Bar Lift — 3 Tows — 5 Slopes — 2 Trails — N-I-E — Sch — P — SM — Nights**

CHESTNUT MTN., Galena, Ill.: Double Chairlift — 8 Tows — 8 Slopes — 3 Trails — N-I-E — Sch — P — SM**

MINNEAPOLIS-ST. PAUL AREA

MOUNT FRONTENAC, Redwing, Minn.: 2 T-Bar Lifts — 5 Tows — 13 Slopes — 2 Trails — N-I-E — Sch — P — J — CC — SM**

WELCH VILLAGE, Welch, Minn.: 2 T-Bar Lifts — 4 Tows — 5 Slopes — 3 Trails — N-I-E — Sch — P — Inst — SM — Nights**

BUCK HILL, Savage, Minn.: 2 Double Chairlifts — T-Bar — J-Bar — 4 Tows — 9 Slopes — 2 Trails — N-I-E — Sch — SM — Nights**

PINE BEND, South St. Paul, Minn.: 2 Pommelifts — 6 Tows — 7 Slopes — 2 Trails — N-I-E — Sch — T — P — SM**

INVER HILLS, Inver Grove Heights, Minn.: Pommelift — 5 Tows — 7 Slopes — N-I-E — T — Sch — SM**

HYLAND HILLS, Bloomington, Minn.: 5 Tows — Open Slopes — N-I-E — Sch — P — SM — Nights**

CEDAR HILLS, Eden Prairie, Minn.: 7 Tows — 8 Slopes — Trail — N-I-E — Sch — P — SM — Nights**

AFTON ALPS, Afton, Minn.: 3 Double Chairlifts — 2 T-Bar — Pommelift — 7 Tows — 13 Slopes — 2 Trails — N-I-E — Sch — P — SM**

SKI TONKA, Orona, Minn.: Sittliff — 10 Tows — 8 Slopes — Trail — N-I-E — Sch — SM — Nights**

THEODORE WIRTH, Minneapolis, Minn.: 5 Tows — 5 Slopes — N-I-E — Sch — P — Nights**

BUFFALO VALLEY, Buffalo, Minn.: 6 Tows — 5 Slopes — 2 Trails — N-I-E — T — Sch — SM — Nights**

AREAS WITHIN APPROXIMATELY 300 MILES

POWDER RIDGE, Kimball, Minn.: 2 T-Bar — 5 Tows — 6 Slopes — 2 Trails — N-I-E — Sch — SM — Nights**

SKI GULL, Gull Lake, Minn.: T-Bar Lift — 2 Tows — 7 Slopes — N-I-E — Inst — Nights*

VAL CROIX, Taylor Falls, Minn.: WE — T-Bar — 6 Tows — 5 Slopes — 2 Trails — Inst — P**

HARDSCRABBLE, Rice Lake, Wis.: WE — 2 T-Bar — 6 Tows — 8 Slopes — Trail — N-I-E — Sch — P — SM**

MT. TELEMARCK, Cable, Wis.: Double Chairlift — 3 T-Bar — 10 Tows — 10 Slopes — Trail — N-I-E — Sch — P — SM**

SQUIRREL SKI, Minocqua, Wis.: WE — 4 Tows — 7 Slopes — N-I-E — Inst — P**

WHITE CAP MTN., Montreal, Wis.: Double Chairlift — 2 T-Bar Lifts — 4 Tows — 15 Slopes and Trails — N-I-E — Sch — CC — J — T — P — S**

MUS-SKI, Sawyer, Wis.: WE — J-Bar — 7 Tows — 8 Slopes — 4 Trails — N-I-E — Inst — P — Nights**

GATWAY SKI, Land O' Lakes, Wis.: 4 Tows — 8 Slopes — 2 Trails — N-I — Sch — T — P

SHELTERED VALLEY, Three Lakes, Wis.: Pommelift — 4 Tows — 9 Slopes — 6 Trails — N-I-E — Inst — P — CC**

CAMP 18, Rhinelander, Wis.: WE — T-Bar — 4 Tows — 6 Slopes — Trail — N-I-E — Sch — P**

RIB MTN., Wausau, Wis.: Double Chairlift — 2 T-Bar — 5 Tows — 4 Trails — 6 Slopes — N-I-E — Sch — T — SM**

FUN VALLEY, Middle Inlet, Wis.: WE and Wed. — 3 Tows — 6 Slopes — 6 Trails — N-I-E — Inst — SM — P*

HIDDEN VALLEY, Manitowish, Wis.: Double Chairlift — 6 Tows — 6 Trails — 6 Slopes — N-I-E — CC — Sch — P — SM — Nights**

WUNDERBERG, West End, Wis.: WE — T-Bar — 3 Tows — 3 Slopes — 4 Trails — N-I-E — SM — Sch — P — Nights**

LITTLE SWITZERLAND, Slinger, Wis.: 2 Double Chairlifts — 8 Tows — 5 Slopes — 5 Trails — N-I-E — Sch — SM — S — P — Nights**

ALPINE VALLEY, East Troy, Wis.: 9 Double Chairlifts — 6 Tows — 7 Slopes — 3 Trails — N-I-E — Sch — P — SM — Nights**

PARADISE VALLEY, Burlington, Wis.: Chairlift — 4 Tows — 5 Slopes — N-I-P — Sch — SM — Nights**

SPRING VALLEY, Burlington, Wis.: 2 Tows — 4 Slopes — N-I — Sch — SM**

MOUNT FUJI, Lake Geneva, Wis.: T-Bar — 15 Tows — 17 Slopes — N-I-E — P — Sch — SM — Nights**

PLAYBOY CLUB, Lake Geneva, Wis.: 2 Double Chairlifts — 3 Slopes — 4 Trails — N-I — Sch — P — SM — S — Nights**

MAJESTIC HILLS, Lake Geneva, Wis.: 7 Tows — 5 Slopes — N-I-E — Sch — SM — T — Nights*

WILMOT MTN., Wilmot, Wis.: 4 Double Chairlifts — 2 T-Bar — 12 Tows — Open Slopes — N-I-E — Sch — SM — P — Nights**