

Skiers Expect A Banner Year

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the Highlands completed its 70-room Bartley House, mecca for ski clubs. Snow-making improvements and chalet expansion goes on at Thunder and Walloon.

Schuss, which opened last December with nearly 25 consecutive days of fresh snowfall, has doubled its ski slopes, added a chairlift, lodging, heated pool, lodge shop and put up more chalets.

SOUTHEASTERN MICHIGAN RESORTS continue to improve. Irish Hills Sports Park has been incorporated on land leased from the Gene Sells. Ski director Henry Lence is now a stockholder and a chairlift serving a new run of 1,800-feet has been installed. Stan Koska runs ski school solo now at Mt. Holly, which will again host the annual Open Slalom meet and Southeastern Michigan High School league meets.

Mt. Brighton will greet ski schoolers with 16 certified instructors on its staff of 20, headed by pro-owner Gene Hill.

Improving ski reports is always a top priority each season. All resorts are tied in with direct phone reports to ski shops, tourist councils or other business places. There's also a new Ski Line information service opening in Detroit (call 963-1069).

There have been some resort casualties and some added starters but Michigan still remains one of the nation's leading ski states with 78 resorts.

The dropouts include Snow Valley at Gaylord (only temporary, though, after a summer fire), Barn Mountain, Glacier Hills, Houghton Lake Snow Bowl, Moon Ridge, Frye's Winter Sports Park and Mt. Christie near Oxford. Dryden and Silverbell long since have been scratched off the list despite rumors of resurrection.

The newcomers include Timberline, a local appeal area between Rose City and Mio, Russell's Ridge near Hart, Newayo Winter Park, and toboggans-only Frontier Mountain near Omstead.

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\$2.85 weekdays. Lodge, with restaurant, lounge. Rental equipment. Night skiing. Open 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Phone 792-1531 or 792-4421 (Area Code 817).

65-LANSING SKI CLUB: Northeast of Lansing on Lake Lansing Road, off M-78. Private club, but open occasionally to the public. Ski bowl, 7 runs. For availability information, phone 322-0600 (Area Code 817).

Southeast Michigan

For further information on ski areas and resorts, 69-78, lodging facilities and special events, write Southeast Michigan Tourist Association, 1404 Broderick Tower, Detroit, Mich., 48226. Phone (Area Code 313) 961-2780.

68-BLACK FOREST SKI AREA: Open Daily. 8570 Lapeer Road, 6 miles west of Fort Huron. 7 slopes including beginner. 7 rope tows. Snow making equipment. Rental equipment. Lodging. Restaurant and bar adjacent. Phone 684-4169 (Area Code 313).

70-MT. HOLLY: Open Daily. North end of Holly State Recreation Area, 18 miles north of Pontiac at 18536 Dixie Highway (old US-24). Chair lift; 2 T-bars; 10 rope tows. Night skiing. Rental equipment. Lodge, restaurant and cocktail lounge. Phone 634-8260 (Area Code 813).

71-MT. GRAMPIAN: Open Daily. 14 miles north of Pontiac, 2 miles east of Oxford on Lakeville Road off M-24. From I-75 use Lapeer Road (M-24) exit. Lighted slopes. Pommelift; 8 tows. Ski jumping. Night skiing. Rental equipment. Lodge with meals. Phone 628-2450 (Area Code 813).

72-ALPINE VALLEY: Open Daily. On M-50, 10 miles west of Pontiac, 13 miles east of US-23. 11 slopes; longest 1,500 ft. 6 chair lifts; 12 tows. Night skiing. Rental equipment. Food, cocktails. Phone 887-4180 (Area Code 213).

73-PINE KNOB: Open Daily. Off Clarkston Road, 1/2 mile east of Sashabaw Road, 3 miles east of Clarkston and

7 miles north of Pontiac. Accessible from I-75 via Sashabaw Road exit. 6 slopes; up to 2,000 ft.; several trails, 2 chair lifts; 7 rope tows. Night skiing. Rental equipment. Lodge, cafeteria, cocktail lounge and restaurant-night club. Dancing nightly. Phone 394-0000 (Area Code 813).

74-MOUNT BRIGHTON: Open Daily. 1 mile west of Brighton off I-96, 10 ski runs. J-bar lift; 7 rope tows. Night skiing. Rental equipment. Cafeteria, cocktail lounge. Phone 227-1451 (Area Code 313).

75-TEEPLE HILL: At Highland State Recreation Area of Pontiac on M-59. 4 slopes; 1 beginner's slope. Natural snow only. 3 tows. Instruction. Warming shelter with snacks. Weekends only. Phone 834-0258 (Area Code 813).

76-KENSINGTON METROPOLITAN PARK: 25 miles northwest of Detroit on I-96 southeast of Brighton. No skiing, but tobogganing and sliding on moderate slopes. Warming shelter at sports area. Skiing and ice fishing on Kent Lake. Natural snow only. Heated buildings at skating area. Phone 685-1061 (Area Code 813).

77-IRISH HILLS SPORTS PARK: Open Daily. On US-12, just west of entrance to Hayes State Park west of Clinton. 14 slopes; longest 1,800 ft. 3 T-bar lifts; 6 tows. Ski instruction and equipment rental. Lighted. Ice skating. Lodge with restaurant and cocktail lounge. Overnight lodging (dormitory for groups to 100). Trailer park and permanent homesites. Phone 467-3127 (Area Code 813).

78-FRONTIER MOUNTAIN: On M-50, 2 miles east of US-12. 8 steel runs, slide on ice; tows. Steel-shod toboggans. Hay rides and sleigh rides. Lounge and snack bar. Lighted for night tobogganing. Weekends and holidays only; weekdays by appointment. Group rates. Phone 467-7868 (Area Code 813).

Olympic-Level Ski Races Set

Tentative plans have been made by the U.S. Ski Association's Central Division to hold a special series of Olympic-level girls races in January to give midwestern juniors and seniors a chance to see and compete against the nation's best. Sites of the races are Mt. Holly, Boyne Mountain and Wilmont near Chicago.

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