

Ski- Doodling

By Mel Larson

Skiers had one of their biggest opening week-ends in history. This week should see no letup.

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Helen Slocum of the park board is working on classes for women at Theodore Wirth park every Tuesday and Thursday nights, switching to Columbia on Saturday afternoons. The lights are up now, there's no charge involved, and anyone is invited.

The beginners meet Tuesday night, the advanced Thursday night. And Saturday's class is also for beginners.

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The jumping bug is biting deep again. Walter Swanson at Wirth reports that last week-end saw heavy play throughout.

Mounds View, as most of you know, lost its hill when the New Brighton ordinance plant went in. It's being replaced by a new tow on the St. Croix near Hudson . . . And the North Star tow at Bayport is more cozy with a new lodge . . .

The St. Croix club is also dressing up its Perch Lake hill with a tow, which will make a lift of 400 feet. President Martin Hansen and Director Val Eichten, "grand old man" of the club, find their dream come true . . . Colleen Rowland and Bob Berg are now with North Star . . . Colleen is looked on as one of the best hereabouts.

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What to give? A book by Fritz Loosli on "Parallel Skiing." A report in the Christmas number of SKI ILLUSTRATED says "every skier—beginner or veteran" should read it . . . Also a lot of good stuff in the magazine mentioned. One article deals with Torger Tokle, and starts out with a lengthy quote by Julius Blegen, Minneapolis' daddy to skiing.

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Like the one ski said to other ski when they got to the bottom of the hill, "Who waxed you down here?"

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ANY NEWS OF ANY KIND IS WELCOME FOR THESE DOODLINGS. ADDRESS THE ABOVE, CARE OF THE STAR JOURNAL TRIBUNE . . .

Again, take it easy the first few times out!

But all isn't pleasant news, if too much mild weather can be called pleasant. Out at Minnehaha Park, young Jerry Ireland, promising young jumper, came up with a fractured foot. It'll keep him out of the jumping most of the year.

New officers at Minnehaha include Henry Hagley, president; Tom Armstrong, vice president; Frank Sidlo, secretary, and George Woodworth, treasurer. They'll be active, if not more so, than last year, with a lot of good jumpers coming up.