



RACINE SUNDAY BULLETIN
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Mrs. Ola Hirth and daughter, Carla, warmed up at the fireplace after funtime in the nippy out-of-doors at Mt. Tom.



Mr. and Mrs. Richard R. Clausen took advantage of the warmth of the clubhouse while putting on their ski boots in preparation for an afternoon on the slopes. Clausen is president of the Racine Ski Club. Informal instruction is given beginners by more experienced club skiers.

Families on Skis at Home on Mt. Tom

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BURLINGTON — The family that plays together, stays together — and skiing together is included for families in the Racine Ski Club at the club's 20 acre site at Mt. Tom, four miles east of Burlington.

The club, which was formed in 1958, was originally a ski-jumping club, but as families began to join downhill skiing was added. The 20 acres of woods and hills at Mt. Tom were purchased in 1947 and that site has been the home of the Racine Ski Club ever since.

Presently there are 61 memberships in the club, which includes mostly families. The group has a waiting list of families wanting to join.

Built New Hut

Because it is a family project family members join together to work for the betterment of the club. After the original warming hut burned down in March 1969, everyone pitched in to build a new one.

Members work all year to keep up the grounds and the hills and before the winter season starts the hills are cleared of all rocks and made ready for skiing.

Year-around facilities for picnics are available to the families and future plans include enlarging of a pond for summer water sports. The club also plans on rebuilding its ski-jump next fall.

The new warming hut has a round open fireplace to warm chilled fingers and toes and houses a refreshment stand which some of the mothers help operate.

Included on the slopes are two rope ski-tows and a "bunny" hill for beginners. Free instruction is provided for those just starting out. The 20 acres also includes cross country trails and hills for sleds and saucers for the youngsters.

According to Mrs. Thomas Harris of 619 Walton Ave., Racine, secretary of the club, the only requirements to join are the love of having fun with your family and the urge to ski.

Mrs. Harris said, "I moved here from Virginia about a year ago. There we had to drive to Pennsylvania to do our skiing but here my whole family enjoys it every week-end there is snow." She added that her five children, from ages 5 to 17, all enjoy the family outings.

Aids Beginners

Mrs. Richard R. Clausen of 1637 Boyd Ave., Racine, a member of the club for more than 25 years gives instructions to beginners. "We have some youngsters two years old already standing on skis and trying their luck at going down small hills," Mrs. Clausen said.

Most of the members are from Racine, but there are also members from Burlington, Union Grove, Kansasville, Waterford and Milwaukee. A junior club practices jumping every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights, at the ski jump at Washington Park in Racine. When the jump at Mt. Tom is repaired it is again planned to hold jumping tournaments there.

Other officers of the club are Richard R. Clausen, president; Jack McConnell of Route 1, Box 176, Kansasville, vice president; and Ron Kovara of 4134 Manhattan Drive, Racine, treasurer.



Groups of inexperienced skiers awaited their turn for a ride up the rope tow. There are slopes for beginners and more advanced participants at the club's favorite winter sports area.

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