



THE MEN BEHIND the new Boston Mills Ski Area, now finishing up construction details on Riverview Rd., are developers Tom Kelsey (right), 18117 Clifton Blvd., and George Velassis of Detroit. Kelsey will be manager.

3 New Ski Slopes Hour from Square

By BILL HUGHES

Ohio opens the skiing season this year with five new ski areas for a total of eight public slopes in a state once thought to be flatter than a frying pan.

Two T-Bar service the main area within an hour's drive of Public Square. The others, not much further. Here's a capsule report to start the season:

BOSTON MILLS Ski area at Riverview and Boston Mills Rds. in Peninsula will have eight slopes on 120 acres in the Cuyahoga River Valley.



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Three T-Bars and eight rope tows will haul skiers up so they can come down slopes as long as 1600 feet. Modern snow-making machinery will provide what nature doesn't.

Boston Mills will be open seven days a week from 9 a. m. to 11 p. m. A new lodge with cafeteria, ski shop and plenty of rental equipment will service the area.

BRANDYWINE SKI area will be operated by Harold Stoneman, who opened Mont Chalet. His new area is located in Sagamore Hills on Highland Rd., just west of Rt. 8.

The 243-acre site will have slopes for all skiers with runs of 1200 to 1400 feet.

Two T-Bars service the main area while two rope tows take novice skiers uphill on the bunny beginners' slopes.

Like Boston Mills, Brandywine will be open daily and provide night skiing also. Snow-making machinery covers the entire area.

ALPINE VALLEY is a 100-acre site at Fowler's Mill, in Geauga County, on Rt. 322, four miles east of Rt. 306. Three major slopes up to 1500 feet and several wide gentle slopes await skiers.

The area will be operated by Larry O'Sickey, Greater Cleveland slalom champion. He will also direct the ski school besides conducting a weekly racing clinic each Wednesday.

CLEAR FORK Valley, in Butler, 15 miles southeast of Mansfield, opens its first season with a 2600-foot chairlift, T-Bar, J-Bar and rope tow. It has seven runs up to 3500 feet.

Facilities include snow-making equipment, lodge, cafeteria, lounge bar and ski shop operated by the Halle Bros. Co. It'll be open daily until 10 p. m.

SHADY SPRINGS, the fifth new area to open this year, is located near Columbus and is less convenient to Clevelanders than the four others.

Snow Trails at Mansfield, Ohio's original and first ski slopes and Geauga's Mont Chalet, Greater Cleveland's first area, have many improvements this winter and will each be more popular than ever.

Ohio's final ski area, Valley High, near West Liberty is a fine area but better highways put Western New York and Pennsylvania closer in driving time.

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