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SKI SCENE AT GARSON HILL TOW SUNDAY AFTERNOON

... 80 skiers used the tow Sunday ... others climb for exercise.

Garson Hill, rinks busy on weekend

Not many children received new skates this year from Santa Claus, according to the scene at the McMeeken Centre.

A spokesman from McMeeken Centre told The

Star Tuesday that while they were recording crowds of over 400 and 500 people daily before Christmas, the crowds have dwindled down to smaller groups. On December 28, only 33 people skated. On Dec. 23 and 26, approximately

60 skaters took advantage of the ice surface. On Sunday, Dec. 27, 211 people turned out.

Sunday at the McMeeken Centre and the Memorial Gardens is the day when many people go skating with their families and some even

dare to try it again after several years have slipped by.

At the Memorial Gardens on Sunday after Christmas, 177 people came to skate. The day before, Saturday, a crowd of 124 people skated during the one session. On Monday afternoon, 57 avid fans had the entire rink to themselves.

The McMeeken Centre now has its new heating unit installed and in running order so the ice surface is good most of the time.

McMeeken Centre has skate patrols on the ice all the time, watching that no one breaks rules or skates dangerously. Police officers are asked to come when the centre is expecting a large rush such as busy Sundays.

Approximately 80 skiers used the tow at Garson Hill on Sunday, December 27. This doesn't take in the number of people who don't use the tow. The hill has been operational for several days now and they have had a good crowd out on the weekend.

Nightskiing can be had at Garson Hill again this year. The tow hours are 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. from now until January 3. It will change again for the regular skiing season.

On January 9, children's ski instruction will begin and an adult's course will start January 19, at Garson's Hill.



BRIAN CAIN AND STEVEN DUNN GET ACTION

... on a red plastic saucer, at Garson Hill Monday.



MONDAY