

Challenge Even to Expert Ski Area at Waupaca Expanded, Improved

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WAUPACA — A hill with a "challenge" is the way Ray Hemingson, general manager, describes the newly remodeled ski hill of Waupaca Chain O'Lakes Ski Corp. on U.S. 10 three miles northwest of Waupaca.

Hemingson, who has scouted many of the ski hills in and out of Wisconsin, is a geologist by hobby. His knowledge of the lay of the land and use of a hired bulldozer will offer skiers of all ages and degrees of skill an opportunity to satisfy their appetites.

The ski club is actually only two years old, although there has been a downhill ski slide on "Hemingson Ridge" since about 1945. The 1945 effort consisted of cutting a swath 10 feet wide down the steep hill.

With only a few active skiers in the area, the narrow hill was limited only to "expert" skiers. The cooperation was formed in the early winter of 1960, but became a full-fledged operation in the fall of 1961 and the first months in 1962.

Attendance Climbs

About 80 skiers visited the hill during the 1960-61 year. Last year's attendance climbed to 1,200.

The main hill has been widened to about 120 feet to the 350-foot wide bottom. It has a 1,000-foot run with 225-foot vertical drop.

As an added challenge for the top skiers of the area, Hemingson and the club have cut a contour-lined subsidiary trail west of the main hill. The new trail is lined with trees and will be a suitable test for the more advanced skiers, he said.

The hill's potential also includes the possibility of developing another trail on the east side of the present main hill and a 180-foot wide trail of about 2,000 feet on a contour run to the west of the present lanes. Hemingson said the area to the west has steep inclines on both sides and, when developed, will be another excellent hill.

1,200 Foot Top

The present main hill has a 1,200-foot-long main top line, operating at about 10 miles per hour with two-outs before the top of the hill. The first is about 300 feet from the bottom and the second is about 300 feet from the top of the hill.

There also is a 500-foot-long beginner top line operating at the lower west side of the present hill. It operates at three miles per hour to give the beginners a chance to develop their "ski legs."

Building Chalet

The club also is in the process of completing a "chalet" at the bottom of the hill as a warming house with refreshments, food and rental equipment.

The chalet is a planned two-story structure but will operate

Eggert, Kositzke Share Honors in Lutheran League

Norm Eggert carded a 247 game, and Harry Kositzke slotted a 613, including games of 273 and 233, set in the Lutheran League at Hall's Monday evening. Eggert left the alley with 1,535.

Keith Gehring fired a 225 and a 627 and Milton Ruppel had a 211 and 372. Other top scorers were Bob Ziegler, 355; Ken Nyman, 300; Norm Jockis, 260; Henry Hansmann, 225; and Oscar Radtke, 271.

A meeting of the directors soon will set the opening date of the hill. Hemingson said plans will be made to have the hill open two nights a week.



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