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Skaters' Wait for Ice Over

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To promote interest in ice skating, the local club holds meetings the first and second Wednesday of each month. As Klak explained, "We usually spend time hashing over events."

Travel arrangements, etc., often are discussed to enable the Rock Island group to be well represented at competition over a wide area of the Mid-west.

"Anyone can join," Klak emphasized. Members pay dues of from 25 cents to $1 a year, depending upon age.

Practice First

During this season, as expected, practice for meets is the number one item on the agenda during skate club meetings.

Weather permitting, three practices a week are scheduled from 5:30 until 7 p.m. each Monday, Wednesday and Friday at the Hauberg Civic Center rink.

Duane E. McLaughlin of 2354 38th St., Rock Island, serves as the club coach.

At skating meets, such as the Rock Island City Meet slated for the Hauberg ice at 1:30 p.m. on Jan. 16, events are planned to permit participation of all age groups. Generally the following official classes are recognized:

Senior class, 18 years and over; intermediate class, 16-17 years; junior class, 14 and 15 years; juvenile class, 12 and 13 years, and midget class, 10 and 11 years.

The midget class is sometimes further subdivided into an unofficial pony midget class for 8 and 9-year-olds and a ban-

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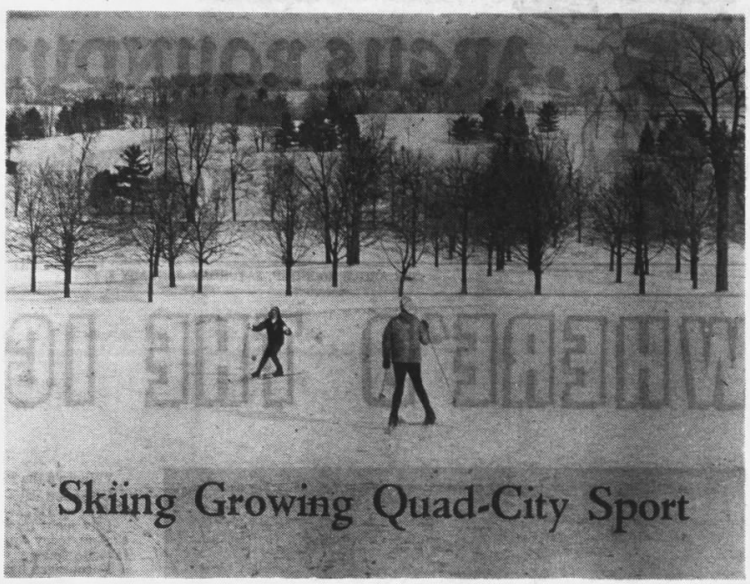

Skiing Growing Quad-City Sport

Looking for a winter wonderland where you can ski, ice skate and having a chilling, but invigorating time in the great outdoors?

Although many states and resorts spend sizable sums of money to advertise winter facilities, local residents need not leave the Rock Island-Scott County region to find some fine areas for winter fun.

For example, in keeping with the demand for recreational sports for use during the winter, Rock Island's park and recreation department sees to it that ice skating rinks are provided at Hauberg Civic Center, Long View, Hebrew and Realtors Parks. All are lighted for night skating and are open, weather permitting.

Ski at Illiniwek

Also, skiers will find inviting slopes at Illiniwek Forest Preserve near Hampton and at Duck Creek Park within the city limits of Davenport.

In addition, although the areas are less in demand and perhaps harder to find, the Mississippi River furnishes ample space for ice fishing and ice boating.

Perhaps the most popular skiing, tobogganing and sledding tract in the region is located at Duck Creek Park. Here a gentle slope fitting for novice as well as more skilled skiers is provided along with a rope ski tow.

Those wanting to take up the sport, will find a ski school available at the Duck Creek lodge.

IN PHOTOS

Two skiers are shown above on the slope at Davenport's Duck Creek Park following the Christmas snowfall. In addition to a fine ski and sled slope, Duck Creek Park boasts a rope ski tow shown being used, left. Unfortunately soon after these pictures were taken, balmy weather caused the snow to disappear. (ARGUS Photos.)

Up North Skiing

For a change in scenery, many skiing enthusiasts from the Quad-City area trek to ski resorts in northern Illinois and Wisconsin.

Snow bunny and slalom artists take their pick from lodges to the north as near as Chestnut Mountain Lodge near Galena or from the 49 ski areas of Wisconsin.

To add to the enjoyment of Wisconsin winters, many ski resorts schedule old fashioned sleigh rides through pine scented forests, ice boating or skating, ice fishing, cross country skiing, down hill and championship jumping events, tobogganing, sledding and the thrilling new sport of snow cat racing.

Wisconsin Data

Detailed snow reports and Wisconsin ski information can be obtained from: Vacation and Travel Service, Wisconsin Conservation Department, Madison, Wis, 53701 (telephone 266-2161) or from the Wisconsin Official Vacation Center, 205 N. Michigan, Ave., Chicago, Ill, 60601 (telephone Dearborn 2-7275).

Meanwhile, for those content with staying closer to home, there's plenty of space for winter fun within walking distance.

In addition to the aforementioned Quad-City areas, sledding, tobogganing and amateur skiers can find outdoor fun at Long View Park, Indian Bluff and Loud Thunder Forest Preserves.

Augustana Art Teacher Shows Work in Indiana

Paintings by Clayton Gorder, a member of the art department faculty at Augustana College, are on exhibition in the current showing at the Sloan Galleries in Moellering Library at Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Ind.

The exhibition also features ceramics and pottery by Karl Christiansen, Davenport, formerly of Valparaiso, and Carl Sander. Christiansen and Sander are partners in a pottery at Davenport and show work at Studio 15, Quad-City art center at 2028 Kirkwood Blvd.

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