

Lansing Ski Club Adds Lift

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The Lansing Ski Club, situated next to Walnut Hills Country Club, off Lake Lansing Road, East Lansing, is "family-oriented." The club claims 500 family memberships and has a waiting list of impressive proportions.

The biggest thing going for the club in 1970 is the brand-new double chair-lift which, according to Roy Schaefer, general manager and Mark Anderson, assistant, "loads on both slides (up and down) of the top (120-foot) slope."

This, and the six rope tows, will be operating by Dec. 15. There are also five air compressors, feeding air and water into 28 "snow guns," which spray the entire area. It takes 12 hours to manufacture 3 inches of snow, Schaefer said.

There are 800 enrolled in the State Journal-sponsored Ski School, opening Jan. 4. It will be a six weeks session. The club also offers private lessons to a number of enthusiasts.

Originally, there was one portable tow, said Fred Dawe, new president, and now there are six "high-speed ones." Dawe, local architect, designed the two motor houses, cedar shakes, pointed roof, Swiss Chalet style.

STEBBINS' IDEA

C. Rowland Stebbins, local realtor, who has a "miniature" ski slope and tow in his back yard on Moores River Drive, first envisioned the Ski Club in 1946, when he "enlisted" a group of friends who enjoyed skiing together at Thompson's Hill, the present site of the club.

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In 1948 the club was formally organized at the Stebbins home. A meeting followed by about 50 skiers in the Stebbins back yard. (Rowley and three sons have skied around the world, including Colorado, Switzerland and Algeria.)

The family-oriented club, getting more socially-oriented too, as it grows. There was a big ski-fashion show and bus on Sunday and the next event, a cocktail party, planned for Jan. 12.

From Dec. 15 on, when the ski season formally opens there will be an open snow

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