

have opened the way to inaccessible competitions.

South Dakota's Ski, Snowmobile Areas Offer A Variety Of Facilities, Activities

PIERRE — South Dakota's five ski areas, Terry Peak and Deer Mountain in the Black Hills, and Great Bear, LaCoteau, and Inkpa-du-ta in the eastern part of the state, offer skiing for the neophyte or the Olympic hopeful.

Each area is individual, and completely different from the others. Following is detailed information about the state's five ski areas:

TERRY PEAK SKI AREA was the site of the 1971 NCAA Collegiate Ski Championships, and is the highest ski area east of the Rockies. Located three miles west of Lead and six miles west of Deadwood, Terry Peak has a vertical drop of 1200 ft. and 12 trails. They are open Tuesday through Sunday, Dec. 15 to April 1. They offer lodges, food service, lounge and warming facilities. Ski rentals are \$7, lift cost is \$6.50, and ski lessons are offered at \$4 for half a day. Information on package deals is available by writing Ed Keene, 136 Sherman St., Deadwood, S.D., 57732.

DEER MOUNTAIN near Lead, has a vertical drop of 700 ft. with 14 trails. They open when the snow flies and usually close a week before Easter. They are open every day except

Monday and Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and stay open Thursday evening from 6:30 to 10 p.m. They have a cafeteria, lounge, warming facilities and ski rentals. Their ski school offers the Cliff Taylor Graduated Lengths Method and the American Technique. Packages include three-day tickets for \$14 and four days for \$17. They will have a hog dog contest in the spring.

GREAT BEAR SKI VALLEY, located one mile east of Sioux Falls, has a vertical drop of 250 feet. They are open every day from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. from Dec. 1 through March 10. They offer lodges, food service, lounge and warming facilities. Ski rentals are \$6, lift cost is \$4.50, and season passes are available for \$47.50. Ski lessons are offered at \$3 in a group. They do not have snowmobile trails. They do have snow making equipment.

LA COTEAU, near

Sisseton, has a vertical drop of 110 feet and one 2500-foot run. They are open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday from Dec. 20 to the end of March. They have warming facilities with coffee. Skiing is offered at this family-type area at no charge. There are no ski rentals or lessons offered.

INKA-DU-TA at Big Stone City has a vertical drop of 150 feet with five trails the longest 1,000 ft. in length. They are open Saturday and Sunday from 1-5 p.m. and Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 7-10 p.m., Dec. 15 to the first of March. They have a snack bar and warming facilities. Lodging is available nearby. Afternoon passes are \$2 for students and \$3 for adults. Evening skiing costs \$1 and \$2. Ski rentals are \$4; lessons cost \$2 for a one-hour group session. They offer four beginner packages on request, and hold hot dog events and slalom races on Sunday.



South Dakota ski slopes welcome visitors to their frosty vistas and crisp pine-scented air. Terry Peak and Deer Mountain in Lead, and Great Bear, LaCoteau and Inkpa-du-ta ski areas in the eastern part of the state offer mountains with ski schools, lodges, night skiing, cross country ski touring, chalets, rentals and unbound excitement.

Suitcase Comes Home At Last

SCARAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — A suitcase Mr. and Mrs. Handsaker shipped from Spain to their home here two years ago has finally come home.

"We have no idea why it took so long," Handsaker said. "We had given up hope of ever getting it back."

Handsaker said they shipped the suitcase because they became overburdened with luggage while on a tour of Europe.