

Area's Ski Tows Hum; Snow Fair to Excellent

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Ski tows are humming from La Crosse to Grand Marais. Conditions vary from fair to excellent, depending upon which areas the wandering storms have passed. To refresh the memory, and for the benefit of newcomers to the Upper Midwest, following is a partial list of local ski areas:

BARKER'S ALPS, one of the oldest local ski areas is operated by the North Star Ski club, and is open to visitors. The tow will be running on Saturday from 1 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m.

The slopes are not lighted for night skiing. The hill is about half a mile south of Bayport, across an east-west road from the Stillwater prison. There is a small chalet for warming purposes, and doughnuts and coffee are available.

NORSKI HILL, operated by Pete Denisson, will be open for business on Saturday and Sunday from noon until dark, and on Wednesday and Friday evenings. The jump has been re-

modeled and leaps of up to 100 feet are possible. Drive across the Mendota bridge, take highway 55 to highway 218, turn right on 218 and go about three miles. Signs are posted along the way.

MOON VALLEY tows will be running from noon to 6 p.m. weekdays, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, and from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. on Wednesday and Friday nights. Moon Valley is located two miles north of Shakopee on highway 12. Rental ski equipment is available in the new chalet.

THE SNOW BOWL at La Crosse, Wis., is considered by many to provide the finest skiing in a 200-mile radius of the Twin Cities. Rental ski equipment is available at the hill. The La Crosse Ski club owns and operates the large chalet and lunch counter for the convenience of visitors. The Snow Bowl is two miles east of La Crosse. Taxi service is available.

TROLLHAUGEN, Walter Peterson reports, has been greatly improved and enlarged. A ski shop and chalet are located at the foot of the hill. Drive to St. Croix Falls and from there south to Dresser. The hill is about one mile east of town.

MOUNT TELEMAR is the most extensive area in the mid-west, and includes chalet, ski shop, three ski tows, five ski trails, rental equipment and private lessons. The area is two miles east of Cable, Wis., which is about 17 miles north of Hayward.

MONT DU LAC, approximately the same distance from the Twin Cities as Cable, is situated just south of Duluth. In addition to the chalet and ski shop with rental equipment, over-night accommodations are available.

SILVERBROOK RESORT,

newest ski area, has a practice slope, main slope and lodge-type chalet. The area is three miles south of St. Croix Falls.

SKI JOTTINGS: Next to skiing when tired the best way to finish up with an injury is to jump on a tow the first thing in the morning before warming up. All expert skiers climb enough to loosen their muscles before trying any downhill running . . . The death of Jim Griffith, 22-year-old Olympic skier from Ketchum, Idaho, was a blow to American skiing. Griffith, a specialist in downhill running, was expected to place well up in the winter Olympics at Oslo, Norway . . . Jack Hughes, formerly of Moon Valley, is the new instructor at Trollhaugen . . .

The meet scheduled at Silverbrook resort this week-end has been called off . . . A new class A St. Paul Winter carnival jumping champion is assured in the 1952 event. Eau Claire's Jimmy Running, winner in 1950 and 1951 has announced he will not defend his laurels . . . The Hidden Valley ski tow is putting on a full day of winter sports activities Tuesday, profits of which will be donated to the WDGY-Sanchez Full Stocking campaign . . . Hours will be 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. Admission is \$1.

CLUB NOTES

RED WING Exchange club ice fishing contest on Red Wing bay, 1:30 to 4 p.m. and Sunday.

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Bartlett says the toughest job in gym is "to stick with it" and not to make any mistakes in competition. "If you do, it's hard to cover up," explains Ken.

As of Feb. 2 when the regular Gopher gym season opens Against Nebraska, Gopher Coach Ralph Piper figures Bartlett will do plenty of winning, cover up or no.