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Robert Boeck, Cedar Falls.



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These Iowa fields yield good skiing

SKI IOWA!
To some, who think of Iowa only in terms of corn fields and pig lots, that statement may seem ridiculous.
But Iowa offers the skier a multitude of skiing facilities—from the hills of Northeast Iowa to Humboldt, Milford and Estherville.
Twelve ski areas exist in the state, according to the Iowa Development Commission, offering slopes within a few hours drive of most any home.
For metropolitan residents, Ski Villa at Waverly, where the pictures on this page were taken, provides the closest ski area, offering five slopes and six rope tows, as well as a lodge and rental equipment.
Owner Erv Happel reports business at the Villa this year, the fifth in operation, has been good except for the recent cold spell which kept skiers indoors.

With the aid of snowmaking and grooming equipment, snow base at the Villa is 18 to 20 inches, Happel reports.
For other ski challenges in Iowa, you may wish to try one of the following:
Clear Creek Ranch, Lansing
Crescent Ski Hills, Crescent
Dixfield Sports Area, Dexter
Fun Valley, Montezuma
Holiday Mountain Ski Area, Estherville
Horseshoe Bend, Milford
Humboldt Winter Playground, Humboldt
Nor-Ski Runs, Decorah
Ski Valley, Boone
Sundown, Dubuque
Veterans Memorial Ski Area, Dubuque.
For a free listing of the facilities and fees charged at each of Iowa's ski areas, contact the Family department at the Courier.



Jerry Mundi, Waverly.

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