

Skiing in western Manitoba? You better believe it!

Around the middle of November each year, people begin to get jolly as Christmas is just around the corner. Here in Brandon—about as flat as you can get—a visit to where people just grumble when you say hello, that group has to have something going for them. They're the skiing crowd and it's one of the most popular

winter sports in the Brandon area and gaining more followers each year. Here in Brandon—about as flat as you can get—a visit to where people just grumble when you say hello, that group has to have something going for them. They're the skiing crowd and it's one of the most popular

Agassiz, located about 95 miles north of the city. Every Sunday during the winter months, hundreds of skiers head for the hills—that is, mountains. The chalet at Agassiz is just nine miles west of McCreary, the closest habitation to the popular resort. There is a 2,200-foot T-bar and two rope tows to serve the many runs at Agassiz. The slopes offer a vertical drop of over 500 feet... the greatest

of its kind in central Canada. The snow is plentiful and the season usually extends from December until April. For the arid skier, who makes regular trips to Mount Agassiz, the month just before the season begins is probably the worst. Just to rub it in, here are a few names to make you wish the snow would fall... and fast. Spruce Bowl, Raven's Flight, Whiskey Jack, West Run, Timberline.

Mount Glenorkey stands waiting for its slopes to be crisscrossed by the expected onslaught of skiers this winter. Runs are basically for the beginners and intermediates, but the advanced skier won't be left out on these slopes. One of the special features of Glenorkey is the Friday night skiing. The slopes are patrolled by the Canadian Ski Patrol.

The tows begin running at 9:30 a.m. and close at 5 p.m. between the end of December and the end of March. There are two rope tows. The slopes have a maximum length of 2,000 feet with a vertical drop of 200 feet. There is a chalet at Glenorkey where skiers can have a bite to eat and relax between runs down the slopes. Holiday Mountain in La Riviere, Manitoba, is located just 100 miles southeast of Brandon. There is a 2,000-foot T-bar and rope tows with an uphill capacity of 2,000 people per hour. Ten slopes up to 4,500 feet will give even the experienced skier second thoughts. A chalet is located at the bottom of the slope with a cafe-teria and a licensed dining room. Ski rentals are available along with lessons from qualified CSA instructors. The area is open every day of the week with night skiing Monday through Saturday from 7-10 p.m. The Canadian Ski Patrol will be present at all times to assist wherever needed or Holiday Mountain. You'll be sure to have a good time if you don't break your leg.



For the beginner, Agassiz offers an excellent slope especially for the younger set just starting this exciting sport. At Agassiz, the chalet offers full-course meals to those wishing to spend the day on the slopes. This season, the area will be open weekends and after Feb. 2, it will be open Mondays as well. For information about Agassiz, you may contact Mr. Peter Collingham, Box 330, Neepawa. Man. or Mr. Tom Kelly, Area Manager, McCreary, Man. Reduced rates are offered to charter groups, so get up a crowd and head north. Closer to Brandon—like 10 miles northwest of the city—



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