

Thank you, weatherman

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For The Sun

The weatherman cooperated with the downhill ski enthusiasts this past weekend to provide a combination of warm temperatures and good snow conditions at all of the areas that were open for skiing.

Although some areas were open on a partial basis, all skiable runs were listed in good condition. Holiday Mountain, Mark Valley, Snow Valley, Ski Valley, Thunder Hill, and Mystery Mountain are all reported to be open.

Rick Lees, owner of Agassiz Park Lodge reported excellent snow conditions and large crowds over the weekend.

Closer to home, Stony Mountain Winter Park and Springhill had to shut down their snowmaking endeavors because of the mildness, but will be starting up again today as it gets colder.

Stony Mountain's "bunny slope" is open for ski school which begins this evening while Springhill will not be open for about another week. Frostfire Mountain, N.D. and Sugar Hills Minnesota are open, but only partially. We are still awaiting a god winter blizzard to dump about two feet of the white stuff at all areas.

Holiday Mountain will host the first Alpine event of the season this weekend when the Manitoba Cup Series of Skiing takes to the slopes. It marks one of the earliest starts even for the racing circuit. Any skiers interested in competing who have not yet registered can contact the Alpine Office at 786-5641.

Local freestylers had a chance to test out their Ski Ballet routines at Stony Mountain on Sunday and provincial junior freestyle team members will be conducting free lessons on Saturdays at that area for any children interested in learning the sport.

The Winnipeg School Division will begin its evening program in downhill skiing this week and room is still available for those wishing to register. Contact Tec Voc evening school 786-1401 for information.

Unfortunately while the ski scene improved for the downhiller the opposite proved to be the case for the cross-country buff. All city parks and golf courses are in need of snow.

Only Spruce Woods and Riding Mountain provided the "skinny skiers" with an opportunity to perform.

A masters ski day is slated for Windsor Park Golf Course Dec. 16 at 1 p.m. A level 1 instructors cross-country course is scheduled to begin on Friday the 14th through Sunday the 16th. Information for registration can be obtained from Laurel Wood at the cross-country office at 786-5641.

The Warren Freestyle Ski Club is looking to expand its membership for the upcoming season. Any in-

terested Interlakers should contact Cathe or Glen McKnight 1-322-5538.

The first of five weekends of ski racing action in the Manitoba Cup Series begins this weekend at La Riviere's Holiday Mountain Ski Area.

Entry information is available through any Manitoba Ski Club or the Alpine Office at 786-5641.

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Around The Head Pin — The Major Men's five pin bowlers claim they take a back seat to no league. And can you blame them for boasting just a little when they mention Brian Born with an average of 273, Dennis Barchuk moving along at a 272 clip and John Matthews chasing both of them with a strong 271.

To prove he can still throw a good game every so often Bernie Britton finished in seventh place in his 12-game marathon and that was worth \$100. Buddy and Yellow Bird singer Bill Shadlock also made the top 10 and was worth \$50 for a ninth place finish.

Even some of the best can look very ordinary and when it really counts, too. So if you are in a slump in your bowling league just figure how Doug Wood felt bowling 163 or Jan Gledhill bowling 156 in

the Master's Finals.

Bowlers, both five and 10, will be hit for their annual donations for the Christmas Cheer Fund. The bowlers lead the way in being generous and have given literally thousands of dollars so

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