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SKI TRAILS

Good News: Tyrol Opens; 'It's Tops'

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Hear ye! Hear ye! The most joyous ski news of the season. Tyrol, 17 miles west of St. Cloud, is ready.

The new area owned by the Dean brothers, Perry, Kenny and Don, promises to develop into the complete, well-run, trail-filled area for which Twin Cities skiers have been begging.

Bob Hanson, Ken Thompson and Dick Taylor, who skied there last Sunday, already declare it the best in the Upper Midwest.

The brothers with help of Bill Thiele, Minnesota quarterback, and Johnny Dunnigan, tennis letterman, have cut since Nov. 1 six trails for experts and a wide open novice run. They cut them so that the turns are wide open and you can schuss them if you are good or stem down at a snail's pace. They have about a 900 foot run, but this is all slope with very little runout. Two rope tows and a small chalet, with lunches available in the near future service the area.

Don, who lives in St. Cloud, had been skiing on a crowded golf course type slop. Discouraged, he began scouting around for some hills. This land was pointed out to him, but cynics declared it too wooded for skiing. He and Perry climed to the top, began visualizing trails and immediately took an option on the land. They now own a large territory with numerous potentialities for developing a thriving resort area.

Fee is $1 a day. It's located west of St. Cloud on highway 52. You turn left on a country road one half a mile short of Avon, Minn., marked "Tyrol." Signs will take you to it from that point. The area will be open on week-ends and holidays.

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What you wear on the slopes may depend on what you happen to have in your closet that's warm, or it may depend on the dictates of your pocketbook.

Regardless of whether fashion or function or both determine your wardrobe, choose outer garments that are windproof, inner garments that will retain your body heat and nothing bulky to restrict your action.

Start next to your skin with longies, the wool ones in moth balls from your hunting trunk, or those with an inner layer of cotton to prevent itching and an outer layer of wool for insulation. Over those wear a sweater, or two if you won't be climbing, plus a pair of light wool and a pair of heavier wool socks. You'll be most comfortable in a good pair of downhill trousers. For them, you can pay anywhere from $17.95 to $45 for a made to measure pair.

If you can't swing those, have a pair of o.d.'s tapered, with an elastic strap to go under the instep eliminating unecessary bulk around your ankles.

Your outer jacket can be a good heavy sweater; the elaborate hand-knits are most fashionable. It can be a waterproofed wool shirt, one of the new nylon parkas, or a cotton poplin Zelan-treated jacket. Jarle Lierfollom swears by a white leather jacket in which he was doing breathtaking telemarks long before ski clothes ever hit a designing board. Although the smart tailored suits featured in the Christmas Vogue fall in the $80 on up range, they are the ultimate in fashion and function.

Leather lined outer mitts cover wool mitts on your hands. They can be the standard poplin ones or just a pair of leather outers. Wear sensible headgear for nothing can ruin your day quite as fast as aching ears and a forehead thumping from the wind.

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