

New Ski Area Opens Tomorrow in Geauga

Holiday Hideaway, Geauga County's third public ski area, will hold its official opening tomorrow.

Operated by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Reese of Munson Township, Holiday Hideaway is on Bass Lake Road, two miles south of Route 322 and approximately seven miles east of Chesterland.

"We're right in the middle of the Berkshire Hills of Geauga County," Mrs. Reese explained. "We have 150 acres for skiing, tobogganing and ice skating."

The longest ski run will be approximately 900 feet and two rope tows will service the ski slopes. Another rope tow is available for the toboggan area.

IT WILL BE open-slope skiing, as nearly all of the trees have been removed. "We didn't want to take a chance on anyone getting hurt," Mrs. Reese added. "We're after the most possible safety and believed the best way to assure this was to remove the trees."

Bill Revere and his son, Glenn, of the Cleveland Ski Club have been named co-directors of the ski school. They will teach the American technique.

Both ski and toboggan rentals are available. Lights now are being installed for night skiing.

Neither of the Reeses have ever skied, but she exclaimed, "We're going to learn." They have lived on the property for seven years.

Gauga County's other ski areas are Alpine Valley at Fowlers Mill and Mont Chalet in Chesterland.

100 Will Skate in Speed Meet

Skaters 100 strong will be whirling around the rink this weekend in the Seaway Speed-skating meet at the Towne 'N Country in Strongsville. The Ohio Skating Association is sponsoring the contest which will draw ice racers from Michigan and New York as well as Mark von Ingles of the Broadmore Skating Club, Colorado Springs, Colo.

Skaters will compete Saturday from 4 to 8 p.m. and on Sunday from 9 until 2 p.m. for trophies which have been

Hal Lebovitz, conductor of the "Ask Hal, the Referee" column is on vacation.

SKI VIEWS

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It's important to have the right length of ski poles and to hold them in the proper way. A good guage for the average recreational skier is to plant the tip of the pole into the ground up to



the basket. Then, take the normal grip at the top of the pole. If the forearm is parallel to the ground, then the pole is near perfect length.

Make certain when you grasp the handle that you slip your hand UP THROUGH the loop (as illustrated and then clamp down on the handle, gripping both the handle and the strap. This way, if you drop the pole, the strap will remain over your wrist.