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Ohio Slopes Improved, Look for Busiest Winter

By TOM PLACE

An expanded junior racing program and a state championship senior slalom at Boston Mills will headline the active Ohio ski scene this winter.

The juniors racers, under

Ohio chairman Jack Van Acker of Chesterland has grown from a handful of kids to seemingly endless lines of eager youngsters anxious to point their ski tips downhill.

Sometimes it looks as if a few of them will be smothered in their racing bibs and goggles, but that doesn't dull their enthusiasm.

THE OPENING junior race will be Jan. 6 at Alpine Valley in Chesterland, with



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coverage all winter. A T-bar and several ropes still will service three main slopes and the trails, which are cut through the maple forest.

Gary McAnaney, relocates Chris Rounds as area manager, but he is well suited for the position. He has been with the Alpine operation from the start. This year, the area will be closed weekdays until 2:30 p.m., but will be open until 10:30 a.m. Saturdays, Sundays and holidays (including the week between Christmas and New Year's) the hours will be 9 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.

You can call Alpine at (717) 385-2211, or write 10520 Mayfield Road, Chesterland.

Boston Mills

An enlarged snow making, an expanded beginners' area and more food facilities highlight the improvements at this popular ski spot. In the colorful main lodge, a sleek ski has been added and now Boston Mills will be serving evening dinners.....

There is a wide variety of terrain here, with a double chairlift servicing the main slope. Three T-bars also keep the skiers moving toward the summits of Tiger and Buttermilk slopes. Once again, Ed Baler and Ed Strube will serve as co-directors of the fine ski school.....

Boston Mills is located on Riverview Road and Boston Mills Road, just north of the Turnpike and between Routes 8 and 21. Phone 331-4322.....

Brandywine

After considerable grooming and re-shaping the slopes on this long ridge, Brandywine now has good skiing for all abilities. Two T-bars and three rope tows will handle the traffic.

Chuck Peters of Chardon, side of Alpine Valley last year, is the new area manager, while Bert Fischer again will direct the ski school. Steve Dorner is Bert's assistant. In the lodge, there is cafeteria style food service and an apres-ski lounge.....

The area is located in Sogamore Hills off Highland Road between Riverview and Brandywine Roads. It is north of the Turnpike and between Routes 8 and 21. Call (419) 882-4322, write Box 343, Northfield, O.....

Clear Fork

Norm Palmer, one of Ohio's most popular skiers, is the new general manager and he plans to add several interesting programs, such as a more active junior ski group. A special racing slope also has been cleared, so the speedsters can compete without interfering with anyone else on the hills.

Two double chair lifts and a T-bar service the main intermediate and advanced slopes, while a J-bar and a rope take care of the beginners. Austrian Arno Erath again will direct the ski school, while his wife, Stanka, will not be teaching this winter. Soon, the Erath family will be three.

Clear Fork is located at Butler, 15 miles southeast of Mansfield. Quickest route from Cleveland is Interstate 71 to Exit 13, then Route 13 to Belville and Route 77 to Butler. Phone (419) 882-2000.



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A toboggan slide and a cross-country trail have been added to this fine beginning-intermediate area in Geauga County. The slide will be approximately 400 feet in length, and there will be toboggans to rent.....

Ski school director and area manager Ferd Aster is a former cross country skier from Austria, so he has wanted to add an overland trail for several seasons. This will be the first in Ohio.

A T-bar and rope tows service the slopes. A midway chalet still is available for special parties. Mont Chalet is on Caves Road, north of Route 322 and Wilson Mills Blvd., and south of Tibbels Road off Route 4. Phone 729-8471.

Snow Trails

This is the "granddaddy" of Ohio ski areas as it started its lifts in 1961 to become the first public site in Ohio. It still is regarded as one of the leaders in Buckeye skiing.

Walter Neuron has directed the ski school right from the beginning. A colorful Swiss Dyer Barn serves as the base lodge. A double chair and T-bars handle the traffic.....

A great improvement has been made at the top of the chair. The small unloading area has been expanded so that skiers can come off the chair and ski directly to any part of the ridge along the top of the slopes.

The area is located on Passum Road, just off Exit 13 of Interstate 71. Phone (419) 322-7292.....



Doug Pfeiffer

Pfeiffer Is Back to Talk at Ski Fair

Doug Pfeiffer, editor-in-chief of Skiing Magazine, will be making a return visit to Cleveland this week-end for the annual Ski Fair at the Sheraton-Cleveland Hotel.

One of the most knowledgeable men in the sport, Pfeiffer will serve as the "master-of-ceremonies" for a number of the performances which will take place during the Fair, tonight, tomorrow and Sunday.

This will include the special ski clinics—to be given tomorrow afternoon for all juniors by Olympians Penny Pitou Zimmermann and Jean Saubert. It also includes Sunday's amputee clinic, to be given by Olympian Gretchen Fraser and amputee ski instructor Stan Zakas.

Over the years, Pfeiffer undoubtedly has tested and reported on more skis, ski boots and poles than any other individual.



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