

## Alpine Set For Big Year

In 1961 Alpine Valley turned its compressors on to make snow and sold its first ski ticket. Skiers had a choice of two T-bars or one of several rope tows. When Alpine Valley opened for its 10th season, skiers had the choice of one of seven chairlifts that service over 45 acres of skiing slopes.

Snowmaking capacity has been increased by 50 per cent with the installation of a new compressor. A September fire destroyed the old equipment.

A fifth addition in 10 years to the Alpine Valley lodge during the summer provides skiers with more lockers and a more convenient, faster method to purchase tickets.

Whether advance skier or beginner, the new, entirely separate beginners ski area is a welcome improvement. Beginners have an ample area in which to learn without obstructing downhill skiers. This special area is served by six rope tows.

DAVE DELPIERRE, manager at Alpine Valley, expects a record 125 to 150,000 skiers to visit the area this winter. Of this number, 40,000 or more will rent equipment; hundreds will enjoy the nightly entertainment in the cocktail lounge; and nearly 25,000 will enroll for one or more ski lessons.

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## Snowmobile Trails On State Lands

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#### STATE PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS

1. PORCUPINE MOUNTAINS
2. STRAITS
3. TAHOUEMNON FALLS
4. HARTWICK PINES
5. LUDINGTON
6. NORTH HIGGINS LAKE
7. PETOSKEY
8. RIFLE RIVER
9. WILDERNESS
10. ALGONAC
11. BALD MOUNTAIN
12. BRIGHTON
13. DOGUE NO. 4
14. HIGHLAND
15. HOFFMASTER
16. HOLLY
17. JONIA
18. ISLAND LAKE
19. MUSKEGON
20. ORTONVILLE
21. PINCKNEY
22. PONTIAC LAKE
23. PORT CRESCENT
24. PROUD LAKE
25. ROCHESTER-UTICA
26. SLEEPY HOLLOW
27. VAN BUREN
28. WARREN DUNES
29. WATERBURY
30. YANKEE SPRINGS

#### STATE FORESTS

1. STAGER
2. BRULE ISLAND DAM
3. FOREST ISLANDS
4. SAND PLAINS
5. CHERRY RIDGE
6. HIGH ROLLWAYS
7. SEUL CHOIX POINT
8. BIG KNOB
9. FIRE LINE
10. CHEBOYGAN-BLACK MOUNTAIN
11. INDIAN RIVER
12. WOLVERINE
13. ELK COUNTRY
14. HAWK LAKE
15. GRAYLING-LOVELLS
16. SKYLINE
17. WEST HIGGINS LAKE
18. STRATFORD-GRASS LAKE
19. BOARDMAN VALLEY
20. BETSIE RIVER
21. LITTLE MANISTEE MOTOR SPORT TRAIL
22. TIN CUP MOTOR SPORT TRAIL
23. LINCOLN HILLS MOTOR SPORT TRAIL
24. OLD SHEEP RANCH
25. MUSKRAT LAKE
26. PRUDENVILLE AREA
27. OCEANVIEW HILLS
28. SEVEN MILE HILL
29. MOLASSES RIVER

#### STATE GAME AREAS

1. BARRY
2. DANVILLE
3. FLAT RIVER
4. GOURDNECK
5. MINDEN CITY
6. MURPHY LAKE
7. PORT HURON
8. ROGUE RIVER
9. SHIAWASSEE RIVER
10. ALLEGAN

Michigan snowmobilers this season will again find facilities to put them on the "right track" at state forests, parks, and game areas shown on this map. Awaiting them at state forests in northern Michigan are 30 permanent trails which wind through about 700 miles of scenic backwoods country. For state park goers, there are 25 other snowmobile trails which will route powersledgers over 130 miles of outdoor splendor. Also in the offering are good-sized "scramble" trails for snowmobilers at Porcupine Mountains State Park, Brighton Recreation Area, Dodge 4 State Park, Piquet Lake Recreation Area, and Waterloo Recreation. When snow cover is deep enough (4 inches or more), snowmobilers may also scout over 10 scramble sites covering about 20,000 acres in these state game areas: Allegan, Shiawassee River,

Dansville, Gourdneck, Minden City, Murphy Lake, and Rogue River. They will find 50 miles of marked trails at Barry, Shiawassee River, Flat River, Port Huron, and Rogue River state game areas. Powersledgers may gain more information on snowmobile trails at state forests and parks by obtaining free directories for those areas through the Department of Natural Resources' Publications Room in Lansing. They also may request free individual maps of state forest and state park trails through that same office. Those seeking individual maps of scramble areas and snowmobile trails at state game areas should contact the DNR's Wildlife Division in Lansing. Because of limited supplies, the DNR is urging snowmobilers to request maps for only those few particular areas in which they are really interested.

## 600 Of Nation's Top Drivers Compete In Snowmobile Races

Snowmobile buffs from metropolitan Detroit and surrounding areas will have their first taste of big time racing beginning Friday over the half-mile strip at Northville Downs.

The program is scheduled to continue over a span of three days and nights with guaranteed purses of \$50,300 from the sponsoring GMS Corporation.

It marks the first time a major snowmobile racing program has been presented in the area and more than 600 of the Midwest's most expert drivers will compete for a share of the largest pot of gold ever offered for such racing.

A special feature of the three day program will be a celebrity race between TV weatherman Sonny Eilert and Jerry Chiappetta, popular outdoor writer and TV commentator.

The race is slated for 1 p.m. Sunday and the two will go around the track five times.

RACING IS SLATED to start at 6:30 p.m. Friday with class A and B "powder-puff" events as well as class AA and C and D. All qualifying races will be either three or five laps. Between 12 and 15 machines will qualify for the finals in each of 14 classes.

Qualifiers also will be held from noon to 4:30 p.m. Saturday and again in the evening from 6 to 11:30 p.m. A total of \$6,200 in prizes

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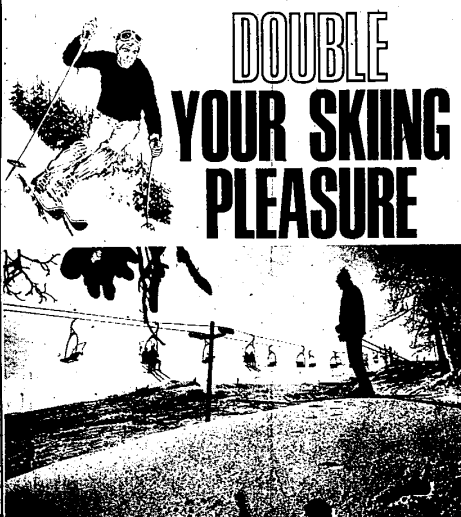
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## Ski Heil

By

**BILL CAMERON**

Remind me not to go skiing during the vacation period again. If the other areas were anything like Mt. Brighton and Alpine Valley, there had to be three skiers for every square foot of snow!

It is not only frustrating waiting in lifelines, but also downright dangerous with too many young skiers out of control and who enjoys getting knocked down every five minutes.

Which brings me to the article in last week's paper, quoting Othmar Schneider, I've known Othmar for several years and I'm sure he had his "tongue in his cheek" from some of the remarks that he made.

I DO AGREE with him that there are more good skiers in the Midwest than anywhere else. But when he said that the average youth of run, challenge and snow conditions in Europe and the Rockies are no better than any of the Boyne Country areas—wow!

He went on to say that "by the time a skier gets to the top of a European mountain and ready to ski he has only about three to four hours of skiing in very thin air left."

Compare that to Boyne Mountain where you can get in about 50 runs a day, none longer than a 1/2 mile of course, but think of all the fun you have taking 49 rides on the chairlifts. Those two to five mile runs in Europe just don't compare!

I think the most humorous statement was how the mid-American skier will make more turns (what else can he do), be more conscious of style and form (what he really meant was "more conscious of life and limb") and more courteous and considerate of other skiers on the hill. Oh, how I wish that were true.

HE DOES MAKE some good points though. The slopes in Michigan are well groomed; they are also well groomed in European resorts; and they do rake,

drag, chop and grind the crust and ice.

I haven't seen sheets of ice and boiler plate in Europe so I can't contradict that statement. It does take time to become a good skier and everyone should take lessons from a certified ski instructor. On that we both agree.

Midwest skiers can ski anywhere in the world. They have labored under the most adverse conditions of anywhere in the country, i.e. short runs, questionable snow conditions, short vertical drop, crowds. Once they overcome the initial fear of being on top of a mountain 10,000 feet high, they can handle anything.

Othmar is a cool character. He is not only the Director of the ski school at Boyne Mt., he is also director of the ski school in Portillo, Chile, and owns a hotel in Zurs (or Lechi Austria. Not bad, eh?)

P.S.: Don't forget to register for Ladies Ski Day today and tomorrow at the Livonia Family Y, 1423 Stark Road. Everyone is welcome.



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