

## For the sport

With leisure time accounting for a good deal of one's waking hours, sporting goods loom as a sensible idea for Christmas gift giving. The range of possible presents covers many sports and all budgets.

Obviously, sporting goods equipment quickly comes to mind, but the other possibilities are almost

Skiing experts point out that, in addition to equipment and clothing available for downhill, cross country or bunny hill enthusiasts, it is possible to "give" a ski trip to someone special for Christmas. Some ski shops even have limited travel bureau facilities to arrange for trips to better known snow capitals.

Gift certificates are available for the non-skier who wants to give a skier friend a holiday present to insure a proper fit for important equipment such as skis and boots. Certificates also are available for ski lessons and a local ski shop offers a plan for one free lesson to its customers.

Winter, sports enthusiasts will have a better opportunity to find the equipment they're interested in including gear for ice skating, hockey and tobogganning. Footballs, volleyballs, basketballs, gym

equipment, athetic shoes, training clothing and other items also are fairly easy to find, but it might take some extra effort to find baseball gloves, bats and balls.

The tennis boom, along with the large number of indoor courts, makes that sport a year-round activity. If you can't find racquets, balls and other paraphernalia at your local department store or sporting goods shop, try the proshop at the local racquet clubs. A gift membership in a racquet club also would make a nice present, depending on your budget limita-

For fans, rather than particpants, there are posters of sports heroes and travel-like shots of people schushing down the slopes or gliding along the ice. All kind of games, ranging from those that require a keen mind to those that involve quick action, are available. These include strategy games, electric football and air hockey, among the favorites.

Fans also might prefer sports books, ranging from the as-told-to autobiographies of the players, how-to-play-the-game reports, indepth studies of various sports and personalities, to the history books

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