

Popularity Of Skiing Grows In Klamath Basin

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Area Slopes Offer Plenty Of Opportunity For Skiers

Skiing in Klamath Basin, and surrounding areas, is taking its rightful place in the spectrum of sports. If not the king of winter sports, it ranks among the best.

Heavy snowfall this winter has helped to create a winter wonderland, providing outdoor sports enthusiasts ample opportunity to participate in their favorite sports, but the weather has not been overly kind to skiers during the winter months just passed.

Some of the area slopes were blocked by snow slides, some by lack of consistent snowfall, and others by too much at one time. Still, the skiers have been out, and from all indications, skiing in Klamath Basin is celebrating one of its better years.

An indication of activity on the slopes is depicted pictorially on this page. For the benefit of the unfamiliar, the photographs are identified as follows: Clockwise, left to right starting with upper left-hand photo at top of page.

Upper left: Ken Hoback, Central Point; Chubbie Spero, Klamath Falls; and Frank Rudiger, Idelbyl Park; survey the slopes at Mt. Ashland, in preparation for the Feb. 25-27 Skiasta program.

Upper center: Students at Lakeview's Warner Canyon Ski Slopes, take advantage of good snowpack to gain instruction in the finer arts of skiing.

Upper right: Mrs. Kjell (E) canor) Bakke, left, and Mrs. Everett (Pat) Leach, whose husbands are well known in

the sport of skiing, work as official scorers for junior races at Tomahawk Ski Bowl near Klamath Falls.

At right: Lakeview's fabulous Jean Saubert skis downhill with the grace of a bird in flight, as she demonstrates the skill that earned her worldwide recognition and Olympic medals. She is shown here while skiing at Bachelor Butte, near Bend.

Lower right: Another view of the popular Warner Canyon slopes at Lakeview. Hundreds of Lakeview area skiers swarm to these slopes at the sign of the first snowfall, and none depart until late in the spring.

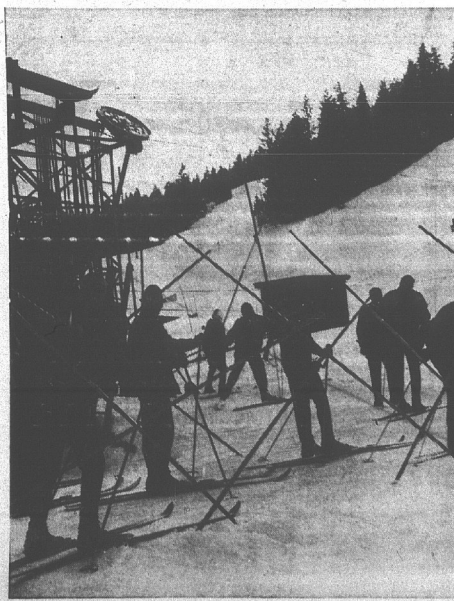
Bottom center: The Jim Bunting family, Klamath Falls, enjoys skiing as a family. Pictured here, Jim and his wife Phyllis take instruction along with sons Jim and Brad, and daughter Cindy. Brad is 9, Cindy, 8, and they respond to skiing instructions from coach Ralph Bilyeu like fish to water. This instruction took place at Tomahawk Bowl, site of

many happy hours for skiers. Lower left: Skiers stand in line at Tomahawk ski tow, for ride to top of hill. Several hundred persons each week make the 25-mile jaunt to Tomahawk, spending all day on the popular slopes.

Photo at left: The identity of this adventurer is unknown, but from the height he is skiing, it's obvious he knows what he's doing. The photo was taken on Mt. Ashland, one of the newest and most popular skiing resorts in Southern Oregon.

Photo center: Skier surveys beginner and intermediate slopes at Mt. Ashland. Peak at center of photo is 7,500 feet high.

These photographs, and others published in the Herald and News throughout the year's help to depict the variety of activities available to the resident and the tourist. Without a doubt, the Klamath Basin is one of the finest recreation lands in the fabulous Pacific Northwest.



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