

\$125,000 profit last year

Glen Eden ski rates go up

Despite making a profit in excess of \$125,000 during last winter's skiing season, Halton Region Conservation Authority will be raising rates at Glen Eden ski area for the 1978-79 season.

HRCA's conservation areas information education advisory board last week recommended an increase in lift rates for students, in season passes for individuals and families, and in package rates for groups. Adult weekend and holiday rates and adult and student weekday evening rates will remain the same as last year.

Good skiing weather and the new chairlift attracted skiers to Glen Eden, located in Kelso conservation area, last winter, said Bill Warwick, director of conservation services. But the possibility of incurring an operating deficit during a poorer season and the need to keep on top of higher operating costs necessitates an increase in user rates.

Raising student rates is consistent with a trend in most ski areas to make no distinction between adult and student rates, Mr. Warwick reported.

Glen Eden attracts almost all the groups it can handle — some 1,200 children converge on the area Saturdays for lessons — so the authority can't look at increased volume as a means of maintaining profit from group deals, he said.

Evening skiing is popular but weekday afternoons have been less busy. The authority hopes to attract more skiers to Glen Eden at these times and will be mounting a display at the Toronto and Hamilton ski shows again this year.

In addition to routine maintenance costs for the ski operation additional expenditures will be required this fall to overcome corrosion of underground pipes causing problems with the snow-making system. The cost of this measure is not yet known.

Student lift rates for weekend and holiday skiing have increased by one dollar to seven dollars for a full day, and five dollars for a half day, in the coming season. Adult rates for weekends and holidays will stay at eight and six dollars for full and half days

respectively; junior rates at five and three dollars.

Weekday afternoon lift rates have increased by 50 cents to \$4.50 for adults and students alike; to \$3.50 for juniors.

Adult and student weekday evening rates will stay at six dollars while the junior rate goes up by 50 cents to \$4.50. Season's passes for adults have been set at \$140, \$10 more than last winter; for students at \$110, also a \$10 increase; for juniors at \$75, a five dollar increase.

Family passes for the season will cost \$140 for the first member, \$110 for the second and \$50 for each additional member under 18 to a maximum of \$310 per family. The total increase for a family season's pass is \$20 over 1977-78.

Depending on the package, group rates will be increased from 25 cents to 50 cents per person.

Although there were some complaints last year from season's ticket holders who were disgruntled at the delay in completion of the chairlift, the board took a dim view of offering a discount to last year's pass holders. Rates will be applied equally to all skiers.

The increases go before the full authority for approval at its next meeting, Aug. 31.



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