

You can still head for the slopes

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The unusual absence of snow hasn't stopped thousands of enthusiastic ski buffs from hitting the slopes this winter.

Only the introduction of snow-making machines saved the lucrative business from a disastrous year, however, skiing enthusiasts having trouble finding snow have to look no further than nearby Milton's Glen Eden.

Artificial snow covers the slopes making it much different from green pastures of surrounding areas.

Coffingwood's Blue Mountain and Georgian Peak's are only an hour away. Both are running smoothly and reporting good conditions daily. The devoted skier has no problem in finding snow.

Once snow has been discovered the skier has to either own his own equipment which can be astronomically expensive or rent some from the resort pro shops. Buying guarantees that the skier gets quality merchandise. A beginner can pick up a ski package including poles, bindings and skis for a mere \$200. If the amateur skier intends to ski with ski boots he can pick up a pair for as little as \$50.

Experienced skiers or amateurs with lots of money, can purchase boots as high as \$130. Excluding the accessories such as gloves, hat and various waxes, a beginner can spend upwards to \$250.00. This doesn't include tow fees and lessons that a starter should have.

Daily tow fees can vary in price but are usually around \$10 a day. Lessons can cost a person up to \$15 for one hour.



These prices can change according to what the skier wants. The prices are somewhat lower for half day tow fees and group rates are given for lessons.

If the beginner is not interested in spending a small fortune for equipment he may never use, then he can always rent the necessary material. Although this may sound like the easy way to go skiing, don't be fooled. Daily rentals can cost \$10 a day. This may sound reasonable but the skier is never sure of the quality of the equipment he is renting. A 'rookie' skier doesn't know the difference between an expensive pair of Rossignol skis from a pair of barrel staves.

The feeling of the wind whistling through your hair and the crisp cold air ringing through your head will probably explain why people of all ages spend a lot of money and take a lot of time looking for the ideal hill to race down.

While cross-country skiing tends to be less expensive, a person starting out could still spend a fair bit of money.

Cross-country packages can run anywhere from \$69 to \$114. These packages include boots unlike the similar downhill packages.

The Terra Cotta conservation area which usually offers cross country trails is not operating due to the lack of white stuff.

"We're still waiting for the snow," said Gerry Docks, an employee from the Conservation area. "We're open but we are not operating," he added.

So cross country enthusiasts will have to wait until the flurries begin to start flying. If they ever do start.

Maloney hat-trick

Rick Maloney scored three goals Tuesday night to lead Royal Pizza to a 5-1 victory over Huff 'n Puffers tying the season series at two games a piece and also to deadlock them in a first place tie in the southern division of the Wellington-Dufferin-Halton Non Contact Hockey Association.

Despite the score, it was a

close game if it featured outstanding goaltending by Royals' Mark Hulme. This shutout bid was foiled early in the third period on a goal by Brian Quinn from John Kavanagh with Royals leading 3-0. Mike Marshall tallied for Royals from Ian Crichton mid-way through the period and Brian Maguire finished out the scoring with four

Georgetown battle

Greg Parker fired three goals and Merv Klein scored twice and added an assist to lead Hawaiian Tropics to a 6-1 victory over Royal Pizza Friday in a make-up game in Wellington-Dufferin-Halton

minutes remaining. Mark Riddell also set up two of Maloney's goals and also Maguire. Mike Marshall assisted on the other goal.

Non Contact hockey action.

After a scoreless first period Tropics took a 2-0 lead after the second on goals by John McNally and Klein from Monkton, Klein and Mitchie.

Royals played probably their worst period of the year in the third, allowing the three goals by Parker and one by Klein. Assisting on these goals were Jamie Morris, Boure, Ewart, Monkton and McNally.

Brian Maguire scored the lone Royals' goal on a beautiful individual effort from Rick Maloney and Jack Pignatelli.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Corporation of the Town of Halton Hills have been approached by Herbert H. Hinton, 24 Park Avenue, Acton, to indicate his desire of making a gift of his home and land at 24 Park Avenue, to the Town, to form a part of the adjacent municipal parkland (Prospect Park), and to be used for future park purposes.

Mr. Hinton has indicated that the former Town of Acton and its residents have been the avenue through which many of his and his former wife's life enjoyments have been realized, and now he wishes to show his appreciation in this fashion.

In return for his gift, which would be subject to a municipal tax free life tenancy, Mr. Hinton has requested that a memorial plaque be placed at the site in honour of his late wife, and also that the park be renamed from "Prospect Park" to "Hinton Park".

The Council will be giving consideration to this offer at their regular Council meeting on February 18th, 1980, at 7:30 p.m. Any citizen wishing to submit considerations on this matter is invited to do so by contacting the Clerk's office, Administration Building, Trafalgar Road (877-5185), Halton Hills.

Any submissions will be brought to the attention of the Council to assist in their deliberations. All submissions will be considered confidential by the municipality.

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