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Leeming moving on after nearly a quarter of a century teaching people at Glen Eden

Long-time skier's time as operator of ski, snowboard school nearly over

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A visit to Glen Eden Ski and Snowboard School reveals little to the average skier of the great co-ordinating efforts required with such a huge staff and so many students.

It all looks so, well, smooth. But a little digging reveals a definite team effort from the more than 200 staff members. And at the helm of that team, making sure there are as few glitches as possible, is Doug Leeming, director of Glen Eden Ski and Snowboard School.

After 24 years of watching the school become what it is today, Mr. Leeming will leave at the end of this season, moving on to another business within the ski industry.

"It's a mixed bag," he said, referring to his feelings about leaving.

Conservation Halton announced about a year ago that it was going to take over the Glen Eden Ski and Snowboard School, no longer concessioning it out to Leeming Recreations Ltd.

Mr. Leeming said Conservation Halton offered him a job, but he declined, preferring to remain independent.

The Glen Eden Ski and Snowboard School is a seven-day-a-week operation, offering lessons to students on school trips, as well as private lessons and group lessons for adults and children.

Mr. Leeming said his days are often 14 hours long, filled with training staff and teaching and supervising lessons. But he's not complaining. Simply observing skiers — both children and adults — enjoying themselves at the school gives Mr. Leeming great pleasure, he said.

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He said he has enjoyed watching the school develop into what he called a nationally-recognized school. He cites the quality of the staff and the number of lessons — more than 60,000 each season — as a few of the reasons the school is known across Canada.

"We started with six full-time employees and 25 part-time employees, and developed it into what it is today," he said.

When the school first opened, only skiing was offered. Six years ago, snowboarding was added.

Mr. Leeming began skiing in college. He said he enjoyed working with people in the ski industry, so he began to consider a career within that.

He reached level four, the highest level, with the Canadian Ski Institution Alliance (CSIA), and became highly involved with the group. After being CSIA vice-president, he then became president. In all, he was on the national board for 12 years.

Now that his time at Glen Eden is nearly finished, Mr. Leeming has just one thing left to say: "I'd like to thank all (the students) for their commitment to the program. And to the hundreds of staff, thank you for your dedication. I'll definitely miss the camaraderie with the staff."



Photo by GRAHAM PAINE
Doug Leeming will soon bid farewell to staff and students at Glen Eden after 24 years of instructing at the local ski and snowboard site.

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Tuesday, February 11th	Wednesday, February 12th	Thursday, February 13th	Sunday, February 16th	Monday, February 17th
5 & 7:30pm Plugged In! Early Week Edition	5 & 7:30pm Plugged In! Early Week Edition	5 & 6pm Plugged In! Early Week Edition	5,6,7:30pm Plugged In! Late Week Edition	5,6,7:30pm Plugged In! Late Week Edition
5:30pm Seniors Showcase (15th Anniversary Special)	5:30pm Kid Connection	5:30pm Osler Health Connection	5:30pm Faces Bowser/Hagevik	5:30pm The issue is...
6:30pm Optimist TV Bingo (Live)	6:30pm Swap Talk (Live)	6:30pm Main Street	6:30pm Seniors Showcase (15th Anniversary Episode)	6:30pm Faces Bowser/Hagevik
8pm Halton Hills Council (Feb 3)	7pm People Speak (Live)	8pm Halton Region Council (Feb 12)	8pm Main Street	7pm Money Week
	8pm Seniors Showcase (15 Anniversary Special)			8pm SportsZONE Live