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Dagmar Ski Resort opens \$200,000 triple ski lift

STOUFFVILLE — Skiing conditions were perfect on Saturday when Dagmar Ski Resort opened its new triple-chair lift for the first time. Overnight, snow had fallen, to a depth of 10 centimetres, and was continuing to do so as the press and television media gathered for the

official opening. They were hosted by owner Gabor Marton and his charming wife, Christa, who spared no effort to make everyone at home.

On cutting the ribbon and declaring the new lift open, Mayor Gary Herrera of Uxbridge, wished the new project well.

The new lift represents an investment of over \$200,000 which, according to Mr. Marton, will take a minimum of five years to recoup or perhaps longer if future winter ski conditions are disappointing.

Manufacturer of the new equipment is a Canadian company; Skyway Engineering of Kitchener. "Skyway" also has the distinction of having supplied and maintained all other ski lifts on the Dagmar property. Approximately thirty six hours prior to the opening, it was

discovered that a defect had occurred during the test running of the machine and technicians worked for twenty-four hours so as to have the lift operational on opening day.

It was immediately clear that the introduction of the new facility overcomes the problem, echoed by so many skiers, that of having to wait in line, for unnecessarily long periods, so as to get back up the hill.

Although Saturday was an exceptionally busy day it is quite obvious that there will be very little waiting around in future, due to the vast carrying capacity of the new lift, which seemed to clear the waiting area with amazing rapidity.

First skiers up were Mr. and Mrs. Harold Umbach of Scarborough who are members of Dagmar of 3 years standing. They were absolutely delighted with the new facility and feel that this is just what Dagmar needed.

Sharing the triple-chair with them was Paul Lehman, also of Scarborough, who has been a member of Dagmar for five years. He thinks that the whole idea of a triple-chair was marvellous as there was now very little, if any, waiting to get back up top and one could now spend a lot more time coming down as opposed to going up. In short he felt it was 'fantastic.'

It is interesting to note that this triple-chair lift is the only one in existence in the Eastern area of Toronto and no doubt will attract many new skiers whose main question is where to ski and not spend half the day waiting in line. The answer, of course, has been admirably answered by Dagmar Ski Resort.

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First ones up on the new Dagmar triple-chair lift were, left to right, Gerry Ernest (Toronto-Dominion Bank), Uxbridge Mayor, Gerry Herrema, and proud owner, Gabor Marton.



Not only good skiing is available at Dagmar, but a beautiful panorama is thrown in free; view from the top of the lift.

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Clippers clipped

STOUFFVILLE — Ken May's Clippers came away from Beaverton, on Tuesday evening, with their wings well and truly clipped. Beaverton jumped to a four goal lead in the first period with absolutely no reply from the Stouffville team.

It looked as if the second period was to be a repeat of the first when Beaverton netted two further goals, but then Bob Hughes, from an assist by Steve Schell, put the 'Clippers' on the board.

Third period 'Clippers' goals came from Bill Meakes, assisted by Steve Schell, and Steve Spang with an assist from Bill Meakes. This ended the 'Clippers' scoring and Beaverton pumped in one more to finalize the score 7-3.

Saturday nights game against Coburg was a hard fought battle with the 'Clippers' going down 5-3.

Coburg took a 1-0 in the first period when they intercepted a 'Clippers' pass which had somehow gone astray.

In the early part of the second, Steve Kirkland, on an assist from Bill Meakes evened the score at 1:13. Cobourg went ahead shortly afterwards but Al Sprague on a pass from Bill Meakes made it 2-2. Unfortunately before the period ended Coburg had netted two more.

However, Steve Schell on an assist from Bill Meakes, collected one more for the 'Clippers'.

Coburg scored another goal in the third period and that was how it ended.

Markham massacred

STOUFFVILLE — After a well earned Christmas break, Stouffville's Credit Union Peeewe B's registered two more wins early in the New Year.

On January 4 they handily contained Richmond Hill, in an exhibition game, with a 6-2 victory. Stouffville had tallied 6 points before

Richmond Hill broke Brent Lehman's shut out; late in the third period with two successive goals. Sharpshooters for Stouffville were Craig Vaughan, Kenny Burrows (2), Shawn Leonard (2) and Chris Doyle.

On January 6 the Peeewe B's overpowered their Markham rivals, with a hefty 9-2 upset, to

take over first place in the league standings. Stouffville had netted 5 goals before Tim MacEwens shutout was marred, by Markham, half way through the second period. However, Stouffville kept on blasting, away to add 4 more goals to their total whereas Markham could only produce one more.

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Becker's big bonanza

STOUFFVILLE — Becker's Milk Middets won the Pickering Midget Tournament on Sunday when they defeated three of the top competing teams.

On Saturday they won a very hard fought contest against a very hard hitting Bay Ridges team which ended in a 5-3 win to Stouffville. Unfortunately three of the Stouffville players suffered injuries in this game. Scorers for Stouffville were Dave McKenzie (2), Larry Fockler, Gary Carr and Ted Waite.

Pickering lost to the Stouffville boys on Sunday morning with the final score 3-1. The game

was not decided until the last 2 minutes of the final period when Scott Lippett, the Stouffville goalie, came under a lot of pressure but managed to keep the puck out of the net. With 30 seconds left Dave McKenzie put the game out of reach of Pickering. Ted Waite scored twice for Stouffville with excellent support from the rest of the team.

The Championship game, also played on Sunday, was against Port Hope who have the enviable reputation of having defeated Stouffville in every game this year.

Stouffville was at a very bad advantage in

this game as they were short four of their regular players, due to sickness and injury.

Contrary to expectations, Stouffville played superb two way hockey and defeated Port Hope 5-2. They held a 2-1 lead in the first period on goal from Gary Carr and were ahead 3-1 at the end of the second. Tony Herold gave Stouffville their two other goals in the final period.

The Stouffville team played like true sportsmen and took a minimum of penalties during the tournament. Their parents and team management have every reason to be proud of them.

Skating champions

STOUFFVILLE — Having won the Eastern Canadian Divisional Championships at St. Laurent, Quebec, earlier this month, Cindy Wilson and her partner, Glenn Buddingh, will now compete in the All Canadian Championships in Thunder Bay on January 31.

In this four day event Cindy and Glenn will be competing against the best that Canada has to offer. There will be approximately fifteen entrants in their event. The toughest opposition is expected to come from the Western part of Canada which has consistently produced top

quality 'pairs' during the last five years.

Cindy and Glenn practice ten hours a week together. In addition they each practice around five hours on their own.

Coach, Michael Bradley, who quite often asks for 'expert' outside opinion on his skaters, performance, states that Cindy and Glenn look very good together on the ice and their presentation is the best he has seen in such a young couple, who after all, have only been together for seven months.

Neither Cindy or Glenn have any preconceived ideas regarding their future in the skating world. As they were both quick to point out nearly all their time is spent, either at school or practicing for the next event. They are quite happy to take things slowly and overcome their obstacles one step at a time.

Watching them skate together, with such poise and elegance, one cannot help wonder if indeed Canada does not have future world champions waiting in the wings.

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