

# Dagmar cross-country now has luxury touch

By BLAINE KANEKO

Take in the scenic landscape, feel the invigorating winter air against your face, lose those unwanted calories, then glide back to the brand new \$400,000 chalet at Dagmar.

The resort located on Lakeridge Road, is a skiers' Nirvana.

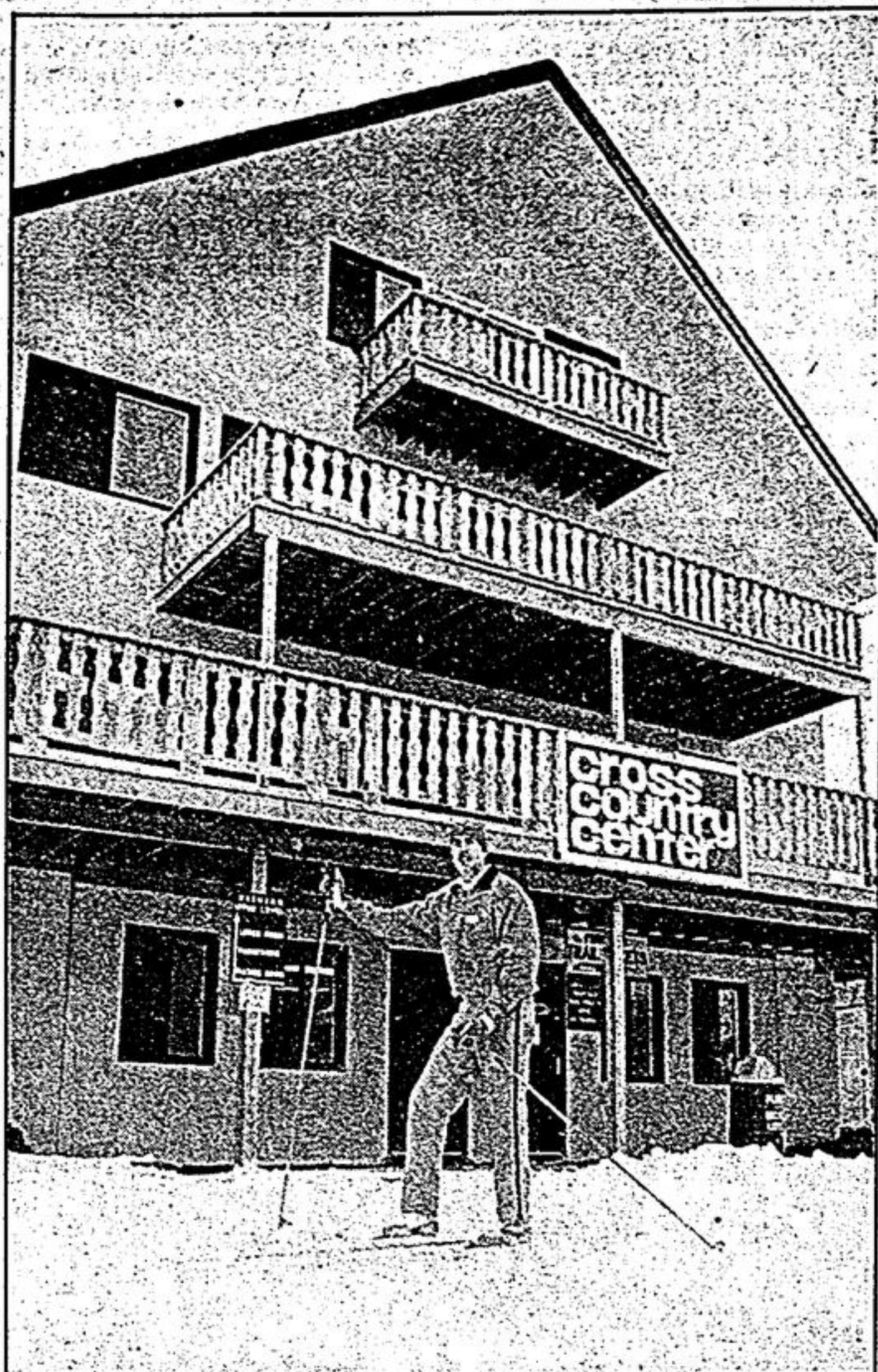
Cross-country enthusiasts no longer have to assemble their gear in the 60-feet by 12-feet shack that used to accommodate Dagmar's cross-country ski facilities. Now they have the luxury of lounging in a fully heated 4800 sq. ft. chalet, completely equipped with sundeck, snack bar, hospitality area, rental equipment centre with more than \$25,000 in new high-tech equipment, and a staff of fifteen.

Nordic Ski Director Paul Jorgensen said the construction of the chalet has been three years in the making, and because of the increasing interest in the activity, more than 100 per cent increase this year, a new facility had to be built to meet the demand.

Mr. Jorgensen said the resort has lost two to three weeks of business caused by the relatively mild winter temperatures, but it has barely stopped the resort from functioning normally. With the capacity to accommodate up to 1,000 skiers every weekend, Mr. Jorgensen said Dagmar can host more than 300 people at one time, novice and professional, to enjoy the six cross-country trails that span 600 acres.

"We offer the basic facilities here to make it more convenient for the skiers, Mr. Jorgensen said.

"We hope to do more improvements on the trails and buildings during the summer. Cross-country skiing is not a backwards sport anymore," he concluded.



To accommodate the thousands of cross-country skiers who travel the trails at Dagmar every season, the management has erected a new \$400,000 chalet. The modern structure was officially opened last week. Shown above is Paul Jorgensen, Dagmar's Cross-Country Ski Director.

## Editor's Mail

### Son thought the party was an 'open house'

Dear Editor:

As a father of one of the young people who 'crashed' the party on Geoffrey Crescent, Stouffville, Jan. 15, I'd like to offer comment.

While the gathering initially may have been planned for only a few friends, the time, date and location was by no means a secret around the High School. In fact, my son tells me it was the subject of conversation up and down the halls. He and his friends considered it an 'open house' although

he wasn't 'personally' invited.

Generally, (I'm told), the majority of kids had a good time. It was the number of kids that caused the problem. "It seemed like half the school was there," I was told.

Secondly, it appears teens around Stouffville are 'lost' for something to do on a Friday night. If there's a dance at the school, fine. If there isn't, they'll seek out any 'attraction' going.

As a responsible parent, I feel

very badly about what happened.

I'll do my best to see that it doesn't happen again. As the father of a teenage son, yourself, you will know it's not always possible to keep a rein on your kids all the time. After this, however, you can be sure I'll be checking on my son's whereabouts every Friday night.

Sincerely,  
A Concerned Father,  
Stouffville

(Name Withheld Upon Request)

### 'Crasher' expresses regrets

Dear Editor:

My name is included but I'm asking you not to print it. If you must, then don't print my letter. You know me and so do many at the High School.

I attended the party on Geoffrey Crescent, Stouffville, Jan. 15. There was a write-up about it on the front page of your newspaper, Jan. 27.

I wasn't invited, not formally.

But we thought we'd be welcome. Trouble was, everyone thought the same thing and too many turned up.

Everything would have been okay except (I think) a few brought beer. The beer plus the numbers made for 'a bad scene'.

I really feel sorry for what happened. I also feel sorry for the 'hostess'. She got more than she bargained for. I hope her parents will try and understand.

It wouldn't have been quite so bad if some of us had stayed behind and cleaned up the mess, or even gone back the next day. I didn't think about this until later. By then, it was too late.

I'm glad you didn't mention the family's name. They've suffered enough.

Sincerely,  
'Party Crasher'  
Stouffville

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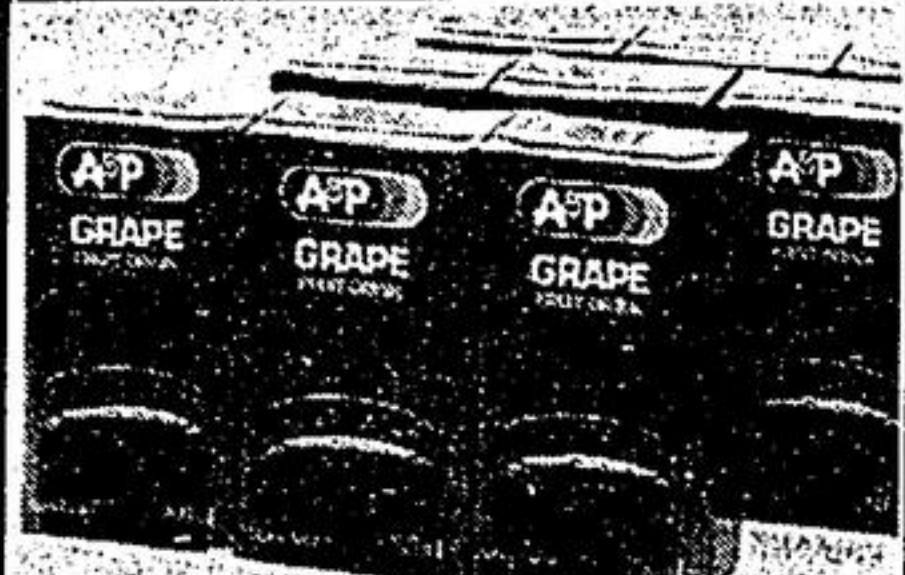
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