

# Police combat ski thefts

Crime Stoppers and Durham Regional Police are seeking the public's assistance in solving the theft of skis from area resorts including Dagmar.

Every winter, skis and poles are stolen from racks and cars, both on the hills and in parking lots.

The equipment is usually very

expensive. The majority of owners don't keep their skis locked up or even retain serial numbers for positive identification.

At Dagmar alone this past season, nine pairs of skis have been stolen.

Crime Stoppers will pay up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest of those people re-

sponsible. Informants will not be identified, neither will they have to appear in court.

The office of Crime Stoppers is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. The call numbers are 222-8477 or 1-800-387-8477. There is no toll charge even from pay phones.

## False arrest claimed

# Motorcycle gang files suit on OPP

A motorcycle club known as the Paradise Riders has filed suit in the amount of \$3,000 against the Ontario Provincial Police for malicious prosecution, false arrest and false imprisonment.

This group of bikers once operated out of a farm house on Conc. 3, Uxbridge, north of Goodwood.

A short time after leaving the premises, the 'clubhouse' burned down.

The complaint stems from a police raid last September near Barrie. Six club members were charged with weapons offenses. Four days later, charges were laid against three more.

However, the following day, all charges were withdrawn. The statement of claim says police prosecute "solely on the basis of prejudice and malice".

"They're fed up," Harry Kopyto, the bikers' lawyer is quoted as saying, "there've been too many beatings and too many phony charges. Members have had it up to here."

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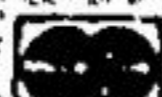
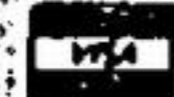
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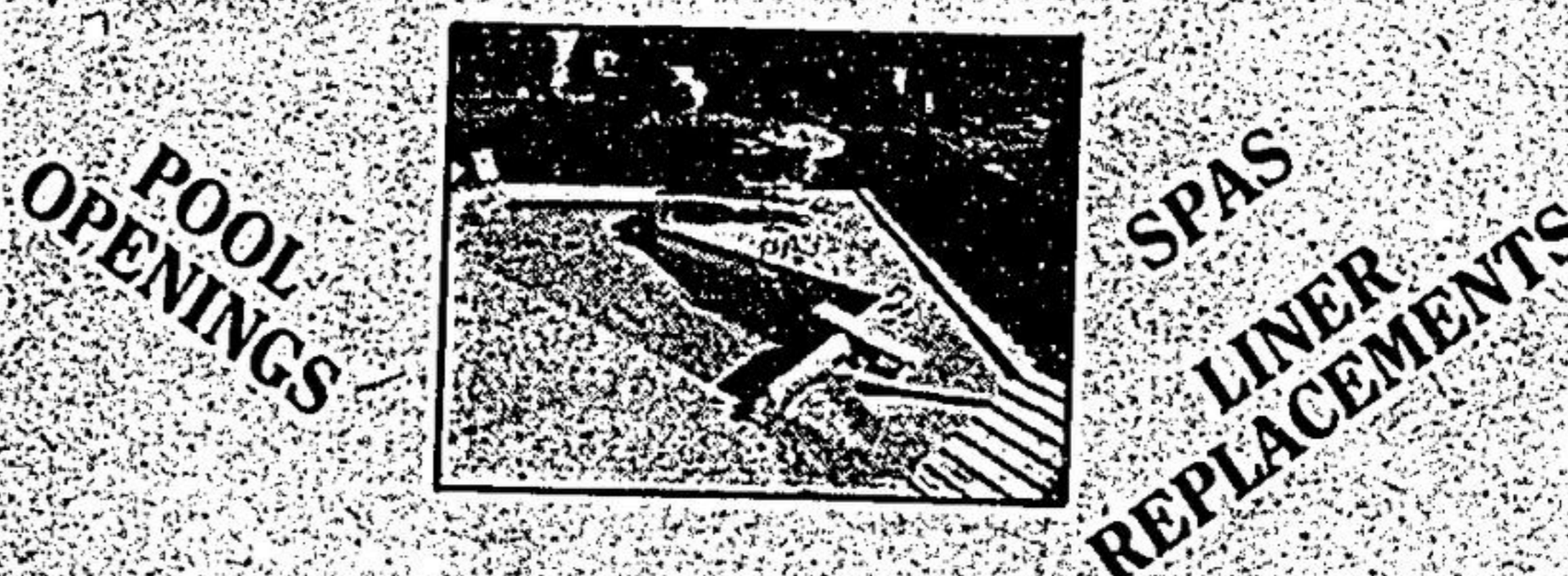
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