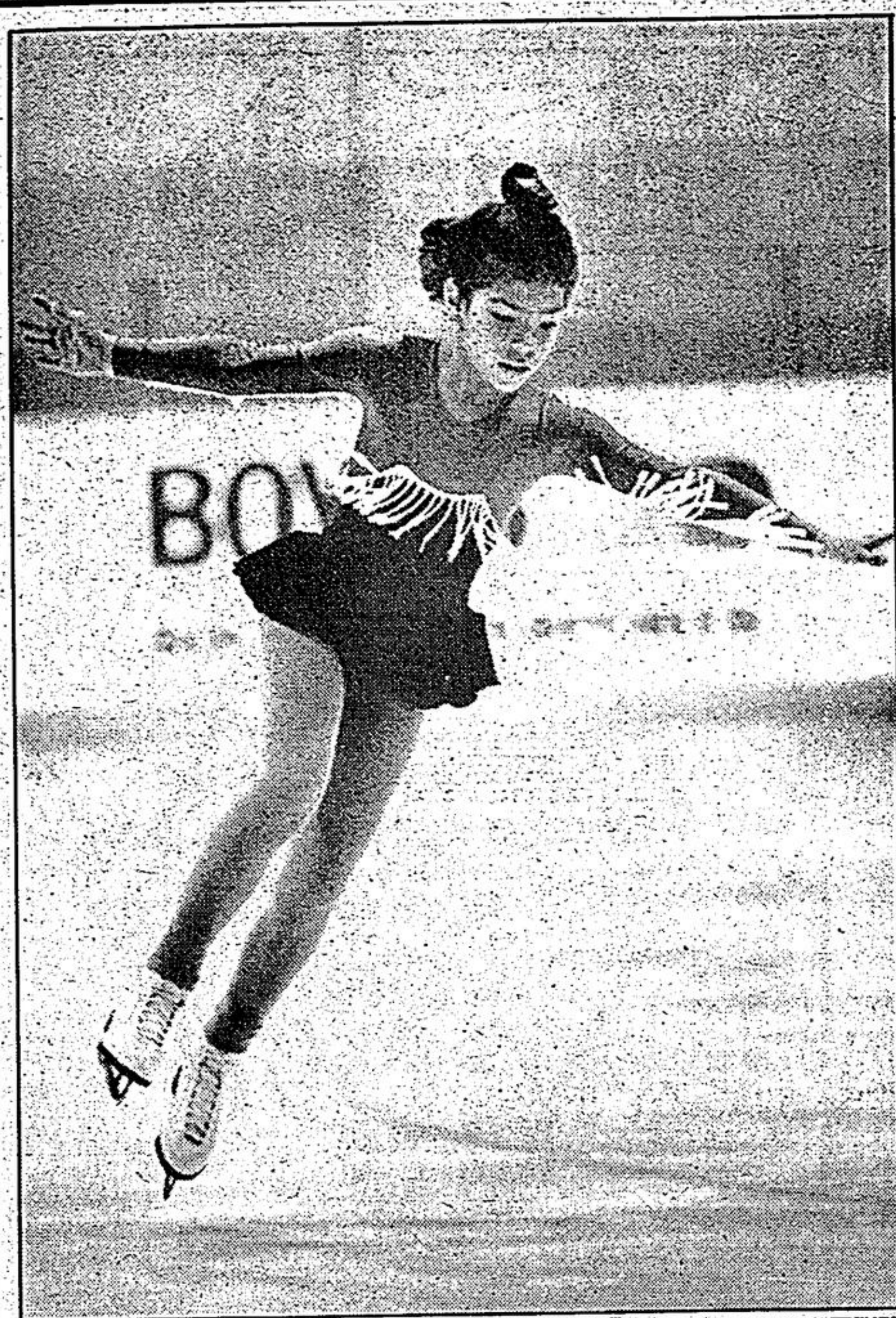


Sports



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A high flyer

Christina Little gets set to land on the Rec Centre ice surface after performing a jump in the Stouffville Figure Skating Club's Interclub competition trials on Monday.

Stouffville Fitness Resort to accept male members in new year

The Stouffville Fitness Resort, a women only club since opening in 1991, will open its doors to men in the new year.

Resort owners Frieder Schuemer and Denise Forgie have announced the new policy won't change the overall approach in effect since the centre first opened.

"From the beginning, we worked to create a healthy environment that is safe and promotes fitness in a non-competitive setting - a friendly place with a touch of heart. It will be extended to embrace a larger community," said a press release.

The owners said the difficult economy had made it hard to build up the resort's membership. By expanding membership to include males, it will become possible to offer the range of programs desired by members.

All classes will become co-ed, said the owners, with special facilities connected to locker rooms to be shared on an alternating basis. An additional change room is to be built, and plans also include expanding the exercise equipment and increasing the number of classes.

Interested people should call the resort at 642-3488, or visit during open hours.

Angie's peewees blank Scarborough

Katie Sandiford and Lindsay Rowe each had a goal and an assist to lead the Angie's peewee girls rep hockey team to a 4-0 win over Scarborough in an exhibition game last weekend.

Ruth Ann Gairdner and Kari Rumble also scored for Angie's. Christine De Wulf, Lianne Foti, and Kelly O'Brien had assists.

The peewees, along with four other Stouffville girls teams, will be competing in the Mississauga Christmas Tournament this weekend.

The Stouffville novice Stars, Dean Myers atoms, Action Signs bantams, and Angie's midgets will also take part in the competition.

Dagmar gets ready for another winter ski season

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Ski Dagmar is heading into its 30th year of operation hoping for a repeat of the 1992-93 season.

The snow making equipment has already started building up a base at the local alpine and cross country facility.

All that's needed now is a helping hand from mother nature, revealed the resort's marketing manager Steve Dunn.

"We've been making snow so there's some on the ground now," said Dunn.

"We're hoping to open this Saturday (Dec. 11), so we are looking for all this rain we've been having to turn to snow."

Dunn said ski resort operators everywhere are still talking about the generous snow falls which got last year's ski season off to such a flying start.

"The owner of Dagmar, Gabor Marton, said he hasn't had a beginning like last year since he's been in business.

"We had so much snow so early we were able to open the whole resort on the very first day last year, and that's very unusual."

The resort ended up with an impressive total of 300,000 skiers for the season, and memberships are up for the coming season, said Dunn.

Dagmar will once again be offering 15 runs this season. The lineup includes three triple chairs, a quad chair, two t-bars, and a pair of rope tows.

Also back will be the half pipe for snow boarders.

For cross country enthusiasts, the trails have been expanded for 1993-94.

There are now 600 acres dedicated to the cross country portion of the resort, with new trails being added and existing ones widened.

Dagmar remains one of the few ski operations in Ontario with snow making equipment



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With the arrival of cold weather, Steve Dunn, checks the snow coming out of the snow making machine at the Dagmar ski slopes.

on its cross country facilities.

Dunn said the resort will continue to focus on the family.

"We cater to beginners and intermediates, but we have something for advanced skiers too. For instance, Bomber, one of our steeper runs, has moguls near the top. We've really got something for every member of the family."

Once again, night skiing is scheduled to take place every day but Sunday, when the resort will close at 6 p.m. Dagmar will also be open Christmas day.

Dagmar's ski school director Paul Gallagher boasted 30,000 participants in his wide range of classes last season, including bus loads of students from area schools.

The program begins with Club SKIWI, which includes tots from three to five years of age.

The little ones ski for two hours on weekends for a period of nine weeks. Dunn noted the program is one of the most popular offered by the resort.

"It's a huge success. They learn to ski without knowing it. There are balls and hoops, and

obstacles to ski around. It's been going on for a few years now, and it's almost all booked up already."

Dagmar also offers a night lesson program for families, adult classes, a weekend program, and Christmas and March Break camps for kids and teens.

The first major event of the season is slated for Dec. 18, when the resort will be opened for free of charge.

"It's an early Christmas present to the skiers," said Dunn.

The day is to be in support of the Ronald McDonald Children's Charities of Canada, and skiers will be encouraged to donate a few dollars to the cause.

Ronald McDonald will be here, as will Lucy LaRoche, who is a Canada Cup silver medalist skier who has achieved impressive results on the international ski scene.

LaRoche will also be part of a Channel 57 Breakfast Television program to be done live at Dagmar the morning of Dec. 17.

Ski Dagmar is located at 1220 Lake Ridge Rd. (Durham 23) near Claremont.

Lakeridge is ready to open slopes this weekend

Lakeridge Resort is turning on the lights and pouring on the snow as it prepares to begin its fifth season this weekend.

The progressive local ski facility has added three new runs, bringing the overall total to 17, all of which are lit for night skiing. A third quad chair has been installed, with another four seat lift extended to make for several longer runs.

The resort boasts a state of the art half pipe for snow boarders, along with a snow boarding "fun park" which includes jumps, slides, and obstacle courses. The concept, which was introduced last winter, was the first of its kind in Ontario, according to resort officials.

To guarantee favourable conditions even in the absence of natural snow, Lakeridge has acquired a new snow making pump. Along with the addition of several new snow making guns, this will serve to extend the capacity of the resort's snow

making potential.

Lakeridge area manager Rick Werner believes that snow making is the secret to success in a climate which can be unpredictable in its natural snowfall. "Snow making is the key factor," Werner told the Tribune Wednesday. "We've got snow making equipment on all our runs so we can start it up with a few good cold spells. That plus the fact we have 100-per-cent lighting puts us in a good position."

Werner said the snow making equipment was brought out three weeks ago, and that unless the rain returns, a few runs would be open sometime this weekend.

He would love nothing better, however, than to see a natural snowfall to get people thinking skiing. "Last year, with all the snow we had early in the season, it made for a good start. It gets

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