Sports

Dagmar, Lakeridge are set for ski business

Downhill ski enthusiasts do not have to travel far to reach the slopes as Dagmar Ski Resort and Lakeridge Resort are ready for business.

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Boasting an impressive vertical elevation, state of the art snow making equipment, full lessons and rentals, two area ski resorts are once again making local skiers think twice before driving long distances for their ski fix this season.

Dagmar Ski Resort and Lakeridge Resort, both located on Lakeridge Rd. (Durham 23) have both fired up their lifts within the past two weeks. And while they may lack the tradition and grandiose reputations of the resorts to the north, the two facilities consider themselves contenders when it comes to what counts - skiing.

"We have a 300-foot vertical elevation," said Rieky Peters, CEO of Lakeridge.

"Only Blue Mountain can top that. We're as high or higher than the other resorts."

Dagmar's marketing manager Steve Dunn feels his resort can rival the best when it comes to looking after the needs of skiers of all ages.

"We have 100 per cent snow making, 600 acres of cross country trails and over 1,000 pairs each of alpine and cross country rentals," he said.

Both resorts offer seven day a week skiing, with night skiing every day, but Sundays. They also have half pipes for snow boarders, pro shops and licenced chalet facilites for apres ski.

Dagmar's lift lineup includes one quad chair, three triple chairs, two t-bars and two rope tows. It offers partial snow making on its cross country trails.

Dunn says Dagmar has put its money into behind the scenes upgrades for the 1994-95 season.

"We have improved our snowmaking with new snow guns, and we have improved our lighting on the hills. Plus, there are a lot of small things we have done to improve the resort."

Dagmar's ski school director Paul Gallagher is presiding over a program which offers full lessons for skiers three years old and up.

Private or group lessons are available, with a special Holiday Camp package giving members and non-members the chance to take part in one of two four-day programs of lessons and skiing. There will be similar programs offered for March Break.

Dunn said Dagmar is big on getting people to try skiing, with attractive introductory packages for beginners.

Lakeridge, which is going into its sixth season, offers 15 fully lit runs, which are serviced by three quad lifts and a handle tow.

Jim Turney skies downhill in a recent Match and Win race held at Dagmar Ski Resort. The race was in support of Ronald McDonald's Children's Charities of Canada.

Photo/SJOERD WITTEVEEN

Snow making has been greatly enhanced by all new $225,000 snowmaking system.

Peters says the new equipment is more than impressive.

"It's noiselses and it uses 30 per cent less water and less energy as well. We thought what we had before was great, but this is even better."

Lakeridge has recontoured its intermediate mogul hill for the new season, lengthening and steepening the run while extending the chair lift. The beginners' hill has also been recontoured, allowing better pitch for teaching.

Another teaching run has been widened, while the resort has introduced an area called "Tot Town" for skiers aged three to six.

Under ski school director Craig Macdonald, nine week lesson packages are being offered skiers of all ages at Lakeridge, with the cost of the lessons and a day of skiing the same as nine all day passes. Peters said the lessons are a vital part of the Lakeridge program.

"It only takes a day to pick up a bad habit on skis, but it can take years to unlearn that habit," said Peters. "So we encourage people to get off to a good start."

Instructors courses are available as well.

The resort includes a 15,000 square foot chalet, which includes a rental shop with over 1,200 pairs of rentals and 80 snow boards.

Both resorts are offering special events throughout the season, including snow boarding competitions and promotions involving Toronto area radio stations. Both are also offering special holiday season hours.

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Brimell Toyota Jets 6, Inside-Out Decorating 1
Brimell Toyota - Kurtis Paisley 3G, Phillip Briggs 2G 1A,, Justin Hildebrand 1G, 1A, Ben Grasse 2A, Michael Kocheff 1A, Eric Gainsbrook 1A
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M.A.S.H. 2, Rockcliffe Pool Products 0
M.A.S.H. - Salvo Andolina 1G, Alexander Bruno 1G, Luke Mabley 1A, Brendan Vanderburght S-O
Rockcliffe - Played well - Taylor Bennett, Chris Hamm, Kevin Murphy

NOVICE

Shoppers Drug Mart Bruins 14, Stomark Rentals Kings 1
Shoppers Drug Mart - Stephen Relf 4G, Stan Clark 3G, Jay McNiel 3G, Taylor Lougheed 2G, 1A, Len Spiteri 2G, Matthew Brillinger 1A
Stomark Rental - Justin Lau 1G, Carlo Laduca 1A
Dean Myers Pontiac 6, Metro Waste Rangers 3
Dean Myers - Ian Martin 2G, Mark Sutcliffe 1G, Greg Smit 1G, Micheal Hawkins 1G, Corey Tanaka
Metro Waste - Steven Cliff 1G, Sean McIntyre 1G, 1A, Nicholas Metauro 1G, Steven Cliff 1A, Chris Rand 1A
Pineridge Insurance Stars 8, Able Service Flyers 3
Pineridge - Gary Baldson 3G, 1A, Joseph Zuccolin 3G, Daniel Murphy 1G, Bennett Hallas 1G, Brendan Weatheral 1A
Able Services - Daniel Campitelli 2G, David Salvagna 1G
Nicastro Landscaping Blackhawks 4, Pickering Honda Penguins 4
Nicastro - Gabrian Barnett 2G, Cash Nicastro 1G, Micheal Normandeau 1G, David Trott 1A, Ryan Allen 1A
Pickering Honda - Riley McDowell 2G, Jared Simpson 1G, Russell Patterson 1G
Greyfield Construction Sharks 3, Smalley's Tree Farm Capitols 1
Greyfield - Mark Sullivan 2G, Norm Fretz 1G, Matthew Cartwright 2A, Andrew Hiller 1A
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ATOM

Stouffville I.G.A. Stars 11, Patti-Lynn Interiors Sharks 6
Stouffville I.G.A. - Spiros Tsiopoulas 6G, Paul Fusimoto 2G, R.J. Chase 1G, 1A, Ben Crawford 1G, Robert Hooper 1G, Luke Penny 1A
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Cedar Beach Jets 4, Rand Pools Rangers 2
Cedar Beach - Ryan Straughn 2G
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Pronto Rad & Muffler Capitols 4, WM. Barry Welding Bruins 1
Pronto Rad/Muf. - Cody Bennett 2G, Cameron McInnes 1G, Ryan Kennedy 1G
Wm. Barry - Jesse Muir 1G

PEE-WEE

Tim Horton Bruins 1, Stevens Tree Sales Stars 1
Tim Horton - Mike Pennanen 1G, Blair Rendulich 1A
Stevens - Adam Champion 1G
Chimo-Hotel Sharks 4, Betz Pools Rangers
Chimo - Jeffery Smith 2G, Brian Bellows 1G, Chris Tucker 1G, #11 2A
Betz Pools - Lukas Williams 2G, Lee Akey 2A

Bantam

Moller Insurance Capitols 5, Giles Geo-Chev-Olds Sharks 4
Moller Ins. - #16 2G, 2 A, Ken Ruff 1G, Joseph Cherkas 1G, Justin Korswill 1G, Erik Piechatzek 1A
Giles Chev - Thomas Hawkins 4G, Ken McDonald 1A, Kurt Theakston 1A
Newtonbrook Block Rangers 9, Schlumberger Stars 2
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