

# sports

## Recreation Corner

The following is the Pine Street Arena schedule for the week of Jan. 6:

- Jan. 6**  
Open Hockey 12:45-1:45 p.m.  
Public Skate 2:30 p.m.  
P.C.S. Hockey 3:15-4:45 p.m.  
Potsdam Junior Hockey 5:30-8:30 p.m.
- Jan. 7**  
Adults and Totals 10:11 a.m.  
Open Hockey 12:45-1:45 p.m.  
Public Skate 2:30 p.m.  
Figure Skate 3:40 p.m.  
Plattsburgh vs. P.C.S. 6:30-8:30 p.m.  
Merrill Sharp 8:45-10:15 p.m.
- Jan. 8**  
Open Hockey 12:45-1:45 p.m.  
Public Skate 2:30 p.m.  
P.C.S. 3:15-4:45 p.m.  
Potsdam Junior Hockey 5:30-8:30 p.m.  
Public Skate 7:15-8:15 p.m.  
Pottitely 8:30-9:30 p.m.
- Jan. 9**  
Adults and Totals 10:11 a.m.  
Open Hockey 12:45-1:45 p.m.  
Public Skate 2:30 p.m.  
Figure Skate 3:40 p.m.  
MAI vs. P.C.S. 6:30-8:30 p.m.  
Potsdam Junior Hockey 8:45-10:45 p.m.
- Jan. 10**  
Potsdam Figure Skate Test Session 8 a.m. to 11 p.m.
- Jan. 11**  
Potsdam Figure Skate Test Session 8 a.m. to 11 p.m.

### Welding Classes

- PINA RAMA**
- Team High Three (Scratch) — Hospital 2481, Norwood Welding 2402.
  - Team High Three (Handicap) — Norwood Welding 2747, Potter's Ind. 2719.
  - Team High Single (Scratch) — Norwood Welding 858.
  - Team High Single (Handicap) — Norwood Welding 972.
  - Individual Single Game (Scratch) — Carle Melchior and Sue Taylor 201, Delberta Haught 200.
  - Individual Three (Handicap) — Delberta Haught 416, Glende Cowen 592.
  - Individual High Three (Scratch) — Delberta Haught 556, Mary Jane Nelson 532.

### BY JERRY C. LEEK

The Christmas season which constitutes the last two weeks of December and the first weekend of January were a big success from what I know at this point. I believe that the majority of areas out west and in the east will report records crowds and attendance.

I spent the past week in Vermont and the crowds there were just enormous. I skied three days at Stowe and one at Killington. Stowe, I would estimate was running about 8,000 per day, and Killington at least 15,000. Everywhere was the same story. The only exception was those few areas in New Hampshire and out west where there was not enough snow.

Stowe was able to handle the crowd for the most part. There were some problems with the new high speed quad which malfunctioned several days in a row. Finally, on New Year's Day, the quad functioned quite smoothly and has run well since that time. On New Year's Eve, the lift broke down for about two hours and there had to be a lot of cancellations.

## Ski Trail Notes

It takes you to the summit in about six minutes after a rise of 2,350 feet, and then the chair slows down and lets you off at a snail's pace.

I mention this little incident because there are a lot of skiers who are not careful to pick their days that they ski in January when there is a lot of cold weather. Particularly dangerous are cold, windy, and cloudy days. If there is very little wind and the weather is just sunny and cold, then it is not too much of a risk. Of course, there is a problem if the lift does not break down or if there is no power failure. This risk does not exist if you are able to use what few surface lifts are left at alpine ski areas or if you are able to ride an enclosed gondola. This risk does not exist for the cross country skiers because they rarely take alpine lifts.

The danger for the nordic skier is that they may go too far when the weather is too severe. Thus far we have not had very much in the way of severely cold weather, but the odds favor that such weather is on the way.

bottom anymore and the streams are now pretty much frozen so that crossings are possible. There is about twice as much snow at Clarkson Seven Springs as there is at my farm. The conditions there are now very good. Elevation makes the difference.

The Jan. 2 snowstorm left about eight to 12 inches in southern Canada, northern Vermont and northern New York. Most alpine and cross country ski areas are now in real fine shape and will remain that way until we have what is known as the "January thaw."

On the average, there are two periods during January when it is most likely to occur. The first is Jan. 7 to 10 and the second most likely time is from Jan. 20 to 26. During some years there has been no January thaw at all. If I recall correctly, there was no January thaw in 1982 and 1977 when the temperature only came slightly above freezing for a few hours during the whole month.

Titus Mountain now has opened its new trails and new double chair lift. The new lift is a good one and will be a real asset to the mountain next year assuming that this year is a good season.

### BIBLE STUDY

**EVERY SUNDAY** — Dr. and Mrs. Eliezer Halevi of Chachom Institute will teach a weekly Bible study class at 7:30 p.m., Sundays at 24 Pleasant St. in Potsdam. The Torah will be studied. For information, call 287-1995 and leave a message.



NEW BORN BABY — Leighton Jones Filiatrault, shown with his mother, Marilyn Filiatrault, was the first baby born in 1987 at A. Barton Hepburn Hospital, Ogdensburg. Leighton was born at 1:03 a.m., Jan. 2, and weighed 8 lbs., 3 oz. Standing at left is the baby's father, Bradley Filiatrault, an agriculture teacher at Potsdam High School. Dr. Douglas Whelan, who delivered the baby, is at right. The Filiatraults live in Colton. (Kelly photo)

### Golden Knights Offering Jersey Night

After a seven game road trip, the Clarkson University hockey team returns home to Walker Arena on Jan. 9. The Golden Knights, who are once again near the top of the ECAC standings, invite all minor league hockey players, who wear their team jersey, free to Friday's contest against league foe Dartmouth.

Section 9-14 will be reserved for all hockey players. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

With Clarkson students on winter break, there will be plenty of reserve seating available to the general public for both the Dartmouth game and the following night's game against Harvard. Ticket prices for these seats are \$4.50.

Reserve your seat now by calling Walker Arena at 268-7750 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

### OUR ANIMAL SHELTER



Cold weather makes life difficult for all animals — as it does for us. We all need protection from the cold, wind, snow and rain.

Companion animals (cats and dogs) are not acclimated such as wild animals are and should not be treated as such. Pet cats and dogs should not be left outside for long periods of time. They should have a nutritious diet and a warm, dry place to sleep, preferably your house (but not necessarily your bed).

Cold cats like to curl up near warm car engines. To keep them from being injured or killed, bang on the hood before starting the car. Keeping your cat indoors is the safest and most comfortable for your cat. Provide a litter box, scratching post and a few toys such as ping pong balls for fun and exercise.

If you must leave your dog outside it should have access to an insulated dog house. Simple plans for such a house are available at the shelter for the asking.

Horses need winter care too. They should have a clean, dry but well ventilated place to stay. A damp environment can lead to colds, coughs and viral infections. Poor ventilation can cause respiratory diseases — horses can develop pneumonia if the stable is too warm or too tight. If you don't have a barn, your horse should at least have a three sided shelter, open on the down wind side. Moist bedding can cause foot infections, so keep it dry. Winter is a time horses will need to burn more energy to stay warm, therefore increase the daily ration of grain and hay.

The Potsdam dog control officer may be reached by calling the shelter 265-3199, Richard Hollister at 265-8316 or Joe Dutton at 322-4131.

Help animals by keeping your pet from reproducing. For information about our low cost and loan neuter/spay programs call the shelter during the public hours 5-6 p.m. Mon.-Fri. and Sat. Noon-2 p.m.

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