MSU Winter Sports

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Michigan not just snow

Snow. Michigan is snow.

From the icy tip of its thumb to the ice - cragged edges of its coastline, the state serves as a reminder to geography buffs that the hand inside Michigan's mitten is best kept

Still, the cold is as much a part of the state as sunshine is to Florida and one of the best ways to tell a true Michigan native is to see whether the person stays home during the winter months.

Because it is in winter that much of Michigan's beauty blossoms. Curves of snow bloom along mountain trails, brooks chugging with salmon wind through pine - encased forests. That is when Michigan's state animal really struts its stuff. The sportsman.

There is no way to tell for sure, but rough estimates suggest that 75 per cent of the state residents have broken at least one limb on a ski slope; 65 per cent can say they have had the Bohemian experience of wafting a beer can skyward from the seat of a snowmobile going full throttle, and less than 1 per cent can say they haven't spent the better part of a morning pushing themselves and others out of snow banks.

Michigan's title as Winter Wonderland comes from more than just a plethora of snow mounds, however, and both peninsulas showcase enough ski lodges and winter playgrounds to house the Russian army.

Such names as Iron Mountain, Caberfae and Schuss Mountain roll from the tongues of skiing aficionados as quickly as an NFL fan could name the 1962 Green Bay Packers' backfield. Few know that Henry Hall, who later gravitated to the anonymity of Steamboat Springs, Colo., made the first 200 - foot ski jump at Iron Mountain a few decades ago.

Beyond skiing, there seem

endless ribbons of paths, parkways and forests; fitting stomping, or running, grounds for hunting, snowmobiling, hiking, trapping, dogsled racing and other less memorable, but nonetheless admired, sports.

For example, there is demolition bobsledding. Although there are no major professional courses in this area, there are places sport lovers can go to test their courage, dexterity and staying power in this coming sport.

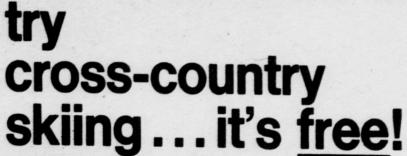
It operates simply. Each bobsledder lines up on opposite hills of a steep ravine. At a given signal, they start downward, with the intent of

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Zoom overland on skinny skis

By CHRIS DANIELSON State News Staff Writer

Bending down to buckle on the narrow ski for the first time, as the snow crunches under your redistributed weight, you might have second thoughts about the journey

It may seem foolhardy to expect the narrow boards, which are overlapped on both sides by the toes of your ski shoes, to support you for a three or five or 10 mile trek.

But an hour or two later, after a few initial spills, this early fear seems absurd. You have forged through forests, flown over fields and glided

In a dense forest the bare trees loom like bristles on a chin, and tangle the skier in riddles of time and space as he or she glides across the face of the earth.

across glistening snow - covered lakes. You are now a cross country skier.

Cross - country skiing has been a coming thing in the United States for several years. Though American children's stories have painted stereotyped images of Scandanavian people skiing into town from their homes in the mountains to work, shop and go to school, most Americans used to automatically link skiing with T - bars and tow ropes.

However, as the '60s waned, it began to dawn on many Americans that the seemingly unlimited growth of their

purchasing power was finally showing signs of slackening. When this trend became pronounced, the rustic, simplistic and inexpensive ways of doing things began to be idealized. Franklin stoves, home canning and even walking "caught on."

In conjunction this newfound philosophy of thrift many people asked "Why spend \$5 or \$10 to spend several hours standing in line for the tow, and a few minutes zipping down the same old hill? Why not take off into the woods, and do a little exploring?"

And so the exodus from the Mt. Joys and Mt. Pleasants gifts of the earthmover began. Soon the trails of state parks and forests sported as many skiers in the winter as hikers in the summertime.

At the same time, in what may turn out to have been one of the last gasps - before the rude awakening - of the American Dream, the snowmobile craze swept across another segment of the public. On some wintry days two years ago, snowmobilies nearly outnumbered cars on the northbound lanes of Michigan expressways, as many families towed two or three of the machines in their wake.

The conflict between the snowmobile and the skier still exists, at least in the minds of some skiers. One pragmatic reason for this antipathy is the fact that snowmobiles may denude the earth of a shallow snowfall, making it difficult for a skier to cross a snowmobile path. On the other hand, when the snow is deep many skiers find easy going by following a

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MSU scuba divers perpare for an icy underwater plunge.

Warm up to MSU club

By DALE ATKINS State News Staff Writer

What better way to relate to the environment of winter than with a cold shower, or better yet, an underwater dive with the MSU Scuba Club?

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First, one must be a certified by an accredited program, such as the Professional Assn. of Diving Instructors, the National Assn. of Diving Instructors, or the YMCA.

Once the license is in hand, all it takes is the basic

equipment, including a good wet suit to keep warm.

MSU's club generally travels two or three times a winter to an old gravel quarry near Williamston. Using saws, a painstaking hole - cutting process begins. The result is a

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It's tip-up time for ice trekkies

By PETE DALY State News Staff Writer

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Now that the 1974 Michigan frog - spearing season has ended, what else is there to

Folks whose forte is haunting lakes and streams in search of mobile edibles might consider ice fishing.

There are two schools of ice fishing. The "Dr. Zhivagoites" relish the frigid wrath of frozen air and swirling snow as they stoicly squat over holes in the ice. Haughtily ignoring these lunatics are the elitist "Shanty Clans," who fish from cozy and sometimes opulently furnished shanties.

Each faction has its boons and banes. The pedestrian Zhivagos can exercise their impatience - a common malady among fisherpeople, despite legend - by roving around, restlessly chopping new and more promising holes. Unfortunately, this mania can and often does lead to their fall through the ice when they retrace their path.

The Shanty people stay high and dry while watching TV and generally carrying on as they

fish through trap doors in shanty floors. The comfort of them lulls their occupants into a sense of security late in the winter, and that's bad. Almost every year a flotilla of fishing shanties heads down Lake St. Clair when the ice suddenly breaks up in early spring.

Methods of ice fishing are spearing, tipups and jigging. Spearing usually done in a shanty, which is dark, because visibility through the hole is much better. The sportsperson waits with spear poised for a pike, muskie or sturgeon to come sniffing around the bait, usually a small sucker or shiner.

Minimum size limits are 20 inches for pike, 30 inches for muskies, and 50 inches for sturgeon. Last winter a spear fisherperson on Mullet Lake in the northern Lower Peninsula spotted a log, looked again and then speared. He eventually landed a sturgeon over seven feet long, weighing 193 pounds.

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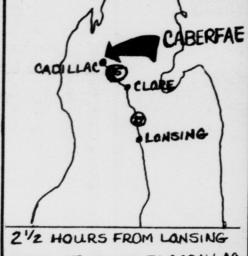
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Winter sports challenge the rugged individualist ... GO AROUND IT

By JEFF MERRELL State News Staff Writer

Skiers schuss, snowshoers poofcrunch.

Or just plain crunch, depending on the consistency of the snow.

Stan Adams, who has done his share of poofcrunching and is also an MSU student, said snowshoeing is "just like walking down the street" once you get used to it, which takes about 10 minutes.

"The hardest part is learning how to put your bindings on properly," he said.

Some people may believe, however, that the hardest part is finding the snow to excercise one's poofcrunching ability. The Porcupine Mountains in Michigan's Upper Peninsula are about the only place in the state where there is enough snow to make snowshoeing worthwhile, Adams said.

"In Michigan there's really no need for snowshoes in the Lower Peninsula," Adams said. "Across the Atlantic however, snowshoeing has poofcrunched its way in to hearts of many Europeans. Adams said snowshoeing organizations are about as plentiful in Europe as hiking groups are here.

But Michiganders who wish to explore the wonders of snowshoeing need not fret, as a ticket to Europe is not a prerequisite to enjoy a snowshoe trek through the woods.

All you need is at least two other people (for safety's sake) and about \$15 for a pair of snowshoes. No organizations, no lessons and just a minimal amount of coordination. If you can walk, you can poofcrunch.

Adams said the best pair of shoes for Michigan are called, logically, Michigan shoes. They are more rounded than the basic oblong showshoe. Unlike skis, which are designed for various uses, snowshoes are designed for various types of snow. And snowshoes are also not as "scary" as skis, since they are not directly related to broken legs, Adams said.

An additional advantage snowshoes have over skis is that they are relatively easy to make yourself.

"I made a pair once and used them for seven or eight days," Adams said.

But the basic idea behind snowshoeing, as a sport, is the same as that of cross - country skiing. Snowshoeing is a low - keyed, slowed - down, non - gas - burning way of enjoying the unique winter scenery of the woodlands.

Adams said, however, that snowshoeing does not have the potential to develop as a popular pasttime in Michigan because of the specific snow conditions required.

But if you happen to be schussing along on your cross-country skis near the Porcupine Mountains and you hear a rhythmic poofcrunching echoing in the distance, stop for a minute. Look at those expensive skis attached to your feet. Look at those expensive shoes attached to those expensive skis.

Snowshoes cost about \$15. Poofcrunch.



Early snowfalls bring out the creative instincts of MSU students. Anyone with some free time, a few friends, and dry gloves can participate and snow artists cofess their projects often end in smowball fights, or a late - afternoon jaunt to a local hostelry for refreshments.

OR CLIMB IT

Residents of Michigan who enjoy mountain climbing have somewhat of a problem.

There are no real mountains in the state.

"The Porcupines are the closest things to mountains in Michigan," Roger Linfield, president of the MSU Outing Club and mountaineer, said.

But in the true because - it's - there spirit of mountain climbers, the Outing Club has not let Michigan's flatness hinder its dreams of summits, cliffs and cloud - touching.

They are off to Mt. Popocateptl in Mexico, to conquer that 18,000 foot extinct volcano during Christmas break.

Meanwhile, the frightening cliffs of Grand Ledge will continue to serve as a practice area for the mountaineers.

During the practice sessions, the group uses most of the special equipment required in "technical rock - climbing," which is actually what nonmountaineers envision when fantasizing about Mt. Everest.

Rock climbing requires a good pair of stiff boots, such as those used for hiking, according to Linfield. Special climbing ropes, which have a breaking point of about 6,000 pounds yet are still lightweight, are also necessary.

The third integral part of rock climbing is the equipment used as protection against falling great distances. The traditional metal pins, called pitons, are used widely but are

now being discouraged. Because a climber has to drive the pins into the rock surface, pitons leave scars when removed.

"And rock scars don't heal, Linfield said.

The more modern method is to use hexagonals, a type of grasping device that can be hooked into cracks in the rock, and leaves no scars when removed.

When cavorting around on glaciers, mountaineers will rope each other together and carry an ice axe. If a person falls into a crevasse, the rest of the group can stop his fall by driving their ice axes into the ice and holding on.

When on ice, as will be the case at Mt. Popocateptl, climbers will also wear crampons on the bottom of their boots. Crampons are a type of spike, with about 10 points.

Linfield also said that extra protection must be taken against the cold when climbing.

"At high altitudes, it's very cold, with very strong winds," he said. Most climbers will eat a lot to keep up a high energy level, and wear a lot of clothing, especially of wool or down.

Physical condition is also a factor, but its importance varies with the difficulty of the mountain, Linfield said.

"For Mt. Everest, the training is for months, but here (training for Mt. Popocateptl) you just have to be in reasonably good shape," Linfield said.





The faces of these merry pranksters goes a long towards showing who gets the most out of winter. Though kids often doubt the validity of Santa Claus by the time they are five or six, it seems they go right on believing in snow.





The time - worn theory that skaters are often their own worst enemy is proven by this budding hockey star, who seems unable to get a grip on the situation.

Shuddering south

By PAT FARNAN State News Staff Writer

As bone chilling winter creeps into the MSU community, gaggles of geese, flocks of ducks and shivering students migrate south to Florida in search of sizzling sun and bikini - blazoned beaches.

It's the annual mass exodus to America's favorite tourist trap, the Sunshine State, complete with parched and peeling bodies of sunworshippers from parts north.

The cold thumbs of hitchhikers have long served as a free ticket to the snowless solariums of Fort Lauderdale, Daytona and Vero Beach.

But more practical students have taken to car pools or the more burgeois pleasure of air travel.

Several local travel agencies offer attractive plane and train fares, the chief concern of students who opt to make the journey.

Travel agent Dorothy Johnson said that the Washburn Travel Center, 228 Abbott Road, receives an average of 25 calls daily from interested students from early December until late March.

"About half of them decide not to go when they learn of the cost," she said. "Students are looking for the most inexpensive route to Florida."

Johnson said regular coach fares from Detroit to Fort Lauderdale (round trip) cost the student about \$200. Night coach fare for the same trip runs about \$160.

Bob Smart, of Harrinton Travel Agency, 220 M.A.C. Ave., said that students interested in riding a train to and from their destination would pay about the same price with less convenience.

"They're not always too concerned about getting back," Smart said. "Probably 60 per cent of the students that fly down to Florida return by train. In the spring that changes considerably because of the weather."

Mrs. Cynthia Dibello of College Travel, 130 W. Grand River Ave., said that the phones are flooded with calls of traveling students.

"Most flights that a student would be interested in, going to Florida or that general area, are already booked," she said. "For the most part, these are

students who are traveling home for Christmas. After Christmas business will pick up again for students interested in traveling some place for spring break. These flights will also be booked early."

Smart classfied the student traveler as the athletic and nonathletic type.

"The more athletic type will be heading for Colorado or Utah to ski," he said. "For the most part, I find that students who prefer Florida prefer sun and relaxation to exercise."

Domestic plane fares are uniformly priced by the Civil Aeronautics Board and student rates are more or less nonexistent. Most students who choose to fly pick the regular coach fare (second class) or the night coach fare (third class).

For students who prefer the water route, there's always the Delta Queen.

"The Delta Queen caters more to the older traveler than a student," Smart said. "It runs from Cincinnati to as far south as New Orleans. That's about a nine - day trip which ranges in price from \$500 to \$700.

For the most practical student, though, the cheapest alternative is a strong will, stout thumb and a fur - lined mitten.

MUNN ARENA A NEWCOMER

Skating havens grow

The building of MSU's new Munn Ice Arena has not only benefited the Spartan hockey team.

MSU students, faculty and staff members, and people in the community who enjoy skating activities have also been given a big boost by the new facility.

Now that the University has two indoor skating rinks, the man who manages both ice palaces thinks everybody's needs have been fulfilled.

"We even have vacant time that we can use," Red Bainbridge said.

The rinks are currently used for open skating, MSU classes, the Great Lakes Amateur Hockey Assn. (GLAHA) and other groups who which wish to buy ice time for an activity.

The Men's Intramural Dept. is sponsoring a hockey league again this winter and is expected to use Munn Arena for its contests.

"Right now, they only plan on using Munn Arena," Bainbridge said. "If they have a real overflow, we would move so me games into Demonstration Hall. But I doubt very much if we would have to do that."

Only Demonstration Hall is being used now for open skating sessions.

Gene Kenney, asst. athletic director in charge of facilities, explained that the reason for this policy is that there is no area in Munn Arena now which can be used as a skate rental area.

"But we hope in the near future to have it put in," Kenney said.

Open skating at Dem Hall is held every night except Sunday, from 8:30 to 10 and also Friday, Saturday and Sunday afternoons from 3:30 to 5.

For MSU students presenting their ID cards, skating is only 50 cents and skate rental fee is 30 cents.

Dem Hall, which was built in 1928, has been praised by many for its ice surface. Spartan hockey coach Amo Bessone and other coaches from around the Western Collegiate Hockey Assn. (WCHA) always had good things to say about playing conditions at the old facility.

The tremendous growth in

the popularity of college hockey plus the inadequate seating facilities at Dem Hall prompted the building of the new ice arena, which was named after former MSU football coach and athletic director, Biggie Munn.

For area figure skating fans, Munn Arena, along with the Lansing Ice Arena, will be host (continued on page 9)



Not a bad town till them yahoos came

By RANGER BOB State News Wildlife Writer

This here is a fish story originally told by a person, now deceased, who was the damndest liar I ever met, 'cept me maybe. Still, in a roundabout way, it might even be true.

The settin' here is a little northern Michigan village — population 17 — built on the shores of a deep lake supposedly filled with legendary monsters and five pound turquoise and black spotted goldfish.

How the goldfish got there is another story altogether, but I can tell you this much: one day the town's head doctor was seen mysteriously runnin' down to the lake, throwin' somethin' in and then hoofin' back to his waterfront office.

The next day, his clients — all three of them — reported to the town paper, The Daily Picayune, that the goldfish had disappeared, and they figgered that the doctor flushed the little buggers down the john.

The result of that secret fish plantin' is the annual Picayune Clubfishing Derby, a one day event that starts as soon as some darn fool dares to skate on the season's first ice, which usually comes 'bout mid December.

Tourists and clubfishermen and college perfessors flock to

the shores of the lake hopin' to club, or see clubbed, the biggest turquoise goldfish of the year.

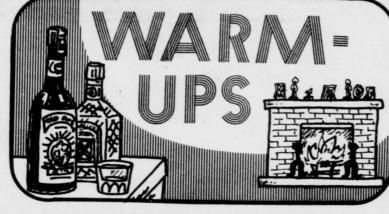
Though clubfishing could probly happen in any lake, it seems it happens only in Picayune, accordin' to a lifelong resident of this here city.

"Five years ago we got this here good write - up in this national magazine called the Lamp Hune, and ever since then we've had the orneriest, most cussedist bunch of outsiders here I ever did see for the start of the derby. Why, you know, even Peggy Flemin' showed up with that French feller."

"I'll bet you wanna know how we do it, eh? Well, you need a pair o' skates, a hatchet, a layer o' clear, thin ice and some goldies hanging 'round the shallow water. You gotta skate out to where it's 'bout two, three feet deep and start stalkin' the goldies by parallellin' the shore."

"Once you spot one you start chasin' it towards shallower water. You might have to go six, mebbe seven hunnert yards afore the fish gets good and tired and stops swimmin'. Then you jus' chop a hole in the ice and clobber 'em."

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By MICHAEL McCONNELL State News Staff Writer

Winter sports devotees have a vision that sustains them during long and possibly perilous days of competition.

It is not the thrill of victory, really. Or even the hope of escaping the ski slopes with at least two legs intact.

Honest winter sportspersons will admit that deep in their heart of hearts, the vision that keeps them going through the day is the thought of a warm

fire, genial conversation, and a good still drink to obliterate their troubles.

Chestnuts roasting on an open fire, Jack Daniels nipping at your nose... But not just any bibulous concoction will do. The true connoisseur of winter sports has a collection of winter drinks that will warm the toes and titillate the spine of even the most frostbitten crony.

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Lansing sports import curling

By STEVE ORR State News Staff Writer

Ask someone about Canadian sports, and they will undoubtably shoot "hockey pucks!" back at you.

Well, they would be wrong. For in that land to the north, curling is the sport more Canadians spend their leisure time playing.

Curling is a sport in which team members attempt to slide a 42-pound stone across an ice surface into the middle of a target painted on the ice.

In this country, too, curling has long been a favorite pastime of thousands. It is only in the last year, though, that curling has arrived in Lansing.

Okemos resident Robert Peacock had been curling for 14 years. Last fall, he commuted back and forth to curling facilities in Detroit. He finally decided that the life of a gypsy curler was not for him and, along with several fellow curling fans, established the Lansing curling club.

The club meets every Monday night at 9 p.m. in the Lansing Ice Arena and all are welcome. For those who decide to take the club up on their offer of an evening of curling fun, there are a few things one should know.

Your basic curling team consists of four people. There is a skip, who directs play and generally is the one who delivers the stone. To do so, he assumes a squatting position, aims the stone in the direction of a large bullseye painted in the ice 126 feet away and slides the stone down the ice.

The other three team members handle the brooms. They slap the brooms in front of the stone as it swishes down the ice, with the object of speeding up the stone by melting any bumps there are on the ice in the stone's path.

Sooner or later, the stone arrives in the general vicinity of the bullseye, or "house." The closer the stone stops to the middle of the house, the better. Teams alternate shots, and after each team has delivered four stones, the four





stones closest to the center of the house win points for their teams.

Curling is a tradition-laden sport, and a good deal more friendly than many athletic events. Handshakes are the standard beginning and end to every match, which may last as long as the opposing teams want it to. It has also become customary for curlers to retire to the nearest bar following a game to melt away the frost with a drink or two. On the winners, of course.



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Skating

(continued from page 7) to the Eastern Great Lakes figure skating competition Dec. 4 through 7.

Sponsored by the United States Figure Skating Assn., the event is a regional qualifying competition which leads to the sectional and eventually the national championships and a place on the U.S. Olympic Team.

Individual free skating, pairs and dance events will be held at Munn Arena those Thursday and Friday evenings and Saturday morning and afternoon.

For those who would ratner skate outdoors, when the cold weather finally sets in for good at MSU, the area of the Red Cedar River east of the rapids freezes over. Ice skating and

hockey games go on nearly 24

hours a day there in the crisp winter air.



Though Minnesota backliners (dark jerseys) seem to be ganging up on Spartan icer Darryl Rice, MSU stole much of the thunder from the defending national champs when they recently split a pair with the Golden Gophers in Munn Ice Arena. Hockey currently dominates ice time at the new structure, but it will not be long before open skating is allowed there.

Warm-ups

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A few suggestions:

Hot Toddy This old standby lends a winter touch to whatever booze you have on hand.

1 tsp. sugar 2 oz. liquor of your choice 2 oz. boiling water

Simply mix ingredients, stir, hope for the best.

Showshoe

A favorite of the skiing crowd.

1 1/2 oz. Seagram's Vo V.O. 1/2 oz. Peppermint Schnappes

Float the schnappes on top of the whiskey in a shot glass. Good for those who like the effect of whiskey with the taste of a candy cane.

Hot Buttered Rum The Horatio Hornblower of winter drinks.

1 lb. brown sugar 1/4 lb. butter boiling water pinch of salt spices (nutmeg, cinnamon, cloves) generous quantity of Puerto Rican rum

Prepare batter by mixing butter and sugar together until smooth and fluffy, adding 1/4 to 1/2 tsp. each of nutmeg, cinnamon, and cloves, and salting the mixture. Use 1 heaping tsp. of this batter with $1 \frac{1}{2}$ oz. of the rum in a 6 oz. mug. Fill with boiling water, and good luck.

Egg Nog Punch For a party of 30 to 35 people.

12 eggs, fresh 1 1/2 gals., well chilled milk 1 tsp. vanilla nutmeg 1 1/2 cups, bar sugar 1 pt. brandy 1 cup Jamaica rum

Separate eggs. Beat the yolks until thick and lemon colored; add the sugar and continue beating. Add vanilla

and beat in the milk. Slowly stir in the liquor. Then beat the egg whites until stiff, and lay them in clouds on top of the egg nog and sprinkle with nutmeg. To serve, cut a hole in the topping, ladle out the liquid from this hole. Break off a spoonful of the topping for each cup of egg nog.

Carribean Hot Swizzle A hint of the warmer world in the midst of snowbound Michigan.

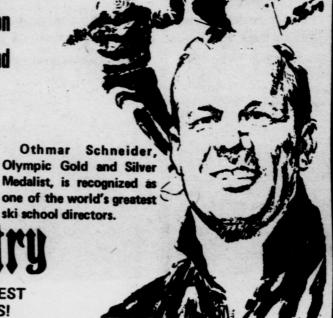
1/2 lime I tsp. sugar 1 1/2 oz. Jamaica rum hot water

Squeeze and drop lime into a 12 oz. glass; add sugar and mix, then add rum and fill with hot water. Swizzle and serve.

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Frozen waters won't stop this ice schooner from sailing over the winter waters of his favorite lake.

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For those who wear spiked lumberjack boots to walk to their cars, ice may seem an unnecessary commodity.

But to many Michigan sports enthusiasts, ice as the greatest invention since the Coleman stove. And one of the more popular and less publicized winter sports is ice sailing.

Ice sailing is done similar to fresh water sailing, with the main difference being the runners mounted underneath the craft. An ice boat, or schooner, pilot sits much like one of the Wright brothers in a cockpit and steers the craft by manipulating the sail.

Schooner captains say high

speeds are attainable on the iceboats and a number of competitive events come up each year.

For sports car owners who cannot afford to travel elsewhere to drive when snow covers their favorite courses, there is ice racing. Less prohibitive a few years back when high speeds were not attainable, ice racing demands only a sense of direction and faith in the sturdiness of the ice surface.

Several smaller inland lakes throughout western Michigan

double as ice race courses because they tend to freeze quicker and stay that way longer.

Frozen streets provide an even more elemental thrill to the pedestrian, especially if he or she is between the ages of 6 and 18. Street hockey, played with thick soled boots rather than skates, is in season during this time, and hundreds of Michigan youths look fondly back to the time they checked their best friend into a Chevy Nova or lost the puck down a sewer during an overtime

Clubs offer winter fans alternatives

MSU is home base for a number of winter - oriented sporting clubs and at least one, the Moosuski Club, has its own newspaper to featurize campus club sports.

Other oncampus groups include the MSU Scuba Club which sponsors under - the - ice dives during the winter and the MSU ski team.

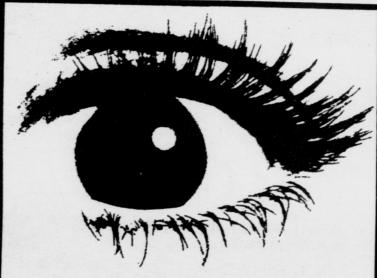
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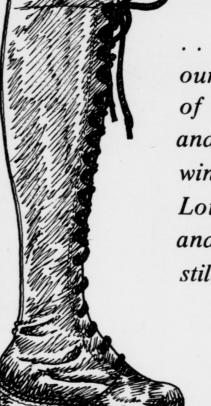
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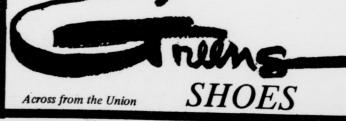
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Cross country skiing

(continued from page 3) firmly - packed snowmobile trail.

Skiers also may execrate snowmobiles on aestetical grounds. Like the hiker who curses the intruding noise of trail bikes, the cross - country skier may be upset when the roar of a snowmobile cuts across the white stillness.

For the solitary cross country skier, the stillness of the wintry wonderland is perhaps the greatest allurement of field and forest skiing. Winding up small rises and coasting own through mildly threatening tree trunks, the skier's horizon is a stark black on white, with the relative brightness depending on tree density. In a dense forest the bare trees loom like bristles on a chin, and tangle the skier in riddles of time and space as she or he slides across the face of the earth.

Families and young or old

couples can entertain themselves for an entire afternoon in facing the challenge of completing a cross country circuit at their favorite park. A knapsack filled with hot cocoa, a sandwich and an apple can provide skiers with a chance to rest weary muscles on a brushed - off log.

While a cross - country trip may leave the first - time skier with some sore muscles, most snow enthusiasts will be ready to hit the trail by the next weekend. And once one has learned the rudiments of ski control, the chance of breaking a leg or cracking ribs - which can haunt the nonexpert downhill skier - are comparatively remote.

Michigan residents are fortunate in having a great amount of government - owned land available for cross country skiing, including the 3,334 - acre Rose Lake Wildlife Research Center 10 miles

At some point, the line should

catch the lost diver and he or

she will be able to follow it,

either to the exit triangle or to

precautions, ice diving is an

experience much different than

during summer months. The

water is extremely clear and

visibility is high as compared to

summer conditions, when

water is agitated by swimmers,

the surface, another difference

mostly the Michigan diver, are

among the heartiest in the

United States. For them, diving

The water is also colder at

The Midwest diver, and

Following proper safety

the rescue diver.

boaters and waves.

from summer diving.

northeast of MSU. Anything from the rolling hills left by glaciers to snow - covered swampland can provide a fitting site for hearty winter exercise.

And when you are virtually skating on skis across the frozen landscape, opening the pores and feeling real good inside, you just might wind up on the summit of a personal Everest in your battle to be reconciled with the environment.

Winter sports

(continued from page 2) putting their opponent out of commission via a sideswipe, sidearm or straight - ahead crunch. This is, of course, if each sledder reaches the center.

Another popular sport one that is hard to find participants for - is green beret cross - country skiing.

First, blizzard conditions must exist. When they do, 10 contestants, armed to the teeth, are dropped at various

with most of the action from

small pan fish and northern

17 a fishing license is required. It costs about \$5. Laws are

strictly enforced regarding size

and total catch limits, and

most fish can be taken only at

specified times of the year.

Most sporting goods shops will

advise would - be anglers about

the laws so they won't get

hooked by them.

For Michigan residents over

points in upper peninsula reserve forest land. Contestants must make it back to the Mackinac Bridge, without their opponents.

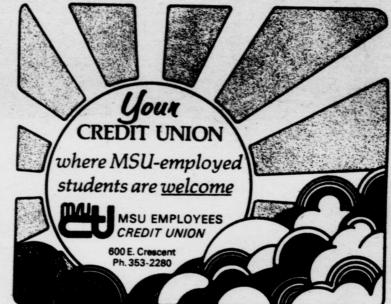
There are other less - known sports that may soon reach headline proportions across the state. Under - the - ice water polo is catching on near Grand Traverse Bay; karate - hockey is making a comeback in the Upper Peninsula and bear baiting will get its own season, beginning next November.

The growth of these sports, and the continued popularity of skiing, hunting and skating prove, once again, that when it comes to winter, Michigan has the rest of the nation beat

Yahoos

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commerce says that anyone interested in goin' cubfishin' should think twice, and if that don't discourage the would - be clubber, then he or she should drop three ice cubes in his or her undershorts.



Ice fishing

(continued from page 3) with a flashing lure and jiggled up and down to whet to a bluegill or perch's appetitie. Sometimes this works and sometimes it doesn't.

Some fisherpeople, in an attempt to keep warm in the process, get so drunk that they don't care about the cold anyway.

Tip - up fishing for pike or muskie is probably the most exciting way to ice fish.

The tipup is a self contained unit with a big reel of line affixed to the cross braces that hold it over the hole. When the bait fish is grabbed the red flag tips up and the excited fisherperson comes running. Because the law allows two tipups per person, a lucky angler will spend much of his or her time running back and forth across the ice. Sometimes he or she even catches a fish.

Tip - up fishing is very popular on lakes with taverns nearby that have large picture windows and binoculars for customer use.

Fishing is fairly good on many lakes in the Lansing area,

Take a dive

(continued from page 4) triangular shaped opening approximately five feet long on each side.

Though the wet suit is an aptly named piece of eqipment, ice divers should make sure suits are in good shape, since letting a bit of the 35 - degree water into a suit may be a bit too invigorating. Usually, divers take along a jug of warm water and fill their suits before the plunge.

Once under the ice, each diver - ice divers should swim in pairs - has his or her arm tied to a safety rope about 100 feet in length. A dive tender remains on surface, keeping a degree of tension on the line so as to know the situation of the divers. One pull usually means the diver needs more line. Two pulls means it is time to come

One rare occasion when a diver would want to come up when a regulator freezes and the diver may find himself or herself being inflated with an unending influx of air. Fortunately, this seldom happens.

If a diver should become lost or lose his or her lifeline, it is up to the dive tender above ice to recommend action. A third diver, equipped with a line twice as long as the lost diver, is sent into the water.

Lost divers should drop to the bottom, or near it, and look up towards the surface. The triangle will appear to be a dark spot in the bright ice ceiling. If, after a minute or so, a diver does not locate the exit hole, he or she should go to the surface.

By inflating his or her life vest and keeping hands above the head, the lost diver will be in a position to receive the line being pulled by the rescue diver. Since the rescue diver has a longer line, he or she will swim out with the end of it, and circle near the ice surface.



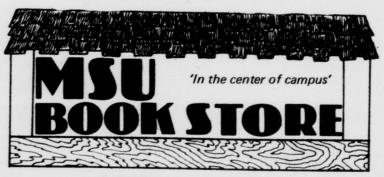


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