SKIERS EARN MEDALS

Canadian Olympic skier Dave Irwin of Vernon, right, presented medals to the winners of the recent Silver Star Christmas Downhill Race. Each of the racers competed in two events. Winners were from left, back row: Tom White of Panorama, two thirds; Brad Irvine of Revelstoke, first; Lorne Stacy of Revelstoke, two seconds; and Rob Boyd of Vernon, first. Front row: Carol Webert of Penticton, third; Crissy Sigurdson of Vernon, second and third; Sandra Boyd of Vernon, first and second; and Irene Hanson of Penticton, first.

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ON SATURDAY

All-star game in Salmon Arm

The annual North Okanagan Hockey League all-star game is scheduled Saturday, at 8:30 p.m., in Salmon Arm.

Defending champion Vernon Cougars will take on the top players from the league's four other teams.

Cougars have lost only two of 14 games against NOHL opponents this season, however, Vernon Coach Gary Swanson is expecting a tough game.

"They've assembled a pretty good hockey team," he said. "We'll have our work cut out."

Cougars will be without at least three, possibly four, players. Murray Batty (knee), Bruce Green (jaw), and Marty Stein (ankle) are sidelined with injuries. League scoring leader Dave Caldow is hampered by a bad back and listed as a doubtful starter.

Second-place Oliver Bighorns have five players on the all-star squad. They are Gord McKay, Jerry Thygeson, Blair Chapman, Randy Conley, and Kevin Koski.

Kelowna Packers will be represented by George Bust, Rod Danchuk, Ron Bigler, gord Bowman, and Jack Horning.

The host Salmon Arm Aces have placed goalie Eugene Roy, Sheldon Tolkarin, Neil Rodgers, Randy Merritt, and Brian Atkins on the team.

Rutland Molsons' netminder Don Prowse will be joined by team-mates Bruce Naka, Bayden Robinson, and George Kearn.

Four Cougars were voted to the mid-season all-star line, that will be honored between periods Saturday.

Centre Terry Lowe, winger Gary Gilchrist, goalie Ed Forslund, and Batty were named to the line. On defence with Batty is Chapman. The other forward position was earned by Danchuk.

GARY GILCHRIST
. . . all-star

ED FORSLUND
. . . in goal

Meanwhile, Vernon will host Taber Buccaneers, Jan. 23 and 24, for a pair of exhibition games. Buccaneers are undefeated this season in the Alberta Senior Hockey League.

Silver Star operates with extended hours

Silver Star Ski Area will operate with extended hours Friday and Saturday.

All lifts will operate both days from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., with night skiing on the Green Chair and Poma Lift runs from 4:30 to 10 p.m.

On Sunday, the mountain will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

A total of 3,486 skiers, including 310 at night, visited Silver Star on Wednesday.

Spokesman Mike Duggan said, "The night crowds are growing, but we've still got plenty of room. We can accommodate up to 700 night skiers without line-ups at the lifts."

GUIDE REPORT

A look back at the past year

By SMOKEY TRUMBLEY

Now that 1981 is drawing to a close, we would like to take a last look back.

First thing that comes to mind is that it was generally a good year. I suppose the reason I made that statement is the doom and gloom that is being forecast for 1982, by economists and politicians. Certainly, 1981 will not be remembered for that reason. It wasn't one of the best economic years in B.C., but it wasn't one of the worst either.

For us, 1981 started with Snowarama, in January. A terrific effort by C-KAL Radio management and staff helped me collect nearly $3,000 in pledges for the crippled children of this province. I can still recall that 100 miles on snowmobile as if it was yesterday. My grandson, Dean, I'm sure remembers as well. He too rode every mile for his pledges with me. Riding a snowmobile is fun, but 100 miles non-stop is something else.

Below normal snowfall was a big concern last year, especially for skiers. In fact, Silver Star closed the hill because of the lack of snow for a short period. It would seem that will not happen this winter — present snow depth is well above average for this early in the season.

FISHING GOOD

Fishermen had a very good year during 1981. Both large and small lakes produced well despite the weather that was not all that good for most of the summer months.

My recollection of last summer is, two weeks during August that was great. The rest of the summer was cloud, rain, and temperatures well below normal for the Okanagan. Winter big lake trolling was not as good as in past years.

Kalamalka Lake gave up some dandies during C-KAL's Hatchery Fund Derby the first week of January, but after that the success trend decreased, even with the big rainbows in Okanagan Lake. The summer kokanee fishery was excellent on Okanagan Lake once more, many limits were taken by trollers during July and August.

We did more boating than usual last summer each weekend our white house boat was on Okanagan or Kalamalka Lake, talking to local residents and holidayers via C-KAL, compliments of Labatt's Lake watch.

Hunters had a good season and the harvest was good. Most local hunters got their deer and a good many got moose as well. The anti-hunter groups were noticeably quiet in 1981 — even Green Peace in Spatizi Park accomplished very little.

LOCAL SCENE

The colder temperatures the last few days have deepened the ice on smaller lakes and ice fishing is now safe on all of them. Swan Lake is not safe yet out from shore and should be given more time before travelling on it with snowmobiles, and especially cars.

The C-KAL Mid-Winter Fishing derby is set to kick off Friday, on both Kalamalka and Okanagan Lakes. More than $4,500 in prizes will be awarded at derby close Jan. 10. Lake Country Sports Equipment and Seymour Marina are the weigh-in stations.

GUIDE TIP

Fishermen participating in the C-KAL Mid-Winter Fishing Derby are welcome to launch their boats at Seymour Marina, but the vehicle and trailer must be parked elsewhere because of the lack of space. Parking is very limited at both sites on Kalamalka Lake as well. In order to keep peace, think of the other person when parking and don't block driveways.

BEST HOURS

Friday from 9:25 to 10:25 a.m., Saturday from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m., and Sunday from 11:05 a.m. to 12:05 p.m.

PIN POINTS

DEC. 15
TUESDAY 7-9
Women's High Single: Shirley Glaholt, 280; High Triple: Marg Forscutt, 766; High Average: Marg Forscutt, 220.
Men's High Single: Pete Brooks, 325; High Triple: Paul Wendel, 773; High Average: Art Block, 246.
Team High Single: Nomads, 1321; High Triple: Winsomes, 3554.
TEAM STANDINGS

Winsomes	434
Geniers TV	410
4 Roses and a Prickle	408
Coldstream Hotel	403½
Glamor Eyes	401
Dall	400

DEC. 14
MONDAY MIXED 9-11
Women's High Single: Shirley Newton, 242; High Triple: Shirley Newton, 686; High Average: May Turek, 219.
Men's High Single: Dave Butters, 301; High Triple: Archie Turek, 715; High Average: Archie Turek, 218.
Team High Single: Star Duster, 1374; High Triple: Star Duster, 3711.
300 Club: Dave Butters, 301.
TEAM STANDINGS

What Eagles	
Neighbors	
Do-Gooders	
UNO's	
Foolish 5	
Star Duster	
Bowl-dots	

DEC. 14
MONDAY MIXED 7-9
Women's High Single: Helen Frankiw, 273; High Triple: Donna Cochrane, 696; High Average: Donna Cochrane, 226.
Men's High Single: Mark Stenberg, 293; High Triple: Val Andretta, 727; High Average: Marcel Gallon, 228.
Team High Single: Coasters, 1436; High Triple: Challengers, 3835.
TEAM STANDINGS

The Pits	453½
Funseekers	452
Coasters	405½
Reid Heating	399½
Challengers	386
J and C Trucking	374½
Bay Marks	371

TELEPHONE CHAMPS

Vernon's Frank Brewer foursome recently captured the B.C. Telephone Company employees' curling title. Brewer won the honor in an 11-rink spiel in Kelowna. They now advance to the national finals against telephone company representatives from other provinces, at Regina, in February. From left are Brewer, third Lane Murray, second Bob Welsh, and lead Bill Whitton.

(Daily News Photo)

AT COAST TOURNEY

Seafair nips Vernon in bantam semi-final

Seafair, of Richmond, edged Vernon Sun Valley 5-4 Wednesday in the semi-finals at the annual Burnaby Bantam Hockey Tournament.

Sixteen teams competed in the four-day event.

Seafair took a 3-0 lead after the first period and led 4-1 after 40 minutes.

Vernon Manager Mel Major told the Daily News a slow start killed his club. "We were down 4-0 before we woke up," he said. "We only played one period of hockey."

LED ATTACK

Henry Reimer was the offensive star for Vernon with two goals and two assists, while Les Olsen added a goal and two assists, Jeff Finley rounded out the Vernon scoring.

Finley's goal, at 17:35 of the third period, narrowed the gap to 5-4. Sun Valley had several excellent opportunities to tie the game in the final two minutes, but was unable to capitalize.

Vernon outshot Seafair 26-17.

Major said Sun Valley netminder Arne Flaten played well, despite the low shot total. "Seafair was in alone on Arne five or six times," Major said. "They got far too many two-on-one and three-on-two breaks against us."

After defeating North Surrey 8-3 and Coquitlam 10-5, Vernon lost two 5-4 decisions, to Nanaimo and Seafair.

First-place will be on the line this weekend when Vernon meets Kamloops in an Okanagan-Mainline League home-and-home series.

Sun Valley is in Kamloops, Saturday, then plays on home ice Sunday, at 1:45 p.m.

SEATTLE WINS

Meanwhile, Seattle Sno Kings won the annual North Vancouver Midget Hockey Tournament with an 8-3 victory over Richmond Centennials.

Vernon midget reps, who lost three consecutive games at the tourney, were thumped 8-0 by Seattle in their opening game.

Sno Kings reached the championship final by beating Sherwood Park, Alta., in one semi-final, while Centennials dumped Seafair in the other.

In the B consolation final, Toronto Young Nationals blanked Vancouver Kerrisdale 6-0.

Sixteen teams competed in the four-day event.

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By BOB PLATT

Bountiful snow, and more in prospect, has delighted North Okanagan cross-country skiers and they're seen everywhere, for any open space will do, to be out and about, in this sparkling, crisp and wonderful winter scene.

THE NUMBERS GROW

It's obvious that families have found an excellent form of recreation for their youngsters. Last weekend on the Star, one noticed a three-year-old at the far end of Sovereign Lake, beaming with delight to be on skis and thoroughly enjoying the experience.

We never saw this when we had to hike up the Repeater Road. What a long way we've come since then. We doff our hats to you, Derek Thompson and your planners, for initiating this marvelous concept.

WITHOUT POLES

The stride and glide can be improved by doing it without poles for a while and every time one is out on the snow, this should be practiced. It results in stronger leg action because more attention is paid to the kick, to send the ski forward in purposeful fashion. Carry both poles in one hand if you want to keep up with your friends on the trail.

SUNDAY'S PROGRAM

The club executive offers members a choice of activities this weekend. Larch Hills is the venue for a tour, in the capable hands of Ted Hoyte. This outing should be popular because the plateau has astounding beauty of landscape and the trails are of moderate grade, to suit all. Anyone who has seen the Greenway always expresses a wish to return to this magnificent forest where the trees are tall and the trail meanders through them for miles.

Meet Ted at Downtown Super-Valu, at 9:30 a.m., Sunday. His phone number is 542-8634 if you want further information.

THE SKIMIKEN MEET

This old favorite of the skier who wants to reel off the kilometres is on again after a lapse of years.

Shuswap Outdoors advises the lake is well covered and the course will be 15 kilometres in length, as usual, go as fast as you like or make it a fun ski, it'll be an enjoyable day out, with congenial company in an idyllic environment.

Be at Downtown Super-Valu, at 9 a.m., where transport will be arranged.

The club marathon is Jan. 10.

Heinz Stussi reports excellent skiing at Cedar Hill and the North Okanagan Cross-Country Ski Club has already received many entries for the 14 classes making up the program.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Kossan 15th in scoring race

Statistics released this week by the B.C. Junior Hockey League show Rob Kossan, of Vernon Lakers, ranks 15th in the Interior Division scoring race. Kossan has 11 goals and 18 assists for 29 points. Ray Ferraro, of Penticton Knights, lead the league with 81 points. Lakers travel to Kamloops, Saturday night, for an exhibition game with Cariboo College Chiefs. On Sunday, Vernon hosts Kelowna Buckaroos.

PLAYERS NEEDED

Players are needed for the Vernon Women's Indoor Soccer League. Games will be played Thursday nights, at the Dogwood Gymnasium, starting Jan. 14. Cost is $10 per person. Registration forms are available at the Recreation Complex.

CLINCHES FINAL

DAVOS, Switzerland (Reuter) — Moscow Spartak clinched the championship in the Spengler Cup hockey tournament Wednesday with a 3-1 victory over Vitkovice of Czechoslovakia. The Soviet Union team, which plays University of Minnesota in its final game of the five-country, round-robin tournament Thursday night, scored its third consecutive win.

NAMED BEST OF YEAR

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) — World champions Scott Hamilton and Sheila Young Ochowicz have been named the 1981 U.S. amateur athletes of the year by the U.S. Olympic Committee. Hamilton, 22, of Denver, won the 1981 world men's figure skating title at Hartford, Conn., becoming only the sixth American to win a world championship in skating since 1896. He also was the national champion in 1981. Ochowicz, 30, an Olympic gold medallist in speed skating in 1976 who retired from competition until last year, captured the sprint title in the world cycling championships in Brno, Czechoslovakia.

LOOK BACK FIVE YEARS

DECEMBER, 1976

Vernon Royals placed third in the tough Salmon Arm Jewels International Girls' Basketball Tournament held over the weekend. To no one's surprise, Jewels won the tourney.

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