

## SHANTY CREEK CELEBRATES 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY IN 2003

### Special Events, Family Activities Planned Throughout Summer

BELLAIRE, Mich.– A former Detroit steel worker with a penchant for fine dining and entertaining introduced Antrim County to the resort life when he opened Shanty Creek on Summit Mountain in the winter of 1963. Forty years later, this world-class resort is gearing up to celebrate four successful decades of skiing, golf, dining and entertaining – all of which can be traced to a man named Roy Deskin.

Deskin, the son of a coal miner who worked his way through the Detroit steel factories, retired from the grind of the steel mill and moved north in 1944, purchasing land on Torch Lake. A man who loved entertaining friends, Deskin decided Antrim County was in dire need of a fine dining establishment. He had no choice but to build his own, and in the fall of 1961 broke ground on what is now Summit Village. Located at the top – rather than the base – of the hill, the lodge's placement was a strategic decision. With a 360-degree view, Shanty Creek is a unique destination compared to other resorts with lodges at the base of their ski slopes.

“The base of what is now Shanty's black chairlift was located in Custer Township – and they wouldn't give him a liquor license for his restaurant,” explains Shanty Creek's President and COO Jerry Pasternak. “The top of the hill is actually part of Kearney Township which wasn't dry, so he put his lodge there.” The original resort had 91 hotel rooms and was named ‘Shanty Creek’ after an old trapping shanty that used to sit on the river that runs through what is now Summit Golf Club, Pasternak adds.

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In 1968, neighboring Schuss Mountain opened. Nearly 20 years later, in 1985, Club Corporation of America purchased both Shanty Creek and Schuss Mountain, combining the two resorts into one. Shanty Creek's most recent addition, Cedar River Village, opened in 1999 along with the much-anticipated Tom Weiskopf golf course. Together, the three villages boast over 600 guest rooms and condominiums, four championship golf courses, six tennis courts, five pools and endless hiking and biking trails throughout Shanty's 4,500 acres.

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