

SUPPLEMENT - JANUARY NEWS LETTER

TOKYO SLIP - Re Skiing:

This is current information about Naeba one of the closest ski resorts to Tokyo, Compiled by David Hall-Johnston during a trip.

His initial contact was Mr. Mikio Fujii the Senior Desk Clerk at the Grand Palace Hotel. Mr. Fujii will arrange discount accommodation and transport, as he is a keen skier.

NAEBA - The site of the 1975 World Cup.

Approximately 2½ hours by train - 4½ hours from Hotel.
Take cab to Veno Station (¥700) hourly service by express train to Echigo Yuzawa. (¥5,400).
50 min. by Hotel bus to Naeba - this should be ordered in advance - or the Naeba Prince Hotel bus has an hourly service.(FOC)
N.B. Train seats must be booked. 1st Class (Green Card) is more readily available, but cost about ¥1,200 more each way.

Skiing - No shortage of snow.
- One cable car - 30 single chairs.
- Slopes available - Beginner to Expert.

Ski Hire - Expensive but good quality - however be sure to take your own boots as the Japanese have neater feet than we do.

Skis - ¥3,000
Poles - ¥800
Boots - ¥2,000

Lift Ticket - Day pass ¥2,000 !! Great value.

Accommodation - (arranged by Mr. Fujii)

Japanese Style - ¥5,000 per day for dinner and breakfast.
Recommended - Naeba Pension but choice of many.

Western - World Cup Lodge ¥8,900. Includes dinner and breakfast and Day Ticket. By far best value as it is opposite best slopes. However hard to get reservations.

(2nd choice) - Hotel Do-Sports Plaza (where our correspondent stayed) ¥8,000 dinner and breakfast. Opposite beginners slopes. 1km from better slopes. Hotel transport provided but irregular.

(3rd choice) - The Naeba Prince Hotel (for the affluent) Approx. ¥7,800 room only. Cafeteria type food available at reasonable prices.

Cheaper Japanese style accommodation also available, situated opposite better slopes.

Recommendations - Take your own equipment.
Try to book at the World Cup Lodge.
Take some extra ¥ from Tokyo just in case, or

Diners Club as no money changers in Naeba.

The Tokyo allowance is ¥10,000 per day which will cover accommodation and skiing including 2 meals. The current 5 day slip will get you 3-4 days skiing on your allowance. If you like a cool drink take a case of beer from Tokyo as the usual 50% ski resort mark up applies at Naeba.

On behalf of the Club I would like to thank David Hall-Johnston for this report.

Remember Ski Bums look better.



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