

matches are to be held, and Courchevel, reserved for practice sessions. The curling team headquarters will be located at La Grande Cordée, at the centre of Pralognan (120 beds). The freestylers, accommodated at the Tignes-Val-Claret Chalet Club (180 beds), will have a view of the three competition areas, while the speed skiers, occupying 150 beds in Les Arcs, will be able to fall asleep overlooking their own 1000m slope.

Visits to other villages are of course possible with the right accreditation and private transport will be available on request. All this will come to a close on 23rd February with a final banquet. No numbers need be worn by the athletes, only smiles...

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WELCOME TO THE ATHLETES' FAMILIES

On the basis of the experience gained in Calgary by the Rotary Club International, the sections of this club in the two Savoys and Isère have decided to take a leaf out of their Canadian friends' book and provide free accommodation and a reception service for the families of athletes participating in the Games.

Why have they taken this initiative? The reason is very simple. Several months before the Olympic Games begin, each International Federation carries out an initial selection among its best hopes with a view to intensive training. It is not until two weeks before the competitions begin, however, that the future participants are finally named. This presents a serious dilemma for the Finns, Germans and Japanese, for example, who have to find lodgings for their families in a very short space of time.



So what could be more natural than that the Rotary Club should organize on a voluntary basis the stays of these families for the duration of the Games. In Calgary, the final tally of this operation was not a little surprising: six thousand nights provided for a total of 1 200 families housed.

The regional sections of the Rotary Club (Annecy, Chambéry, Grenoble and Saint-Jean-de-Maurienne) are going to try and do the same through their programme "Let's welcome their families" (Accueillons leur famille, A.L.F.). At the head of a team of fifty people, Jean-Pierre Guérin and his Vice Chairman Jacques Chevalier have been beavering away, out of the limelight, the last ten months, in order to find 1 200 available rooms less than an hour away from the Olympic venues.

The Athletes' Commission has produced a booklet outlining its aims, responsibilities and activities within the IOC. This will be widely distributed during the Games. In addition, members will run an information bureau at Brides-les-Bains as well as in the other Olympic villages.